

NOVEMBER 2021

Rogue Flyfishers

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.

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PROGRAM

ROGUE FLYFISHERS MEETING

COME ON BACK !

Our first meeting back will be Wednesday,
November 17th.

(Not Monday the 15th as previously announced!)

Centennial Golf Club
1900 North Phoenix Road
Medford, Oregon 97504

Wet Fly 5:45 – 6:45
Dinner and Meeting at 6:45
Raffle to follow

Buffet Dinner is \$25.00 per person

Menu:

Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Roasted
Veggies, Rolls and Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by the Friday preceding
the Meeting.

Please e-mail your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com
or call (661) 742-5835.

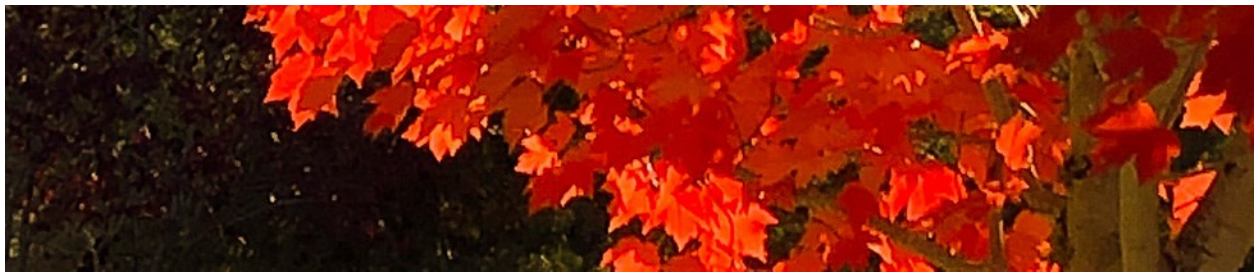
Please leave your name, how many are attending and
any special dietary requests.

PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR

Current COVID 19 requirements apply



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from STEVE DAY

“Welcome Back!”

It's hard to believe that it will be twenty months since we last met as a Club. Even now, it wasn't until last week that we knew we would actually meet in November. Much has changed in the last year and a half. I won't begin to elaborate as I'd rather not go to the dark side.

So, before I digress into some sort of literary silliness, I'm really happy to report there is an upside. I'm very excited to get back to business. I attended the, first to return, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers meeting last month and what a pleasure it was to meet and fellowship.

As a Club, we survived this whole mess fairly well. We didn't go broke; we were able to keep our venue at Centennial and it looks as if we might be able to sail forward into this next year in a somewhat normal voyage.

This first meeting back will include election for Club Board of Directors. At this time, it appears that all but two current Directors are willing to continue their service and one Club member, at large, has expressed an interest to serve. We will be asking for nominations from the floor and of special interest, we are going to need to fill the Treasurer's position within the Executive Board.

If the position of Treasurer is of interest of any of you, please reach out to one of the Directors and express your interest. This position isn't terribly difficult or time consuming but it is essential to the operation of the Club.

There is much more to report and I was going to expand on all of that but to be honest, I'm watching game 5 of the World Series and this chore is interfering with my watching. If you want a full report you'll just have to show up at the meeting.

Therefore, I'm going to leave you with a *“Welcome Back!”*. Looking forward to seeing everybody on the 17th.

Oh, before I forget, the Club has a new Blogging service. Our old BLOG posting system was no longer going to support postings in a manner we felt was in the best interest of the Club. We've enabled a new system that should provide good timely information to all Club Members with an e-mail address. In the last few days, you should have received a Dinner Meeting notification and a Program announcement detailing the presenters for this next meeting. If you did not receive any notifications, check your email SPAM Folder. If you're still having problems or are not receiving these notifications, please, let me know.

Cheers and Be Well,

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

NOVEMBER'S PRESENTERS

If you have any interest in the dam removal and restoration efforts on the Klamath River, this is your chance to learn more. Join us November 17th when we will welcome Gwen Santos and Daniel Chase.



Gwen Santos

Senior Wetland Ecologist with Resource Environmental Solutions and the lead ecologist for the Klamath River Renewal Project. Gwen has extensive experience with wetlands and subtidal ecology (including Eel Grass restoration), riparian and vernal pool restoration. Gwen has been working for over 15 years with threatened and endangered species and critical habitat throughout California, Southern Oregon and Washington. Her experience includes state and federal permitting, mitigation, restoration design and implementation.

Daniel Chase

Senior Fisheries Biologist with Resource Environmental Solutions for the Western Region. Dan has extensive experience with fish ecology, biology, and fresh water and estuarine aquatic habitat, and has been working for over 16 years with threatened and endangered fish and wildlife species throughout California and Southern Oregon. His experience includes state and federal permitting, mitigation and restoration design and implementation, and the development of environmental DNA sampling programs. On the Klamath River Renewal Project he serves as RES' lead fisheries biologist, assisting with technical and regulatory elements of restoration and implementation.

Pleasant surprise on the Rogue

Mark Dewey

I decided I needed to get the Black Lab Jasmine out for a run and swim. We loaded up and headed to the Denman wildlife area. As I was pulling up to open the gate, I noticed what looked like a semi truck heading up the road to the gate so I left the gate open and started to drive down to the water. Low and behold it was an ODFW fish truck on the way out. As we pulled up to the end of the road and went down to the mighty Rogue River there was a second truck dumping the steelhead in the hole! I got excited and reached for my fly rod as I watched the fish porpoise all around me and there were about 6 people bank fishing and 3 of them had a fish on! A triple! I snapped my fly rod together and went for my reel, OH NO! They were all back at home in my reel pack as I was only thinking of taking Jasmine for a run/swim. I exclaimed to one of the guys whom I know on the bank "I can believe it, I have no reel!" He looked over and said "well I have four set ups, go ahead and grab one" they were all leaning against his car. WOW! I grabbed a fly rod and began to cast. The fish were everywhere and then "FISH ON!" reeled him in, released him and casted again "FISH ON!" I hooked 6 in an hour. After that it slowed down so I packed up and took the barking dog home. Later that evening we went back with all our gear and caught 3 more! The next morning I couldn't wait to get to the river so I was up and on the water. BAM! 4 more fish! What a fun time and such a lucky surprise. Thanks to my friend John I was able to enjoy the surprise! Although they were punched from the hatchery and re-released into the river, it was the best 2 days of fishing this year on the river for me. We all know how sweet it is to feel the grab and fight a nice fish! Needless to say I hope that our natural native resources come back to our awesome river! With the help of all of us in the club we can make a difference. Steel-head, the fish of a thousand casts...



JOIN US FOR WATERWATCH'S 19TH
ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OREGON RIVERS!
6PM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
REGISTER ONLINE AT: [BIT.LY/19THGATHERING](https://bit.ly/19thgathering)

Wish you were here

NATIONAL CREEK FALLS, OR

Northwest Environmental Advocates



Advocacy Updates ♦ October 2021

Rogue River Victory!

A federal judge ruled in NWEA's lawsuit against the City of Medford that the city is liable for violating its Clean Water Act permit by discharging inadequately treated sewage to the Rogue River.

We can make a difference!

Full details below.

<https://northwestenvironmentaladvocates.org/2021/10/05/medfords-sewage-discharges-illegal/>

WILD STEELHEAD AWARENESS



Many of you are aware that Wild Steelhead are imperiled across much of their historic range. This situation is grave in many areas throughout the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia and increased awareness of the situation is essential to the survival of this iconic fish.

“The Wild Steelhead Coalition is dedicated to increasing the return of wild steelhead to the waters of the West Coast” I encourage you to follow the link below. Read and learn. It’s a great article that leads the reader through chapters of history, recovery and restoration strategies and the responsibilities, we as anglers have in the Steelhead world we share.

<https://www.wildsteelheadcoalition.org/now-or-never>

**FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL**

**VIRTUAL
EXPO
2021**

Save the Date
November 5 - 7, 2021

ALL FISH, ALL WATERS

Outings

The final outing for the year was to the Klamath River in Northern California to fish for summer steelhead. Like the Rogue River, the summer steelhead in the Klamath make a halfpounder run, so they tend to be small; however, they will readily take a fly, and offer better catch rates than steelhead in many other rivers. The forecast for our late October trip called for wind and rain, however, the weather was much better than expected, with a little bit of rain and no wind. That, along with the beautiful fall foliage along the river, made for a pleasant day. There seemed to be a good number of steelhead in the river based on the number of fish we saw rolling and the number jumping at the entrance to the Iron Gate Fish Hatchery. Most of the people that planned to attend the outing dropped out for various reasons, so only three of us made the trip. Of the three, two hooked steelhead. The biggest thrill of the day was when Kevan Reiten landed his first-ever steelhead. Though Kevan is an avid fly fisher, he has mostly fished for trout and warmwater fish. He acquired a trout Spey just prior to the trip. After a quick lesson on how to make a couple basic Spey casts, Kevin was doing a pretty good job of casting and swinging his fly. His steelhead took a Skunk, and put up a good fight on the trout Spey.

We are beginning to put together the outing schedule for 2022. If anyone has suggestions of places you would like to go or if you are willing host an outing to one of your favorite fishing spots, please let me know.

David Haight, Outings Chair



AUCTION NEWS

Finally, it is looking more and more that we'll be able to resume our annual Auction Fundraiser in 2022! So, save the date, May 14th, and plan on a night with great auction and raffle items, good food, and renewed acquaintances. Remember, this is our main source of funds that we use to support our educational efforts, conservation work, and community projects, as well as provide the operating funds for our Club.

I will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for those who can help with the auction. With the auction cancelled this year, we already have a number of items for the auction and raffle and the first item of business will be to inventory those items. Solicitation of additional items will start in January. With a number of businesses that have already donated items, the list of places to contact won't be as long as it's been in the past but we still need additional items to make this Auction a success.

If you would like to help with the Auction and can't attend the November meeting, please contact me at 510-410-1738 or at timbolling328@gmail.co.

Tim Bolling
Auction Chair

2022 MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is time to renew your RFF Membership for 2022. In order for the Board of Directors to determine the club's budget for 2022, it is important and helpful that your dues are paid by December 31st. As an extra incentive for meeting the December 31st deadline, there will be a special raffle at the January meeting for all members who pay their dues by December 31, 2022. In order to be listed in the official club directory, dues must be paid by March 31, 2022. Our new club directories will be available the end of April, 2022.

To renew your membership go to 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 your prefer, please print and fill out the form below and US mail the form and a check to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501.

If you have any questions please contact the RFF Membership Chairman, Don Dabney. Email address: drdabney49@gmail.com.

We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Your RFF Board of Directors

Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal - 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Should you NOT want your email address in the club directory, check here: _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names, and email if different:

Best Contact Number: _____

Monthly Newsletter - *please indicate your preference by circling one:* Mailed Electronically

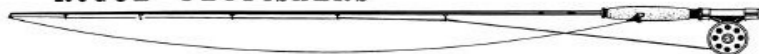
Are you a member of the **Fly Fishers International**? (circle one): Yes No

(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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Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
Field & Stream	293 Rossanley Drive Medford	541-930-3254
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	541-732-3700

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

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** _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

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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