



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 Shewey



Confessions of a Swinger: Fly Fishing for Summer Steelhead

From May through the end of autumn, depending on specific run timings in specific rivers, summer steelhead are on the move in the Pacific Northwest, and anglers claim their share of a legacy that spans decades, a legacy of pursuing these noble fish with flies. The art and passion that enshrouds steelhead fly fishing afflicts countless devotees, forming an addiction that borders on religion. In his most popular program, longtime steelhead angling enthusiast John Shewey takes you on a stirring journey of discovery, delving into the techniques and flies and rivers and attitudes that compose this regal sport.

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President's Message

Well, we are back and a new club season is beginning. I apologize for not getting a message out last month, but I was recuperating from back surgery. As for this month, I was very happy with the turn out for September's monthly meeting and dinner. We had a new member sign up (sorry that I didn't get their name) and a previous member rejoin, Harry Hutton.

Our Annual Steelhead Tournament is coming up on Oct 7. Keith Hardcastle and his team have been working very hard to make it the best ever! I only wish I could row this year, but will be out of commission for a few more months.

I would like to encourage all club members to consider contacting anyone from the board or myself with your suggestions for trips, clinics, programs and/or classes.

There will be a beginning fly tying class starting in November that I will be teaching in the fly tying room at my place. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. The class will be held to 6 students at a time, but if more than 6 people want to take it, I will do a 2nd class. It will be a total of 7 lessons (7 separate days) and all tools and materials will be supplied. The class will be the "Beginning Fly Tying" class which was put together by Fly Tying Group of the Fly Fishers International (formerly IFFF). I am proud to say that I was part of the committee that put this course together.

There will be other classes available as the season progresses. I believe Dave McCants is always willing to do classes and is a wonderful instructor. He has his own style and was a student of and instructor for Andre' Puyans.

See you at next month's meeting or on the river!
Dave Roberts

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership with the Rogue Flyfishers for the coming year.

Please fill out the application renewal form below and return it with a check in the envelope provided. If you prefer to submit your dues electronically, please use the PayPal option provided on our website at www.rogueflyfishers.org.

According to the by-laws, the board of directors must determine the yearly budget in January. With that in mind, it is important and very helpful that your renewal dues are paid by December 31st.

As an extra incentive for meeting the December 31st deadline, there will be a special raffle at the January meeting for all members who pay their dues by December 31, 2017.

We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Directors

Rogue Flyfishers Dues Renewal - 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Should you NOT want your email address in the club directory, check here: _____

Monthly Newsletter - *please indicate your preference by circling one:* Mailed Electronically

Individual: \$35 Family: \$45 Junior (under 18): \$5

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to Rogue Flyfishers)

RFF STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT 2017 - OCT 7th

Participant:

On behalf of the Rogue Fly Fishers Club, I want to thank each and everyone of you for contributing to our second fundraiser of the year. The funds from this event help support our conservation efforts, & scholarship fund.

Fees:

\$150.00 entry fee (Donation) per angler.

\$ 50.00 entry fee (Donation) if you are providing and rowing a boat.

Please make your check out to "Rogue Fly Fishers" and send it to:

Keith Hardcastle

20515 Hwy 62

Shady Cove, OR 97539

Or pay on Sept. 20th at the RFF dinner.

Schedule: Meet at TouVelle State Park site "A".

6:30 - 7:15am Check in (both anglers and Oarsmen)

6:30 - Hot breakfast served by John Ward

7:15 - Contest rules, **safety concerns**, acknowledgements, questions

7: 20 - Prep time and drive to launch site of your choice.

*8:00am - Start fishing

*3:30pm - Contest ends

4:30 pm - BBQ by Steve Day and scoring begins

7:00 pm - Conclusion

Prizes: (two categories)

Longest Steelhead

Most accumulated inches for steelhead -16 inch minimum

Coin toss in the event of a tie

Winners choice of the following options:

1. \$125.00 gift certificate to Ashland Flyshop

2. \$125.00 gift certificate to Rogue Valley Fly Shop

3. \$125.00 towards a custom built fly rod by Steve Day. Based on blank and components.

Top Oarsmen with the most inches (averaged by number of anglers in boat Oarsmen is not included in total inches) will receive a custom wood net by Keith Hardcastle.

BBQ Menu:

Tri-Tip, BBQ beans, Coleslaw (prepared by Steve Day) Beer (provided by Walkabout Brewery), wine and soft drinks will be provided by our kitchen crew.

All participants may bring their significant other for the BBQ. Please let me know by Oct. 3rd if they will be attending.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT, depending on water clarity and flow.

A Simple Invitation

Harry Foster

For the last eight years, Steve Ostrander has served as Editor of our Rogue Flyfishers Newsletter. Each and every month, he has invited a small group of committed individuals in the club to submit to him any articles they might want to share with their fellow club members for publication in our newsletter. Steve then edits the articles he receives and takes the time to shepherd them through the printing process. He also makes sure that they are sent out electronically and through snail mail to his fellow club members. This process requires a significant commitment to assure that the entire club has an opportunity to share in the latest news.

Prior to Steve taking on these responsibilities as editor of the newsletter in 2009, Kellie Christensen served as Editor for a short time; and before Kellie, Bill Rittenhouse did the job. Each of these fellow members has devoted a significant amount of time to making sure that we all have our newsletter, each and every month.

It's my feeling that for most club members who receive and read the newsletter each month, the process described above and the commitment of Steve (and his predecessors) to assuring that we receive it are not aware of the work involved, even though they appreciate and enjoy the product. Likewise, the work done by the small group of people that Steve "invites" to submit articles is also possibly not known to many club members.

Within the last few years, the club added another dimension to our communication arsenal by enlisting Tom Collett as the club blogger. Tom has since turned this responsibility over to Jack Patterson to write blogs that appear on our website in a timely manner. In many ways, these two members face the same challenge that Steve faces: getting information from club members that they can share with the entire club.

This brief article is to thank Steve and the newsletter editors who preceded him, as well as Tom and Jack for the commitments they've made to assure improved communication. The small group of people who, each and every month are invited to submit articles should also be thanked for their efforts. I'm sure that everyone involved in these processes would appreciate receiving news from all club members who might have something to share.

Each and every one of us could express our thanks to these folks by submitting tidbits and articles in a timely manner, just before the end of each month, to Steve at ost247@charter.net, and to Jack any time during the month at jfpat@charter.net.

From the Editor

I thank Harry for the kind words. I send reminders about a week before the newsletter deadline. The reminders go to the board of directors and a group of members that have been regular contributors to the newsletter. I would like to see ANY members send in articles of interest to the club. If anyone would like to be added to the list of people that get reminders, please let me know.

Certified Casting Instructor Workshop

The Fly Fishers International iCertified Casting Program is a global program for teaching and certifying fly casting instructors. At present, there are approximately 25 instructors (CIs) in Oregon. Some are actively teaching casting and assisting other casters on the path to becoming certified. Others are not active. Once certified, the certification is valid as long as the caster belongs to the Fly Fishers International and pays an annual renewal fee. Jim Wigington, a Master Certified Casting Instructor will hold a 1 day workshop on October 14 at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park in Central Point. He will be assisted by John MacDiarmid, a Certified Casting Instructor. Questions regarding how to get started in the program, how long it usually takes, what is the test like, how much help is there and many other questions will be answered. We will perform some of the casting tasks on the test. Bring your fly rod. There will be a \$50 fee.

RSVP John at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com or 541-840-0183.

Kids & Creeks – 2017

Kids & Creeks – 2017 was an even bigger success thanks to volunteers from sixteen partnering organizations and agencies. Over 200 Medford area students, parents, family members and Bear Creek Park visitors discovered the fun and wonderful world of Bear Creek with hands-on exploration and activities.

Rogue Flyfishers, for an eighth year, staffed two stations: fly tying and fly casting. Members participating this year included Ken Bonsi, John Corson, Ed Danieli, and John Ward. A steady flow of elementary to high school students, parents, and multi-family groups visited fourteen other stations such as creekside restoration, stream insect sampling and identification, viewing Chinook salmon spawning, salmon dissection, and storm water management. New stations this year brought Monarch Butterflies with protection of milkweed habitat, role of Pollinators to local crop success and colorful gardens, and the Cultural importance of healthy oak stands with abundant acorns to native's winter survival. Local, State and Federal Agencies displayed useful booklets and displays at information tables, and responded to visitor questions.

The sunny weather, colorful fall foliage, and light breezes made for great adventures, memorable skills, and a prized wooly bugger to proudly show other family members.



RFF's Ken Bonsi watches as Granddaughter Scarlet ties her first red Wooly Bugger.



Ken Bonsi (off screen left) and John Corson show two young fly tyers and their mother how to tie effective flies. Wendy Bonsi puts stray feathers into trash container while Granddaughter watches the action.



RFF's Ed Danieli watches as an enthusiastic Parent follows through on an powerful early cast.



RFF Volunteers Ken Bonsi, Ed Danieli (standing), John Ward (standing) and John Corson with two young Ladies eager to tie flies

Great Job Stephanie



New member Stephanie Sproul on her first time steelheading catches her first one!! It was even more impressive because she caught it in Steelhead Alley on a 5 wt. with no drag system! It took more than 5 minutes to net and she handled it like a pro!

Flyfisher's Meeting

**The club resumes its regular monthly dinner meetings.
September's dinner meeting will be Wednesday Oct 18th at**

Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.
Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:45 – 6:45 pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Raffle to follow
Program 7:45 – 8:45

BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday 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 Theresa at tms1910@icloud.com or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be **John Shewey**

Are you receiving our email notifications ?

If you are not receiving those, it's because you have not properly signed up on our BLOG. To sign up for the Blog, go to our website www.rogueflyfishers.org , scroll down the page. Click on **Rogue Flyfishers Blog** on the bottom right corner.

On the right-hand column you will see a box that it says:

“Enter your email and the newest post will automatically appear in your email”

Type your email address in that box and click “Submit”

You will now be kept up to date with the latest announcements, changes, and reminders that take place through-out the month that you need to be aware of.

Fish Lake Outing—Catch Your First Tiger Trout

Fish Lake is one of the more scenic lakes in the Southern Oregon Cascades, situated in an old-growth forest between Mount McLaughlin and Brown Mountain. It is extremely productive, and is capable of producing some really nice trout. Unfortunately, illegally introduced Tui chub have become very abundant, and are competing with the rainbow and brook trout in the lake for food, severely impacting the quality of the fishery. In an attempt to bolster the fishery, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has been stocking tiger trout and Chinook salmon in the lake for the last several years. It is hoped that the tiger trout and Chinook salmon will take advantage of the Tui chub as an abundant food source, and create a high-quality fishery.

Tiger Trout are a cross between brook and brown trout, tend to be pretty aggressive, and can grow quite large. They have created popular fisheries in the places they have been stocked. Prior to being stocked into Fish Lake and two other lakes in Oregon, local anglers would travel to Nevada for the chance to catch one of these unique fish.

If you would like to try to catch a tiger trout, join the Rogue Flyfishers for an outing to Fish Lake on Saturday, November 4. We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service boat ramp at 9:00 AM. While you can effectively fish from the bank, having some sort of boat will increase your chances of success. Since one the best areas to fish in the lake is near the ramp, anything from a float tube (as long as it is not too windy) to a motor boat will work. Bring a 5 or 6-weight rod, a floating and a slow-sinking line, leaders tapered to 4 or 5X, and an assortment your favorite still-water patterns. Since big tiger trout are predators, be sure to include some woolly buggers and streamers in your box. Since Fish Lake sits atop the Cascades, remember to pack warm clothes and raingear. It is also a designated Sno Park after October 31, so you will need a Sno Park permit for your vehicle.

In addition to the opportunity to catch a new variety of trout and enjoying spending time on the water with your fellow club members, by participating in this outing you can help the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife evaluate the new fisheries. Since the tiger trout must be released, it is difficult for ODFW to collect information about them. We will compile information about the fish we catch and provide it to the Department.

David Haight, Outings Chair



This tiger trout was not from Fish Lake; however, there should be some like it waiting there for our November outing.

Jeffrey Bernard's Celebration of life

There will be a party to celebrate Jeffrey's Bernard's life. There will be a pot-luck on Sunday Oct 8th, from 1 to 6 pm at their home--Little Creek Ranch-- at 2900 Siskiyou Blvd in Ashland. Please dress casually and bring your favorite fishing stories: be ready to enjoy music and shared food with Jeffrey's large "family".

Thanks, Jan Rowe

Roadside Cleanup

Just a reminder about the Hwy 62 clean-up on Friday, October 13th.

We will meet at the McDonalds on Hwy. 62 just south of Antelope Rd at 9:00, assign areas and gear and be done by 11:30.

It's a bit messy along our stretch so it would be great to have a decent number of members willing to help. It's been suggested that we bring our gear and do an informal fishing trip out to the Holy Waters afterwards. I think it's a great idea and plan on heading there after we're done.

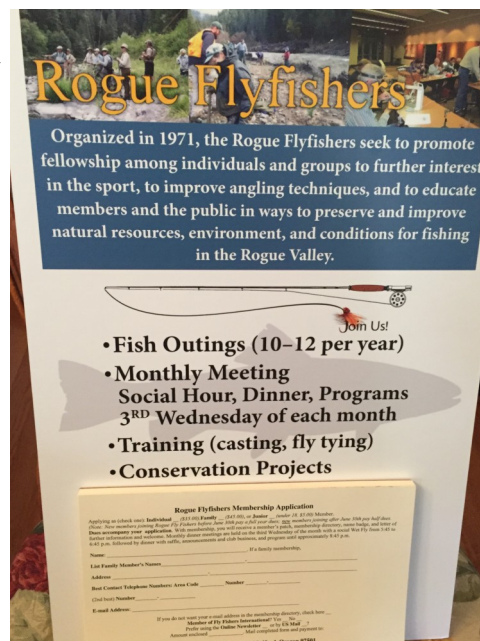
Greg Hart

Membership drive

We started a new membership drive in September. The informational placard and new membership forms are being placed at all of our locations that graciously distribute our monthly newsletter. Those current locations are: The Ashland Fly Shop, Rogue Valley Anglers, The Fishin' Hole, Dicks/Field and Stream, Sportsmen's Warehouse and Blackbird.

We will also be displaying and promoting new memberships at all of our supported functions, such as Fly Casting and Fly Tying classes.

Please let Don Dabney know if you have additional locations we could promote RFF.



The ASHLAND OUTDOOR STORE is rewarding the Rogue Flyfishers Club!

All purchases made by club members and their friends at the Ashland Outdoor Store will result in 1% of sales rebate check back to the club. No matter the size or amount of purchase. So get out and shop at the Ashland Outdoor Store. When you make an in-store purchase let them know you want your purchase applied to the Rogue Flyfishers.

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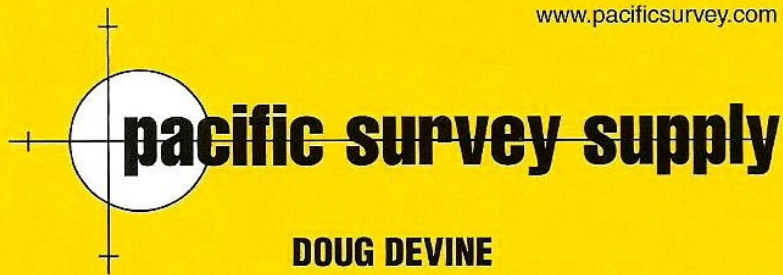


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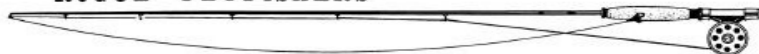
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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining 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 _____

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