



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

**Gary Lewis**

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### Board of Directors

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<b>Board Member</b>	John Bjorkholm	857-6147	2015
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### Committee Heads

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Gary started fly fishing with his dad at age 7 at age 11 got his first fly tying kit and fell in love with fly fishing. He has been a fly fishing guide for over 30 years. His guide service has been featured in many magazines such as *Fly Fishing the West*. He has also appeared on ESPN Fly Fishing America twice. He has been doing fly fishing seminars for sports shows and fly clubs for many years

## **Goodbye from your President—Kellie Christensen**

As I am unable to perform my duties as President of the Rogue Flyfishers, Adam Wright has stepped up to fill in for me for the rest of this calendar year. Anyone wishing to serve on the board is welcome to submit a nomination and the club will vote in new board members at the November dinner meeting. New officers will be appointed at the January 2016 board meeting. I am proud of the effort I have put forth on behalf of our club and grateful to the many people I have had the pleasure of working with in the 8 years I have served. I hope that the conservation efforts of our group will continue to be our first priority.

Thank you, Kellie Christensen

### **MENU—October 21, 2015 Rogue Flyfishers Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Parmesan Crusted Baked Alaskan Cod  
Seasonal Sautéed vegetables

Mixed Green Salad with Dressing  
Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Rice Pilaf  
Carrot Cake

Vegetarian Option—Cheese Puff Pastry

If you need a lactose free, gluten free or vegetarian entrée, please let Kellie know by Monday, October 19th if possible at [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) or 541-776-4094.

## Notice of Election of Directors

The terms of 3 board directors expire at the end of the year and under the club bylaws, election of replacements is to take place at the monthly meeting on November 18, 2015.

The Nominating Committee has three candidates whose names we are pleased to announce as follows:

John Macidarmid  
Harry Foster  
Keith Hardcastle

Under the bylaws members at large can also make nominations. Any such nominations should be mailed or emailed to me by October 31st so we can get their names in the newsletter. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting on November 18th.

Feel free to call me or Mike Masters if you have any questions. Thank you.

Jon Iverson, Chair  
Nominating Committee

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## Fishing Alaska

Here is a photo of a silver salmon caught by John Bjorkholm in early Sept. on a river on Baranoff Island in AK. The fish was about 16# and he was guided by Tad Kisaka who is located in Sitka. He fished two days and caught at least a dozen each day. No one else in sight.





## STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT 2015 UPDATE

The hard work is almost done and we are about ready for John Ward's Kick-Off Breakfast. At present we have 13 full boats and a lot of eager Anglers.

The festivities will start off at Tou Velle State Park at the large Gazebo at 6:30am. Breakfast and Check-In will be from 6:30 to 7:15am. Tournament fishing times will be from 8am – 3:30pm.

The Awards Ceremony and BBQ will begin at 4:30pm.

We really want to thank all of you who have who have donated your vessel and day on the river, all the anglers, and everyone who has offered to be the "Kitchen Krew".

A simple reminder is that **SAFETY** comes first in all instances. Everyone nice and dry at the BBQ equals a great Tournament.

There are fish in the river, our practice runs can attest to that.

Co-Chairs  
Mike Masters  
Will Johnson

### Agness Outing Photos



Archie Clay with a chinook jack he caught while fishing with Keith Hardcastle and Stephen Day

Dave Haight with a steelhead



## **If I Had My Druthers**

Otis D. Swisher

Pea soup green, please, and not too thick. About a foot of visibility will do very nicely, thank you.

And so, the 10th of February, 2014 drift from Takelma Park to Dodge Bridge began. After weeks of early morning Fog and cold, the sun came out, the temperature rose to the high 50's, and there was a short winter break for Paul Rickerson, the oarsman, and me.

Now, I've fished dry flies successfully in yellow-muddy water conditions when the mid-day hatch was going on; but, this color was different. I'd say unusual.

While Paul prepared the boat for launching, I saw rising fish off the boat ramp. A good sign for the day, came on a far out cast when an 11-inch rainbow smacked my dry. A wild fish. Nice activity for my 3-wgt rod.

We usually are prepared to fish indicators for steelhead, but carry along the lighter tackle, already set up in case we come across rising fish. So, the first mile of river we tried the bottom dredging with the heavy nymph and small trailer.

Water looked good. Flow was up slightly, and the 2-day rain seemed to have "freshened" the water. But, none of the old standby places produced for us.

Then, at "Vince's Hole", named for my long-time fisher friend, rising fish began to show themselves. Let me digress to explain why it's called Vince's Hole. Years ago, I fished river Left from the boat after putting Vince out to wade river Right. There we were, he wading with a dense background of rank riparian behind him which limited his casts to 35-40 feet. But, what success he had in those 40 feet...4 steelhead.

And, there I was in the boat opposite him, fishing the Left half of the river. And, for every steelhead he caught, I matched his output. Now, isn't that a good enough reason to call this "Vince's Spot?"

Today, years later, I went to my #14 O's blue dun and my first Cutthroat of 13-inches was on and another five fish followed suit.

There is a second spot less than 100-yards downstream where Cutthroat hang in the slower water just a few feet out from the bank. The Cutts were active again today, one with six porpoise-like jumps; 3 to 4 feet, side-to-side jumps, and a foot or so out of the water.

Another half-mile below this spot you can see the Bald Eagle nest, river Right. The river has changed in the last few years. A huge cottonwood is the point of attack for the river flow. In the slower water a fish rose. Way out. So, strip, strip, strip, strip, strip, to get out 45 feet of line, and on the second drift down the "feeding lane" the #14 blue dun became the object of a huge head and six-inches of fish body behind it. Turned out to be 16-inches of the most beautiful trout of the Rogue System, a Cutthroat.

It didn't end there. Catfish is a well-known spot to fish and we like it near a rock complex. I'd tell you where this complex is but it is one of three so I'll let you find it for yourself. While I was catching wild fish of 11-inches and greater on my blue dun, Paul took his first steelhead of 2014. A bright fish, with a big gut, it was obviously a winter fish of 28-inches; beautiful to look at though not as strong nor as active as winter fish are supposed to be.

Nevertheless, this was a great day in February to be on the river. And, I can close my eyes and can see the color of the water. If I have my druthers, I'll take split-pea soup green, thank you.

## **A Likely, Unlikely Story**

by Otis D. Swisher

25 August, 2015

Since you as a child no doubt went down a rabbit hole or through a Lookingglass with Alice into her Wonderland, or today, as an adult, you have visited by Cinematics the time of dinosaurs in a Jurassic Park, I ask you as a flyfisher to join me in my time warp machine so we can visit that time 300 mya (million years ago) called the Late Carboniferous. Why? So we can check out one of the most interesting ancestors of present day Mayflies.

Picture yourself coming out of the cool of my cave 300 mya . We have decided to do a day of fishing together. So here we are, stepping out into a hot, tropical jungle of huge trees. This jungle is located in that almost western land mass we call Europe. Today, it is in a tiny country we call Moravia. If you know your map of Europe, it is that tiny country within Czechoslovakia which is itself surrounded by Bohemia, Silesia, Slovakia, and Lower Austria. And, I am set to fish the River Morava, and I am glad you joined me.

The rank jungle growth we are in, and indeed across the entire earth, will be changed over several million years, by intense heat and almost incalculable pressure, into a black substance ranging from a liquid goo, to a cake like substance called peat, to thin and thick veins called coal...hence the term Carboniferous Period.

But, my main interest as a fly fisher is the long gone ancestor of a present day Mayfly. So, we are heading through this jungle to the river called Morava. All the while as I walk, In the back of my mind is the year 2014 AD. It was just one of several years when the hatch of Mayflies along the Mississippi River, USA, was a normal year. When trillions of the tiny flies, called Mayflies, flying en masse and covering hundreds of square miles made blips on the screens of Weather Station radars. Will this happen when you and I visit the Carboniferous Period and get to look at one of the ancestors of those present day Mayflies?

As we approach the river now called Morava, we begin to hear the buzzing sounds of insects. But, not just a buzz. It is more like a low drone sound; sort of remindful of the drone emanating from hundreds of WW II bombers on a night run over Germany. Low. Powerful. Eerie. I am pleased, for I know the fish will be feeding when we get to the river.

The sound gets greater in magnitude as we work our way through the steamy jungle. And when we finally step out into the open at the river's edge, we are treated to a Mayfly hatch of monumental proportions. The sky is covered with millions of the bodies of the largest member of the Mayfly family never seen until 300 million years later when its fossil was unearthed.

In my time warp travel, we did not have time to fish on that steamy day. I don't know about you, but I had come unprepared for what we were seeing. I did not have the prep time, the skill, nor the materials to tie up a hooked model to match this hatch which surrounded us. Nor, did I have the courage to stand in the Morava River to fish among that hatch on that day millions of years ago.

No matter. Through Wikipedia I have been able to visualize and be totally overwhelmed by a Wonderland vision of *POJOPHLEBIA PROKOPL* the largest Mayfly ever to live on this earth of ours. A fly of Eighteen Inches in length.

25 August, 2015

### **Fly Fishers Luncheon**

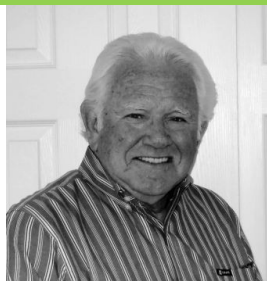
The next Fly Fishers Luncheon will be Oct. 13th at noon. We will be meeting at the Rogue River Lodge at noon. The Lodge is located three miles upriver from Shady Cove.

All fly fishers are welcome.

If you caught a fish, tell me about. I haven't been catching many.

Bob Shuck

**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



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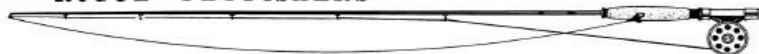
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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Doug Bolgiano and Family  
David P. and Ann McCants

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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.**

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**Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **Are you retired?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_

**Do you have a drift boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **lake boat?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_ **Interested in conservation?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_

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