

Rogue Flyfishers

NOVEMBER 2024

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

MEETING

Garrett Lesko



Garrett Lesko is an Oregon based fly tyer and fly fisherman. He has been featured as a “Master at the Bench” in American Fly Fishing Magazine, written articles that were published in Fly Fishing & Tying Journal, had flies showcased in the book Favorite Flies of Oregon, and has been a guest on the Wet Fly Swing Podcast, The Fly Fishing Insider Podcast, and The Fly Fishing 97 Podcast. He has also been a regular club speaker at fly fishing clubs in Oregon and beyond. He enjoys using his 15+ years of experience in the fly fishing industry to teach fly tying through his local club, other Oregon fly fishing clubs, and beyond. You may also have seen him at one of the many fly tying expos and shows he has tyed at like the NW Expo, Reedsport and Roseburg Fly Tying show, the Fly Tyers Rendezvous, and The Fly Fishing Show. Garrett was also recognized as the “Fly Tyer of the Year” in 2024 from the Oregon council of FFI. He truly has a passion for teaching and showing others the joys of fly tying and fly fishing

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Presidents Message

November 2024

First off, I want to say thank you all for another successful fundraising auction. It's always a lot of work and I want to say a special thank you to Steve Haskell for stepping up to take over the auction this year. Also a big thank you to the auction team for soliciting donations and those of you who donated trips, and or items. Without all of you this club doesn't exist. There are a lot of organizations and projects that count on our help throughout the year. I would also like to thank those of you who submitted a letter to the marine board or attended the meeting in person. The battle is far from over, but I think things are moving in the right direction. We will see what transpires in the months ahead.

So I had a good time on Vancouver Island and want to give a shout out to Dale Day for the recommendation. Fishing for Coho's from the beach was exciting to say the least. We only got in two days of beach fishing due to the wind. However we had plenty of good coho fishing upstream. It's also a beautiful place to go, regardless of the fishing.

Well fall has fell and it's cooling off at night fairly well. I wish I had more to report on our local fishing, but I haven't had a chance to get out since I've been back. Now that the auction is out of the way, I should be able to get out there and wet a line.

I would also like to take the time to introduce our new conservation chair, Rick Graw. Rick is a great guy and a very knowledgeable person. He works for the Dept. of Forestry with a specialty in atmospheric science. I'll let him say the rest in his column he wrote for the newsletter. Also if anyone is interested in serving on the board for the club, please reach out to any of the other board members, or myself. It's not a huge commitment. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month September through June. While not a huge commitment it is still important since we have to make the decisions for the club and approve projects and grants that the clubs money goes toward. So step up and join the board if you're available. Take care and get out there and enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

John Pogue

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 11/20
Board Meeting 11/6, 12/4
SOFT meeting 11/12

Check the Club Calendar for more information

Meet your new Conservation Committee Chair

My name is Rick Graw and I'm your new chair of the conservation committee. My goal is to stimulate your appreciation, interest and support for our fisheries. I am not an expert in fishery science but I am a scientist. I work for the Pacific Northwest region of the US Forest Service. My expertise is in atmospheric sciences, a topic which rivals fisheries in its complexities. I primarily work on trying to increase the amount of prescribed burning on the federal forests to reduce the risk of wildfires and improve forest health, while minimizing the smoke impacts to communities. A challenging task for sure. During wildfire season, I forecast and monitor smoke, alert communities, and help them understand how best to protect themselves from the smoke. I also work on assessing the adverse effects of air pollution on our national forest, particularly the wilderness areas. This requires understanding how air pollution interacts with the forest and the visitors, conducting studies to monitor the condition and trends, perform modeling studies to understand the causes, and works with the agencies that issue permits to reduce air pollution emissions, if warranted.

I am relatively new to the Rogue Valley. I've only been living here for the past three years. When I moved here my goal was to catch a steelhead on a fly. I'm glad to be able to report that I've achieved that accomplishment, first with the help of a guide, and then on my own. The Rogue River is a special place and one I have quickly grown to love and appreciate. I've also been able to fish a number of the lakes in southwest Oregon. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful places to fish. It's from this love and appreciation of these special places that I want to help protect and ensure our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy as much as we do.

My intention is to write a column for each monthly newsletter on a conservation topic related to our fisheries. There's so many interesting topics: hatchery versus native fish, dam removal and other restoration efforts, jet boats, water quantity and quality, and so much more. I may share a relevant publication to stimulate your interest or sometimes offer an opinion. I understand some of these topics can be controversial but I don't want to shy away from important topics. Many of you have so much experience and expertise about our fisheries. I want to learn from you and help others do the same. Whether you are an expert or not, I would like to know what you'd like to hear about. You can email me, call me, or just come talk to me at one of our meetings. Even better, let's go fishing together and talk about what's on your mind. I look forward to learning and engaging with you.

In the mean time, I would like to leave you with this simple challenge. When you visit one of our local lakes or rivers, would you please leave it in better condition than you found it? Let's be good stewards of our fisheries and pick up after ourselves and others. You never know who may be watching. It may just inspire others to do the same.

Looking forward to engaging with you.

-Rick

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday November 20th 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

Applewood Smoked Ham, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Salad w/ Champagne Vinaigrette,
Dinner Rolls, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (November 15th) 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:

Garret Lesco
Fly fishing the jetty

Oregon is covered in jetties that allow us to use the numerous estuaries along the Oregon coast. These jetties are a perfect habitat for fish that readily eat a fly. Garret will break down how to tackle these man made habitats and catch fish from the rocks. He will get into the gear, safety, fish, flies, and much more in his presentation on the fly fishing the jetty. You never know what you might catch out on the rocks.

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

We are still waiting to finalize the results of the auction as of the time this is being written, but preliminary results show an approximate net in excess of \$ 11500. That means we will add at least \$ 8050.00 to our grant fund, which is used in response to requests from organizations such as Rogue River Watershed Council, WaterWatch, Oregon Stewardship, Casting for Recovery, and Project Healing Waters. All of those, incidentally, had representatives or presentations in their programs at the auction. In addition, there were letters from some the past recipients of the scholarships we fund at OSU.

We had to guarantee our caterer a minimum of 100 dinners and we ended up with a total of 107 reservations. Unfortunately, 9 of those people did not show for the auction but of those, only 2 had not paid in advance. The other 7 people graciously indicated that we were to accept their dinner payments as a donation.

Auction report

The results are in for the Rogue Flyfisher's 2024 auction. We pretty much matched the efforts and financial results of the 2022 event led by Tim Bolling. In particular the Bucket raffle of 48 items yielded \$1, 390; the Silent auction of 59 items grossed \$4,437 and the Live auction with 25 items took in \$8,900. Just about dead on to the 2022 results.

Not to forget, the auction really began last April at the club meeting when Tim put out the emergency call and I put up my hand. Next month we had a dozen or so members sign up to help and slowly but surely we were off to the races. Others joined in too. Because of the personal contacts made by a handful of volunteers the bucket raffle took in about 45 items from businesses that made up most of the 48 buckets. The Silent auction had about 15 items from businesses and 41 from donations. Special credit is given to John Bjorkholm who parted with a huge amount of his inventory including rods/reel/packs/ and about 40 boxes of flies. Thank you John very much. For the Live auction 13 members donated trips and 12 businesses and/or individuals donated other items. And three of our members tied flies for the bucket and silent auction. Tim Bolling listed all those who contributed by name or business and posted that list as you entered the big tent.

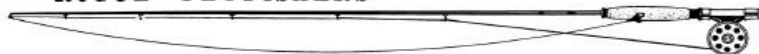
What made the event a success of course is because just over 100 of you did paid up and showed up for the excellent dinner and opportunity to go home with lots of good stuff. You made it happen. And I especially thank Tim Bolling who introduced me to spread sheets and held my hand throughout.

No guarantees in life and if the club is to remain alive and well it will be because enough of you out there do something and get involved in a small/medium or big way.

Steve Haskell

Auction Chair (retired)

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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.

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