

NOVEMBER 2022

# 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.

**Rogue Flyfishers**  
**PO Box 4637**  
**Medford, Oregon 97501**  
**[www.rogueflyfishers.org](http://www.rogueflyfishers.org)**

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## MEETING PROGRAM



### JASON A. ATKINSON...

... is a leader, filmmaker, a writer, and a public servant. After 14 years in the Oregon Legislature, he took a sabbatical to make the film "A River Between Us" documenting the largest restoration project in US history: the Klamath River. His life's work, Atkinson has been involved in the Klamath restoration negotiations since the Clinton Administration culminating in victory with President Obama. He was recently named in the top 20 most influential fisherman in the west and Field and Stream named him a hero of conservation. He has served as a Commissioner for Oregon Fish and Wildlife and founded Pastors Monday a non-profit that takes Pastors of all faiths fly-fishing on their day off. He is a Rodel Fellow with the Aspen Institute, a commentator and speaker on a wide range of issues. Atkinson works in the executive suite of the corporate sector building focused teams in finance, branding and as a negotiator. He has worked for over 20 years in the Middle East creating a leader-to-leader exchange program for the Kurdistan Regional Government and most recently working to place hospitals along the Jordan/Syrian border. He is an accomplished storyteller with three books and multiple articles published and remains a sought-after speaker. Atkinson serves on the board of directors of the Dove and Oregon Film and Television. He has an MBA from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette University. His work has been featured in the New York Times, 60 Minutes, Men's Journal, MSNBC, Steelheaders Journal and the Drake to name a few.

## President's Message from David Haight

It was wonderful to finally be able to hold an auction again, and it turned out to be quite a success! We had over 100 people attend and netted over \$13,000. Thank you to Tim Bolling and the rest of the auction crew for all your hard work and ensuring the auction would be successful. The money raised will replenish our coffers, which were somewhat depleted over the last few years, and allow us to resume making financial contributions to worthwhile projects.

We had a great turn-out for the October outing to fish for steelhead on the middle Rogue. While we did get some rain, the weather was nicer than expected. Unfortunately, the steelhead didn't show up like they were supposed to. We did catch some trout and had a good time floating the river together.

The next outing will be on Thursday November 10, when I will lead an outing to the Klamath River, also to target steelhead. Once again, we would like to take members that don't have boats on this outing, so if you have a raft or driftboat and could take a passenger or two, please let me know.

As I discussed last month, we are considering a merger with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers. The Boards of Directors of both clubs see advantages to merging, and feel a merger would help ensure the long-term viability of a fly-fishing club in the Rogue Valley. We want to know how the members feel about this proposal. By now, you should have received a survey about the matter. If you haven't already done so, please complete and return it.. We will devote some time at the November meeting to discussing the merger. We may start the meeting a little early to allow extra time to do so, so take note of the starting time in the meeting announcement.

Whether we merge or not, we are looking for members who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors or as committee heads. If you are willing to help out your club, please let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the November outing and meeting. Until then, I hope you have some good fishing!





# AUCTION REPORT

We had 103 members, guests, and visitors attend the Auction and Dinner this past October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson County Expo Padgham Pavilion. There were plenty of items in the Live and Silent Auctions as well as in the Bucket Raffle to send many of the attendees home with a smile on their face! We're still gathering a few bills, but it looks like we'll net around \$ 12500. Remember, 70% of that goes into a grant fund that will allow us to resume providing money to various programs and projects that we haven't been able to fund for the past 2 years. We also raised \$ 550 for the ALS Association in honor of Keith Hardcastle. Thank you very much for all those who attended or helped with the Auction!

Tim Bolling  
Auction Chair

The Rogue Flyfishers wish to thank the following business and individuals who generously donated to our Fundraising Auction

Jack Patterson  
Don Turke  
Jon Iverson  
Steve Day  
The Fly Shop  
Kathy McNeal  
Bill Burns  
Michael Smith  
Charlie Costner  
RIO Products  
Sawyer Paddles & Oars  
Dave McCants  
Dick Chambers Estate  
Tu Tu Tun Lodge  
Ray's Food Place (multiple)  
Rogue Creamery  
Trader Joe's  
Bambu  
Red Lobster  
The Grotto Pizzeria  
Stewart Meadows  
Curt Schlosser  
Coastal Farm & Ranch  
Northwest Nature Shop  
Gervais Day Spa  
Willow Creek  
Willie Boats  
Ed Chance  
Oilstop – Lozier Lane  
Crater Car Wash  
Outback Steakhouse  
Cucina Biazzi  
Tom Wilson  
The Point – Central Point

Bella Union  
Texas Roadhouse  
Schmidt Family Vineyards  
Plaisance Ranch  
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Castrol Quench & Drench  
Mucho Gusto  
Shelli's Tans and Salon  
Stone Ridge Golf Club  
Valley View Winery  
Figaro's Pizza – Phoenix  
Wildlife Safari  
Bear Creek Golf Course  
Tom Collett  
Rogue Valley Anglers  
David Haight  
John Pogue  
Fly Fish Oregon  
William Brock Estate  
Bill Childress Estate  
Ron Fox Estate  
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Don Dabney  
John MacDiarmid  
Dennis Davis  
Mike Benkee  
Rustic River Lodge  
The Cupcake Company  
Market of Choice  
Natural Grocers  
Cartwright's Market  
RAM Restaurant  
Figaro's Pizza – Gold Hill  
Callahan's Mountain Lodge

Mount Shasta Resort  
Mike Masters  
Dazey's Hubbard  
Terra Firma  
Pennzoil Oil Change  
Country Quilts  
Sonja Nisson  
Food-4-Less  
Les Schwab (multiple)  
Original Roadhouse Grill  
Branson's  
Jon Hazlett  
Quality Tire  
Lava Lanes  
Common Block Brewing  
John Schwendener  
Jim Ulm  
Jackson Creek Pizza  
Keith Schulz Garage  
Kelly's Automotive  
Eagle Point Ace Hardware  
LongSword Vineyard  
Jan Rowe  
Steve Haskell  
The Lodge at Riverside  
Rogue Karting  
Eliaana Winery

**Sportsman's Warehouse – Fly tying Programs  
Medford, Oregon 2022-2023  
Instructor - David P McCants (AKA “Bear”)**

**Intermediate Fly Tying –**

Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm: Steelhead Flies to Swing  
Blue Hobo (Spey), Graeber Nymph, Jim Prey Thor (Traditional)

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-9pm – Steelhead Flies Dry  
Flies to be determined

Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm -Trout dry flies for winter Fishing  
McBears Quiggly Cripple, Parachute Adams, Iron Midge

Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm – Soft Hackles of Steven Bird

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm – Small Nymphs  
Zebra Midge, Miracle Midge, WD40

Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-9 pm – Euro Nymphs  
Flies to be determined

Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm – Salmon flies for the Rogue River

Classes limited to 6 persons, all materials will be supplied for classes but students should bring their vice, tools and light (if you have one). Signup for classes by contacting Sportsman's Warehouse in Medford or contacting Mr. McCants at 541-973-3508. If you cannot attend a class, please let us know so we can add alternates. Additional parties can come and watch but you must bring your own chair.

**Beginning Fly Tying –**

This is a seven-week **Progressive** class. You must plan to attend each class as you are learning methods that build on one another, thus the need to attend each class. If you sign up and then cannot attend the first class, please let Mr. McCants know (541-973-3508) right away so that we can put an alternate into the class.

Beginning Fly Tying – Seven three-hour classes, Saturdays 9:30 -1  
January 14/21/28  
February 4/11/18/26

Vice, tools and all materials are being supplied by Sportsman's Warehouse but cannot be taken home. Mr. McCants will prepare a detailed list of recommended tools and materials that will be needed for after class homework by students. The list is being provided so that the students can obtain the best items available for their use.

**These classes are at no cost to the attendees as this is Sportsman's Warehouse policy and it demonstrates their desire to help our customers enjoy their outdoor adventures!**

## Outing to Fish for Steelhead on the Klamath River

On Thursday November 10, the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will head to Northern California to fish for steelhead on the Klamath River. We will float from just below Iron Gate Dam to Klamathon. The Klamath gets a good run of summer steelhead, and the area above Interstate 5 fishes well late in the season. The river flows through a beautiful valley, and the fall colors should still be good, making this a great place to spend a day on the water.

The tackle and techniques we use here on the Upper Rogue work well on the Klamath River. Dead-drifting egg or nymph patterns through the long runs can be very effective. There is also plenty of good water for swinging flies. Like on the Rogue, small, somber flies seem most effective. Barbless hooks are required. Six to seven-weight single-handed outfits and light switch or Spey outfits are suitable. Bring a floating line, and if you want to swing flies during the middle of the day, also bring sinking tips. While there are a few places to fish from the bank, to make the float, you will need a driftboat, raft, or pontoon boat. The float from Iron Gate to Klamathon has some minor rapids, but nothing too difficult. We will try to find places in boats for those who don't have a boat. If you need a seat in a boat or you have a boat and can take a passenger or two, please let me know.

You will need a California fishing license and a steelhead tag. A day license is \$17.54 and the steelhead tag is \$8.38. You can buy them at the Blackbird in Medford. You can also buy them on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website, but they will mail the steelhead tag to you, so if you buy it online, you will have to do so well ahead of time. There is no convenient place to buy the license and tag on the way to the outing.

We will meet at 7:00 AM on November 10 in the Rogue Valley Mall parking lot near the Crater Lake Avenue entrance and caravan from there. Since there is a possibility that weather or wildfires could alter our plans, if you intend to participate in the outing, please let me know at [tmdrhaight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhaight@infostructure.net). That way I can inform you of any changes.

David Haight



Kevin Reiten admires his first steelhead, which he caught during last year's club outing to the Klamath River

# Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday November 16th  
at Centennial Golf Club  
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

**Wet Fly 5:30 to 6:30 ( note early start time )**

Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm

Program 7:45 – 8:45

Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Menu

“Thanksgiving Style”

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP's need to be in by Friday ( November 11th ) preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com)

(give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or  
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# SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER OUTING

February 23, 2023

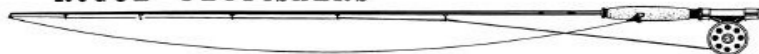


Come join us for an opportunity to hook some of Southern Oregon's largest winter steelhead on the South Umpqua River. The South Umpqua is known not only for its chrome wild fish but also for its enormous hatchery fish. And it's only a 45 minute drive from Grants Pass.

There is limited bank access and best fishing can be from a boat. For those who don't have watercraft to float the river, we have arranged for a limited number of spots for guided fishing by Zack Hancock Outfitters out of Sutherlin <https://www.hancockoutfitters.com/#gallery> . The cost of the guided trip is **\$250 per angler** and includes all fishing gear and files.

If you would like to fish with a guide or otherwise attend the outing, please contact Jerry Haynes at [jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com). **Guided fishing spots are extremely limited so don't delay in reserving a trip.** Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

## 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
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](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** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

**Rogue Fly Fishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501**