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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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MEETING

Lance & Kirsten Gray



Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled. In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation, and running the manufacturing floor of the company. In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and both Kirsten and Lance supports local groups like the Cub Scouts and 4H. Lance is a signature tyer for Solitude Fly Company and recently began writing, and has had articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing. Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites.

President's Message from David Haight

Fall is a great time to fish the Rogue River. The river's flow is lower making it easier to fly fish. Here on the middle and upper Rogue, the Chinook Salmon are spawning and the steelhead congregate below the spawning salmon to feed on the eggs and nymphs that wash downstream from the spawning activities. Although the returns of salmon and steelhead to most of the streams in our area have been depressed over the last few years, the numbers of Spring Chinook and Summer Steelhead in the Upper Rogue are not bad this fall. Many of our members have reported good success in their efforts to catch Summer Steelhead. This fishery should hold up well through November, so its not too late to get out there.

As we head into November, fishing in many of the higher-elevation lakes slows down as the water cools and the fish and insects become less active. One notable exception to this is Fourmile Lake where the cool water brings the lake trout out of the depths and into the shoals where we fly fishers can readily target them. If you want the unique opportunity of catching a lake trout on a fly, join Dennis Dedrick on the club's outing to Fourmile Lake on November 4.

Recently, I have gone through fly-fishing equipment and other items donated to the club from several former members of the club. Having been a member of the club for 34 years, I knew all of these people. Going through their equipment reminded me of the good times I had with these individuals and with other departed members. I remember numerous great fishing trips—from day-trips on the river or local lakes, to multi-day trips through the Rogue Canyon, to trips to exotic destinations like Belize. I also remember working with these members on habitat enhancement projects, on committees developing fisheries-management or land-use plans, and on testimony given before various agencies. Many of these members gave generously of their time to the club, serving as officers and on committees, volunteering their time to lead outings, teach classes, or put on auctions or other events. I learned a lot from these members, and appreciate all the contributions they made to the club.

The Rogue Flyfishers has a very proud history of promoting the science and art of fly fishing, and working to protect the fish and habitats that our sport depends on. I hope we can continue this legacy into the future. Doing so will depend on new members taking up where former members left off.



2024 Membership Renewal

The time to pay your 2024 RFF membership dues is approaching. Renewals are due by January 1. You will be able to pay your dues, by cash or check, at the November and December meetings. If any of your information (phone number, address, email) has changed, please complete the form at the back of this newsletter and submit that with you payment. You can also submit the from and payment to the address indicated on the form. Prices remain the same: \$35.00 for an individual, \$45.00 for a family, or \$5.00 for an individual youth under 18.

McBear's Version Quigley Emerger BWO A More Complex Blue Winged Oliver Emerger Pattern

This pattern can be fished anytime Blue Winged Olives (BWO) are on the water. Especially on the Rogue River in November through March between 11:30 and 2:30 when the hatch is coming off in large numbers!

Hook - Partridge Klinkhammer #14-16 or TMC 2487
#14/16/18

Thread - Uni 8/0 Olive dun

Tail - Three well rounded ostrich secondary barbs from a feather duster (\$6 buys a lot of material)

Abdomen - BWO Superfine dubbing (brown olive or grey olive too)

Rib - Uni 6/0 black thread

Wing - Elk body (dyed dun or standard color) tied in forward.

Hackle - Medium dun or blue dun 3-4 wraps.



Wanted to buy

One of our members is wanting to purchase a used 10 wt saltwater rod in good condition.

You can contact John at 530 340-2391
if you have one available.

For anyone that is interested in fly tying The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers next meeting is:

Tuesday Nov 14, 2023

6:00 PM

Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park

8401 Old Stage Road, Gold Hill

This evenings tyer:

Dave McCants

David McCants is a true master fly tier and a member of the Whiting Fly Tying Feathers ProTeam. Dave McCants offers fly tying classes, for beginners to advanced fly tiers. Dave has been an avid fly angler for 45 years and has tied flies for 44 years for personal use and commercial. He believes that catching a fish, with a fly tied with your own hands, makes you a more successful fly angler. Dave is also the President of Southern Oregon Fly Tyers

Dave will be tying the:

Claret Bumble

Wet	-Hook Sizes 8-10-12
Tying silk	-Claret
Tail Four	-Fibres C.P. Tippet
Body	-Medium claret seal fur
Rib	-Oval gold
Body Hackles	-1) Medium claret cock -2) Natural black cock (Wound on together)
Shoulder Hackle	-Blue jay



This is probably the most important of Kingsmill-Moore's bumbles, narrowly beating his golden olive into second place. The seven bumble patterns are listed in his book *A Man May Fish* along with detailed instructions as to the exact colours and method of tying. Any angler who has not read this classic record of fly fishing should immediately obtain a copy. A beautiful book.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday November 15th at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Carved Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roasted Vegetables,
Rolls, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (November 10th) preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to 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 or
call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

PROGRAM:

Lance & Kirsten Gray

“Angling the Lower Sacramento”

“Angling the Lower Sacramento” is, of course, a presentation on the Lower Sacramento River. It's more than showing off the grip-and-grins photo of the big wild rainbows. It's not about drifting the river, per se (although drifting is covered). The presentation focuses on precisely what an angler needs and the locations of access areas for wading anglers and boat launches for those who drift. The presentation will educate the fly fisher on the entire Lower Sac.



FOUR MILE LAKE OUTING

November 4, 2023



OUTING AT FOURMILE LAKE: At this time of the year, the mackinaw trout leave their 160 foot depths and move into the shallower areas of the lake. This does make them available to fly fishers. So, the intrepid Rogue Fly Fishers will meet at the boat launch area between 9:00 and 10:00 am on November 4.

An excellent fly for this occasion is the Carey Special on a sinking line. You may be able to see the mackinaws swimming by and cast to them. My son and I did this a couple of years ago and caught the two that were cruising by us.

The boat launch area is a long beach of sand that tapers only slightly. This means that one must back their boat trailer a long way into the water. For this reason a drift boat is easier to launch.

When I was at Fourmile September 30, I did determine that it should be possible to launch a typical 14 ft. boat from a trailer at the western-most end of the beach. However, there will be some rock-dodging as one backs into the water. One more thing to consider....the signs in the area indicate that a Snow Parking Permit is required after November 1. If this sounds like too much work, then consider Fishing Lake of the Woods because the German Browns move into the shallows preparing to spawn. Fishing can be good just out from the lodge.

For more information, contact Dennis Dedrick at dennisedrick8@gmail.com

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 11/15, 12/20

Board Meeting 11/1, 12/6

SOFF meeting 11/14, 12/12

Outings:

Four Mile Lake 11/4

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Thoughts

GREAT dinner meeting! The turnout was excellent and the speaker was very informative, thank you Steve Day. I plan on booking a trip with him to fly fish, rockfish and salmon. On that note Mr. Day has done a great service to our club for quite some years. I want to thank him for everything he does. I have decided to "STEP UP" as the program director with his tutelage and bring him relief of that duty. I am happy to do so although those are big shoes to fill! If any of you would like to check out the board meetings please join us on the first Wednesdays of the month. It is fun and informative.

Been on the Rouge quite a bit lately and it has been hit -N- miss, but putting in the time on the water seems to pay off. I like to use 2 set ups. one being a float rig with a bug and chironomid under it on a 6W single hand rod with a bobber. The second is a double hand 6W spey with a streamer, usually something with black. Since I don't always have time to fish I find those are my best chances when I get an hour to go hit the river and practice casting! We have one of the best Steelhead resources in the nation and it's here in our backyard! I appreciate the club and all it does for the cause, protecting our beautiful waters. Till next time stay safe, calm, cool and collective. See you on the water.

Dewey

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

We have received a grant from the Rose Foundation for Communities & the Environment to cover the cost of a Rogue River Reconnaissance Survey. This survey is essentially an extension of the work performed previously concerning the wastewater discharge from the Medford Wastewater Treatment plant. The new survey will evaluate the impact of discharges from at least 5 additional point sources between the Cole Rivers Hatchery and Grants Pass. Most of the field work has already been completed and the final report is anticipated to be completed in early 2024. Any funds left over from the grant after all the survey and report is completed must be returned to the Rose Foundation.

Attendance at the October meeting was slightly better than the September meeting, but it still did not cover the cost Of the dinner, resulting in a loss to the club. Thank you to those who made reservations, but then could not attend for whatever reason, but still paid the \$25.00 for the dinner

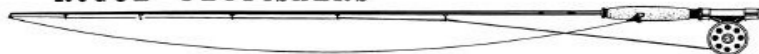
AUCTION HELP STILL NEEDED!

We are still looking for a person or persons willing to take charge of a couple of tasks for the next fundraising auction scheduled for May 13, 2024. Our greatest need is for somebody to take charge of organizing a committee to solicit donations. A Master List of Prospects has already been prepared and updated and sign-up sheets for auction committee members will be circulated at the November and December meetings.

1. **Donation solicitation** – This Manager would organize a committee to go visit local businesses and solicit donations.
2. **Auction promotion** – We have a volunteer!
3. **Donation organization** – This would require one or two people to inventory our existing donations, receive and record new donations, and prepare material for the various auction categories (live or silent auction, bucket raffle, etc.) We have a volunteer for a portion of this.
4. **Auction infrastructure** – This would require one or two people to inspect, repair, and/or replace the material used to display the items at the auction, work with Centennial to determine the layout of tables and displays, and organize help for set-up and tear-down.

We are committed to having this auction so *please* consider taking on one of these tasks as a Manager. Contact me (timbolling328@gmail.com) or any other board member if you help.

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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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