



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

## PROGRAM

### GO FISHING!!!

Until things open up, there are many places to go fishing. Then you can send a story to the newsletter editor.

Add pictures if you can.

Get out and enjoy or go out and help those affected by the recent fires.

There are many that are in need.

Our long time friend of fly fishing, Frank Moore, is one of those displaced by fire. Others include Bob Pierce and Charlie Costner

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM STEVE DAY

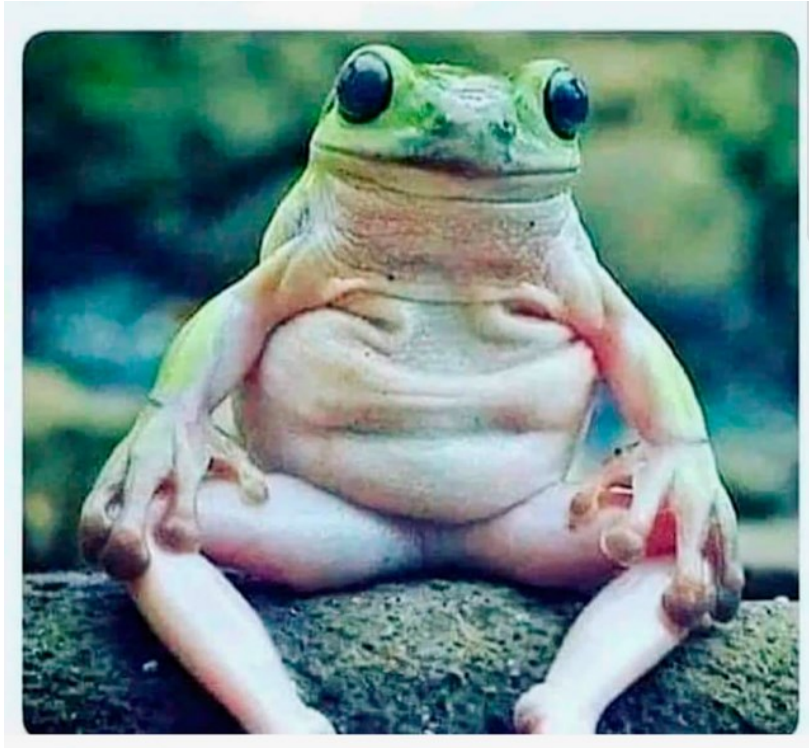
“Little Did I Know”

Back in April of this year I opined about the unknown reality of the looming pandemic and commented that the Club would be in a holding pattern at least through May. **“Little Did I Know”** that I was possibly clairvoyant and really meant May of 2021?

With that said, we are still faced with an unknown future as to when the Club can return to regular business. The Board of Directors did meet recently in an outdoor, socially distant manner and simply took a general look at finances and options going forward. We are continuing to plan as best we can to insure the long, term viability of the Club and somehow provide activities and information that we all enjoy. With a little luck and possibly a vaccine, maybe we can get back to it sooner rather than later.

With that said, fishing can be really good for another month or more. Steelhead season is starting to ramp up and many of the area lakes are still fishing well. Much needed rain is in the forecast and it looks like summer might finally be on the way out. So, get after it while you can and start now planning for next Spring and Summer. Hopefully in the not so distant future, good news will come and we can get back to doing many of the things we all truly miss.

In the meantime, be well and go fish but most importantly don't be this guy!



“I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result of someone taking me fishing”



## Outing to Target Bull Trout on the Metolius River

The Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers plan to hold a joint outing to the Metolius River (fires permitting) on November 7 and 8. The Metolius River is well-known to fly fishers for its beautiful scenery and great, though challenging, fishing. It flows through mature Ponderosa Pine forests northwest of Sisters, and has good populations of rainbow trout, brown trout, and mountain whitefish. In the fall, kokanee and bull trout migrate up the river, from Lake Billy Chinook, to spawn in tributaries. The bull trout can be quite large—many ranging from 20 to 30+ inches. While in the river, the bull trout can be very aggressive, feeding on the kokanee and other fish. Catching one of these big chars on a fly rod is quite a thrill.

We will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, the 7th, in the Day-Use parking area of Allen Springs Campground. Allen Springs and the other Forest Service campgrounds along the river offer picnic tables, pit toilets, and other basic amenities for those wanting to camp. If you choose to camp, be warned—it gets cold at night along the river at that time of year. For those that don't want to camp, there are motels and restaurants in Sisters.

Rods from 6 to 8 weight will work for targeting bull trout, with those at the heavier end being better if you hook a big fish or are casting big, heavy flies. Bring a floating line with a 10 to 15-foot sinking tip. (Full sinking lines and heads tend to wrap around the numerous snags on the bottom, which results in losing more flies.) Since bull trout usually prefer big meals, big flies tend to work best. Streamers ranging from three to six inches long that represent smaller fish are effective. Dolly Llamas, Zonkers, and other patterns that utilize rabbit strips are especially popular. Bull trout will also take large nymph patterns. Also bring 1X to 3X leader material, waders, rain gear, warm clothes, and your usual fishing accessories. You may also want to bring a light outfit and appropriate flies to target the rainbow and other trout.

Because there are several fires currently burning near the Metolius River, there is a possibility this outing could have to be modified or cancelled due to closures or smoke. If you are interested in attending, send me an email at [tmdrhight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhight@infostructure.net) so I can inform you of any changes.

This outing should be a lot of fun, and likely a new experience for many club members. I hope to see a number of you on the river.

David Haight, Outings Chair



## **Fishing with Friends**

By Tim Bolling

For 10 years, from 1989 through 1999, I would travel to Alaska 2 to 3 times a year for business. Unfortunately, most times I wasn't able to do any fishing, but one time that I did was quite a memorable experience.

The company I was working for at that time sold a large quantity of material to a contractor for a project at a remote gold mine in Alaska. Part of their agreement with the mine was that the material supplier had to train some of the personnel at the mine how to maintain the material. As Alaska was part of my territory, I was told to go to the mine on my next trip up there.

Illinois Creek Gold Mine was located about 40 miles south of Galena, a small town on the Yukon River, approximately 250 miles west of Fairbanks. There was a dirt landing strip at the mine, so I could fly on a small plane direct up there from Anchorage. So that September I found myself on a plane with 2 other passengers trying to beat bad weather moving in from the Bering Sea! We almost made it. Unfortunately, the landing strip was socked in by the time we got there, so we turned around and headed back to Anchorage. Flying through the Alaska Range in a small plane during a storm is something I hope I don't have to repeat ever again!

I tried again the next May and this time we were able to land at the mine. I had told the mine manager that I needed to get over to Fairbanks when I was done and he made those arrangements. Because I was going to be in Fairbanks over a weekend, I brought along a fly rod and gear just so I could kill some time. When I got off the plane at the mine and the manager saw that I had some fishing gear with me, he said if I felt like it, I could go fish the creek just below the airstrip which, he said, was "one of the best grayling streams in all of Alaska." After he got me settled in a room at their camp, we drove over to a maintenance shed so I could conduct my seminar for the night shift crew. When I finished, we headed over to the dining and rec hall for dinner. As we came around the corner of the building, there was a large wooden shed with a hole the size of a SUV in it. The manager said that was where they stored trash until it would be flown out and that somebody must have tossed out some food as the previous night a bear had decided no flimsy piece of wood was going to keep him from a tasty snack. After dinner when he asked me if I wanted to go get a 4-wheeler and a shotgun so I could go fishing, I asked why the shotgun, to which he replied "there're lots of bears down there." Suddenly got very tired from a long day of travel and work!

The next morning, I gave my seminar to the day shift crew and then flew up to Galena. From there I was able to catch a "commercial" flight over to Fairbanks. That plane was delayed a number of hours flying out of Galena, so it was too late to go fishing by the time I got to Fairbanks. The next morning I loaded up my rental car and drove north about an hour to Washington Creek. I was told it had grayling in it so maybe I'd finally have a chance to catch one on this trip. I parked the car at a bridge, rigged up, and walked downstream about a mile. I had only been fishing about 15 minutes when there was a disturbance in the brush on the other side of the creek. As the disturbance was big enough I figured it was either a bear or a moose, I decided the fishing may be better back upstream a bit. I went around a bend and started fishing again. After another 15 minutes or so, I heard some loud splashing downstream around the bend. Now, whatever had been making that large disturbance was on my side of the creek! Once again I decided to try the fishing back upstream, closer to the road. This time I was able to fish for some time, uninterrupted, but I'd cast and then immediately start looking behind me or downstream. I might have missed a fish or two since I couldn't concentrate on my fishing, so decided it was time to head back to Fairbanks. At least there I could sit comfortably on the deck at my favorite restaurant and watch the Chena River flow by without getting a kink in my neck

Dear RFF Member:

Thank you for your membership in 2020 and we would appreciate your renewing your membership for the coming year. All members that renew their 2021 membership by December 31, 2020 will be entered into a special raffle. The raffle winner will be honored with a very special fly rod and reel. A second winner will be awarded flies tied by the Fly Tiers. The raffle will be held January 20, 2021.

To renew your membership go to [www.rogueflyfishers.org](http://www.rogueflyfishers.org) and look to the right under Electronic Membership application or renewal and click on pay with PayPal.

Complete the form and then press submit to continue to payment, or, if you prefer, you can fill out the form below and U.S. mail the form and check to

Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, OR, 97501.

Any questions, please contact Don Dabney at [drdabney49@gmail.com](mailto:drdabney49@gmail.com).

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### Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal-2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Should you not want your email address in the club directory, check here: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a family membership, list family member's names:

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Best Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Newsletter - Please indicate your preference: Mailed \_\_\_ or Electronically \_\_\_

Are you a member of Fly Fishers International: Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

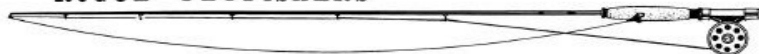
(Membership Dues-Circle One) Individual: \$35. Family: \$45.

Junior (Under 18): \$5. Honorary Life Member: \$0

Dues Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make check payable to Rogue Flyfishers)

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Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 [jimulm9@msn.com](mailto:jimulm9@msn.com)

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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying \_\_\_ or renewing \_\_\_ as (check one): **Individual** \_\_\_ (\$35.00), **Family** \_\_\_ (\$45.00), or **Junior** \_\_\_ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.  
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues.  
**Dues accompany your application.** With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, name badge, and letter of further information and welcome. Monthly dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month with a social Wet Fly from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

**Renew in December for the following year.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_. If a family membership,

**List Family Member's Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here \_\_\_\_

**Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_\_ or by **US Mail** \_\_\_\_?

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

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