



**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

### John Anderson

**Seasonal Drift of Aquatic “Bugs” as a Guide to Fishing Nymph Patterns at Oregon’s Crooked River**

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This slide-illustrated program will discuss results of a 15-month drift net Study and an associated analysis of what ‘bugs’ redband trout and mountain whitefish fed on during different seasons. About the middle of each month four drift net collections were taken at an upstream and a downstream riffle area. Collections taken during the morning, afternoon and during total darkness made it possible to estimate how many total ‘bugs’ drifted past a fixed point in a half-hour at different times of the day.

A comparison of total stomach contents from fish caught by fly fishers during the same days drift net samples were taken (and in the same areas drift nets were set) revealed how seasonal changes in available foods modified the feeding strategies of fish.

This information has proved especially valuable for nymph fishers when attempting to match the drift at different times of the year. Selected examples of successful fly patterns will conclude the program.

## Message from the President

Members,

Last Wednesday saw the return of our monthly general meeting at The Point Pub and Grill. For whatever reason, the meeting was not well attended which was a disappointment because the food and the presenter were both excellent. And, the company of other fly fishermen is always enjoyable. Perhaps after two months without a meeting members just forgot. If that is the case, I encourage each of you to mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month on your calendar as a reminder and try to attend as often as you can.

In spite of the small turnout, several important items were presented and discussed. The first was a report from the nominating committee regarding the election of new board members in November. At this point, there is a candidate for each vacancy on the board and those names are published elsewhere in this newsletter. According to the bylaws, the names of any other candidates wishing to run for the board may be nominated from the floor at the November general meeting. The person nominated must be present to accept the nomination. If there are nominations from the floor, and there are more candidates than open positions, a secret ballot will be taken. Otherwise, the election will be a voice vote. The officers for the following year will be elected from the board at the December board meeting and begin their terms of office in January.

The issue that drew the most attention and comment during the meeting concerned the commercial jet boat tours on the Rogue River above TouVelle Park. Many people in the club, as well as many in the community at large, believe such an operation is inappropriate and harmful to the river environment and would like the club to try and do something about it. Members of the board have been doing research on possible solutions and the results of their inquiries will be discussed at the next board meeting and it will be determined whether or not the club will “take the lead” on this issue. If you have a strong interest in this issue, I would encourage you to attend the board meeting on Oct.5 to enter into the discussion. Before any final decision is made as to what we wish to do, we will discuss it again at a general meeting.

As you may remember, the program for the December general meeting has always been provided by the members. If you have had a fishing adventure during the past year that you would like to share with others through either words, pictures or both, please let Will Johnson, our program chairman, know. Presentations can be very short or somewhere in the 10-15 minute range. A good way to prepare is to put your presentation on a flash drive at home and then simply use the club's projector at the meeting. It is always enjoyable to see where and how other members have been fishing. So please give it some thought and sign up.

And speaking of signing up, we are still looking for a member who will become a backup for Steve Ostrander as the newsletter editor. Steve has done the job for many years and would like someone with some computer skills and interest to learn how to put the newsletter together in case he was unable to do it on a given month. The person would not be required to write the articles for the newsletter as they are submitted to the editor from other people.

The club is also looking for members who would be willing to serve on the conservation committee. At present, John Ward, the current chairman, is monitoring 10 different conservation issues and he is stretched very thin. We would like people willing to take on one issue, monitor it and report to the club on a regular basis the status of the issue. It may require attending a public meeting from time to time as a representative of the club.

So far, 19 people have signed up to help with the proposed Highway 62 litter pick-up project. What we are lacking is a lead person who will meet with ODOT to get the project started and then organize the volunteers for the pickups which happen quarterly. Until there is a person willing to chair this project, we will not be able to go forward with it.

The last casting class for the year was held on September 26 at Hedrick Middle School. The club owes Otis Swisher and John MacDiarmid a large Thank You for all the time and effort they expend with this project. Giving up every Monday night for several months is volunteerism to the extreme in my book and they are to be commended for doing so.

At this point, the club is again planning an auction for the spring. As usual, we will be soliciting items to be auctioned. The club accepts money, services and all fishing and outdoor related items, big or small, in good condition as donations. If you have items that others would bid on, please bring them to any general meeting or call Mike Masters, auction chairman, to make arrangements to deliver the items. Last year's auction was not only a huge success financially, but a lot of fun. Mike has even greater plans for this coming year. Details to follow.

Once again, please plan on attending meetings and, if possible, volunteer for some of the club's projects. The more people involved, the easier it is.

Now enjoy some fine fall fishing.

Jack Patterson

## Salmon Festival at Ashland's North Mountain Park

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, our Club helped celebrate the **Bear Creek Salmon Festival** by teaching basics of Fly Casting to visitors at Ashland's North Mountain Park. We were fortunate to use the grassy right outfield of the baseball diamond where tall trees softened occasional strong puffs of fall wind. A steady flow of interested families and individuals stopped by to try something new to them, a challenge that sunny afternoon.

Nearly all left confident they could softly drop a dry fly toward any fish nearer to them than thirty-feet. This growth was a compliment to the gentle personal encouragement of their instructors: In the photo below left to right with their student: **John Ward, Dennis Remick, Dick Chambers, John Hamilton, and John Corson**. Note that about a third



**Dennis Remick** watches a father put to use his line control lesson during a casting stroke as the son watches attentively.



**John Corson** makes a technique point to a first-time casting student.

This was a fun day, very successful, and worthy of follow-up. The Club can deliver a strong conservation message to an engaged audience that would in most cases, want to take their learning into a nearby stream.

of the casters were Adults, in this case all ladies including the woman who took the photo and each one asked to receive a copy of our newsletter by email! The club's take-home message should be: **give every caster a current Newsletter, and get their email address to send a follow-up next newsletter. Gosh, may be even give them a map and schedule of the Hendricks School casting class.**

Here are several examples of the one-on-one personal attention individuals received. **John Hamilton** demonstrates line management to a lady.



## 2016 STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

October 8<sup>th</sup> was a very beautiful day on the Rogue and a very busy one on the upper end. At one point, Keith Hardcastle and I had 8 guide boats pass us. Our club added a total of 11 boats on the water. We had 19 anglers chasing the elusive Steelhead from the Hatchery all the way down as far as Fisher's Ferry.

Only 8 fish were landed all day long. It has been a very challenging year so far and the return of fish this year seems to me to be very low or will be very late in coming.

Charlie Costner and Kirk Kowalke were the big winners this year. Charlie Costner won the category of "Most Inches" with 68" while catching 3 of the 8 total fish.

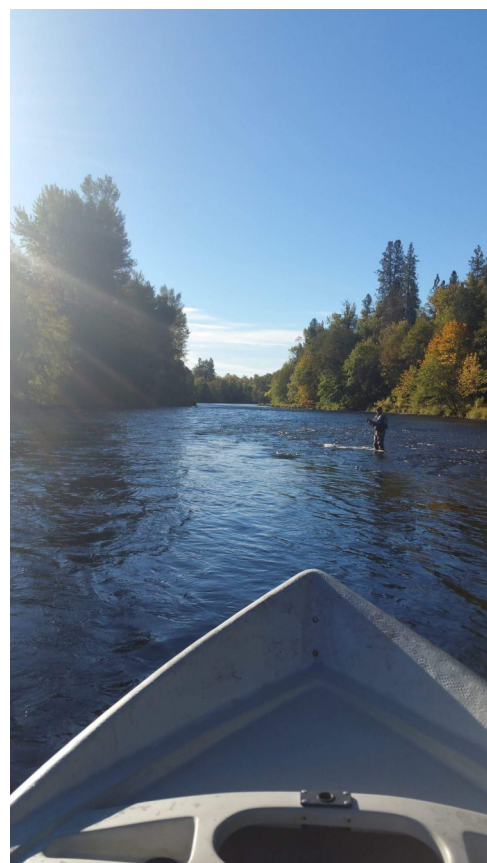
Kirk Kowalke scored the on the category of "Big Fish" with a 26" beauty, just nosing out Charlie's big one.

From the prize list, both Charlie and Kirk have selected a new fly rod created by our own Bob Claypool.

A gigantic THANK YOU goes out to John Ward for once again providing a magnificent early morning Breakfast. With only 8 fish caught I wonder how many of John's bananas made it in a couple of the boats?

Steve Day provided a "Masterful" Tri Tip BBQ dinner. He is an incredible Chef. If you would like to know how John MacDiarmid scored the one leftover Tri Tip roast, you'll have to ask him.

"Walkabout Brewery" provided the keg of beer and taper at a big time discount. Thank you to Cameron for their donation.



### Last 5 year results

2012 – 6 fish total – Jeff Keyser = most inches @ 50" & Jon Iverson = big fish @ 26"

2013- 19 fish total- Charlie Costner-inches @ 101" & Bob Beanblossom – 27"

2014- 17 fish total- Jeff Keyser-inches @ 45" & Brandon Francis –Big fish @ 24"

2015- 12 fish total – Mike Masters –inches @ 57" & Kirk Kowalke – big fish @ 24"

2016 – 8 fish total – Charlie Costner – inches @ 68" & Kirk Kowalke big fish @ 26"



Thanks to all who helped set up early and helped after the BBQ. And thank you Kim Hardcastle for the assistance in checking in both Oarsmen and Anglers.

Thank you to the Oarsmen: Steve Haskell, Mitchell Shirbroun, Jon Iverson, Paul Rickerson, Keith Hardcastle, Chuck Huntington, John Schwendener, Wayne Douma, Jim Ulm, Erick Watson, & John MacDiarmid.



# **SOFF Auction! Saturday - November 12th**

## **Save the Date**

Fall is almost here, the steelhead are running and it is almost time for our fabulous fund raiser, the SOFF auction. The auction promises to be a fun-filled evening!

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S) EARLY:** Dinner, wine, and all the fun for \$25.00. You can pay by check at the September and October meetings (we will also have information for mailing checks). Payment is required at the time of reservation.

A lot of folks like to sit with their “bidding buddies”. You can request “group” seating with your payment(8 per table max). Reserve a whole table if you like. Requests will be honored in the order they are received.

Also new- Dinners will be served- no buffet line!

### **ITEMS YOU CAN WIN AT THIS YEAR’S AUCTION!**

Like dining out? We have dining certificates

Like wine? We have that, too.

Like guided fishing? Our generous guides have come through with some great ones!

Like to cook? Visit the Kitchen Company with your winning certificate!

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A day with our own members at their “secret” angling spots? We have several!

Need a tune-up for your outboard? Win it at the auction!

Who doesn’t need a box of flies tied by our talented exhibition tyers?

They have really come through for our auction!

PIES! PIES! PIES! Back by popular demand!

Road trip? Win one: Wild and Scenic Rogue, the Lonesome Duck, or Grand Ronde.

Need a custom rod? New oars? A precision reel? They will be at the auction!

How about accessories and materials for your tying bench? Updating your angling accessories? A new pair of waders?

A pontoon boat that weighs only 27 pounds? They are at the auction!

### **BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OR GIVE A CALL!**

The auction committee is still accepting donations for the auction. You can bring them to the September meeting or call Sonja (541-582-4833) and she will come and get them.

Items can be gently used or new (We cannot accept art work at this time).

Join in the fun!

By popular demand, we are bringing back the expanded bucket raffle with dozens of items, so everyone has a chance to be a winner, appetizers to keep you going before dinner, the silent auction, where great deals are to be found, a fast-moving oral auction, and, of course, our super raffle!

Doors will open at 4:30 PM.

All we need is you!

See you there,

Sonja Nisson, Auction Chair

## **Nominating Committee Report**

This constitutes the report of the Rogue Fly Fishers Nominating Committee, as required by Article 5, Section 7 of the Bylaws.

The Committee members feel like they've taken a diligent approach to considering candidates for nomination to the Board of

Directors and we appreciate the opportunity to assist the Board of Directors and the Club in this endeavor.

The Nominating Committee met on September 9, 2016 to consider (1) existing board members whose terms expire in 2016 and whether they want to be reconsidered for nomination, (2) names of club members that were proffered by other club members, and (3) names of club members independently selected by the Nominating Committee members. The Committee subsequently verified each person's interest and willingness to serve on the Board.

Present Board members who have indicated that they would be willing to be considered for re-election to the board are:

- Jack Patterson
- Keith Hardcastle
- Jon Iverson
- David Haight

One current board member, John Ward, respectfully declined being considered for re-election, but would like to continue to participate as a member of the conservation committee.

One board member, Richard Phillips, submitted his resignation prior to the September Board meeting due to his inability to attend meetings on a regular basis and his resignation has been accepted by the Board President.

After considering all of the names of club members who might contribute to the Board of Directors, and verifying with each of them that they are willing to serve, the Committee is recommending the following slate of nominees for election to the Board; realizing that there may be additional nominations from the floor at the November membership meeting:

- Jack Patterson
- Keith Hardcastle
- Jon Iverson
- David Haight
- Don Dabney
- Alex Rachowicz

As specified in Article 5, Section 7, this report should be published in the October and November newsletters. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve the Club.

Respectfully Submitted

John MacDiarmid  
Harry Foster

**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



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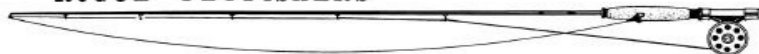
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(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues. **Dues accompany your application.** With membership, you will receive a member's patch, membership directory, 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 \_\_

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