



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

GO FISHING!!!

Until things open up, there are many places to go fishing. Then you can send a story to the poor newsletter editor.

Add pictures if you can.

Get out and enjoy or go out and help those affected by the recent fires.

There are many that are in need.

Our long time friend of fly fishing, Frank Moore, is one of those displaced by fire. Frank's Gofundme account is here:

<https://gf.me/u/yzw55r>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Steve Day

Summer continues to hold firm as we inch closer to Fall. Record high temperatures here in the Rogue Valley certainly increase the anxiety level for many of us that reside in this beautiful place. We really could use some rain.

This year has been tough. The Pandemic took a grip on our country, our State and our local communities and if that weren't enough, the wildfires have been devastating to many, including a couple of our Club Members who lost much.

This message comes at a time, at least for me, where I find I'm grateful for the many of the blessings in my life. The thought of complaining about anything seems selfish and wrong when looked at through the eyes of those that have suffered enormously.

I am hopeful by nature and believe most of you would go out of your way to help those around you if the need arises. Often times folks are reluctant to ask for that help even when a helping hand would ease the situation.

I'm encouraging everyone to speak up if in need or know of someone who could use some help. Our group is full of capable and giving individuals that can make a real difference.

With regard to Club matters, we are still in a general holding pattern with the exception of Club Outings that are going along as planned. Take advantage of this. Go out, have some fun and enjoy it while you still can.

Stay well and if you can dance, do it for rain,

Steve

Outing to Target Bull Trout on the Metolius River

The Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers plan to hold a joint outing to the Metolius River (fires permitting) on November 7 and 8. The Metolius River is well-known to fly fishers for its beautiful scenery and great, though challenging, fishing. It flows through mature Ponderosa Pine forests northwest of Sisters, and has good populations of rainbow trout, brown trout, and mountain whitefish. In the fall, kokanee and bull trout migrate up the river, from Lake Billy Chinook, to spawn in tributaries. The bull trout can be quite large—many ranging from 20 to 30+ inches. While in the river, the bull trout can be very aggressive, feeding on the kokanee and other fish. Catching one of these big chars on a fly rod is quite a thrill.

We will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, the 7th, in the Day-Use parking area of Allen Springs Campground. Allen Springs and the other Forest Service campgrounds along the river offer picnic tables, pit toilets, and other basic amenities for those wanting to camp. If you choose to camp, be warned—it gets cold at night along the river at that time of year. For those that don't want to camp, there are motels and restaurants in Sisters.

Rods from 6 to 8 weight will work for targeting bull trout, with those at the heavier end being better if you hook a big fish or are casting big, heavy flies. Bring a floating line with a 10 to 15-foot sinking tip. (Full sinking lines and heads tend to wrap around the numerous snags on the bottom, which results in losing more flies.) Since bull trout usually prefer big meals, big flies tend to work best. Streamers ranging from three to six inches long that represent smaller fish are effective. Dolly Llamas, Zonkers, and other patterns that utilize rabbit strips are especially popular. Bull trout will also take large nymph patterns. Also bring 1X to 3X leader material, waders, rain gear, warm clothes, and your usual fishing accessories. You may also want to bring a light outfit and appropriate flies to target the rainbow and other trout.

Because there are several fires currently burning near the Metolius River, there is a possibility this outing could have to be modified or cancelled due to closures or smoke. If you are interested in attending, send me an email at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net so I can inform you of any changes.

This outing should be a lot of fun, and likely a new experience for many club members. I hope to see a number of you on the river.

David Haight, Outings Chair



Fisheries Science Scholarships

Each year, the Rogue Flyfishers provide scholarships to students in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University that we feel will go on to careers that will benefit the fisheries resources we value. While the Coronavirus has put many of the club's activities and much of the club's business on hold, we were able to continue with the scholarships for this year since we had committed to the scholarships prior to the pandemic and obligated money from last year's auction. Marie Heuberger and Jane Vinesky were the recipients of the scholarships for this academic year. They sent the following letters to the club to express their appreciation.

Rogue Flyfishers

My name is Marie Heuberger, and I am a recipient of the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship this year. I am writing to thank you for the opportunities that this scholarship will provide for me. I am currently a Junior at Oregon State University, and I have greatly enjoyed my time in the Fish and Wildlife department here. I am looking forward to deciding my specialization this year, and I am excited for the new opportunities that this will bring. With my career I hope to bring educational opportunities and passion for Fish and Wildlife to those both young and old. I want to be able to help preserve our native fishes, as well as interest those around me in doing the same thing. The wild is truly one of our most important assets, and my greatest hope is to help further this science. This scholarship will be a huge asset in helping me achieve my goals through the funding of my education. If there is anything I can do to help benefit the Rogue Flyfishers, please let me know. Thank you again for your generosity and investment in the future of Fish and Wildlife.

Best,

Marie Heuberger



Dear Rogue Flyfishers,

I wanted to begin by conveying my sincere delight and gratitude at being selected as one of your 2020 scholarship recipients at Oregon State University! I am honored to have been selected by a group that values conservation and education so highly.

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. My parents fostered a curiosity for learning and exploring in my siblings and I at a young age, and my love and fascination for the natural world has been a driving force in my life for as long as I can remember. Though I always wanted to work with animals, I spent my early twenties in pursuit of what Midwesterners would call a more 'sensible' degree. Growing up 500+ miles away from the nearest ocean and afraid of deep water, it was easy to be convinced that working in marine science was an unfeasible career option. It wasn't until age 25 that I gained the courage to pursue my dream degree and a career in marine science. Since that decision, my entire life has changed, and I have learned to love the possibility of deep waters instead of being afraid.

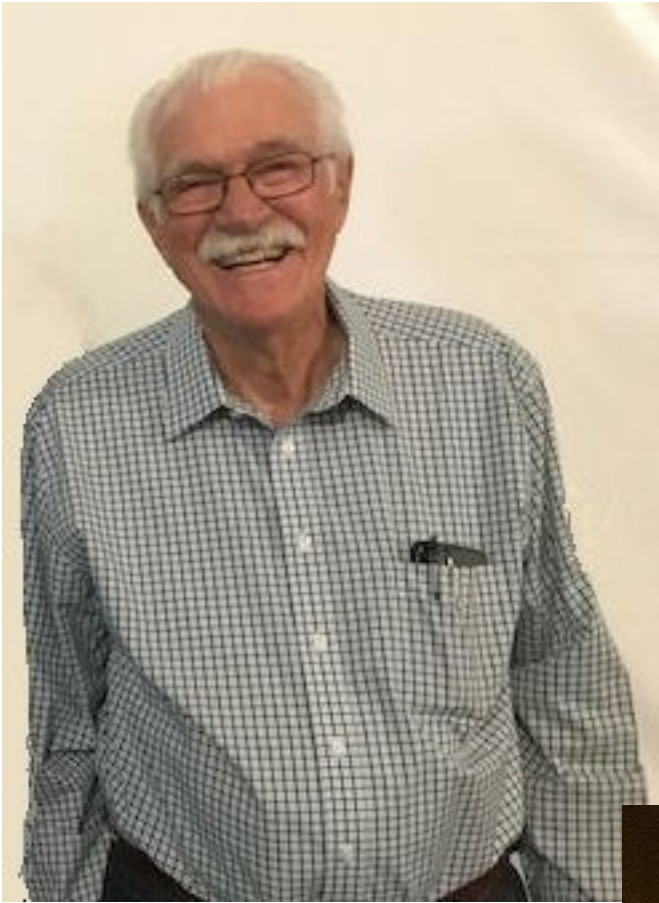
While my class rank is senior, I have just completed my first year as a full-time student in Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State with a 3.72 GPA. I am expecting to graduate around early 2022, and after the conclusion of my undergraduate studies will be applying to postgraduate programs. Through an internship I began in 2019, I have been privileged enough to work with threatened marine megafauna in the field. I am especially interested in our relationships with these animals and how we can improve them to prevent further species decline. I remained with the NGO after the completion of my internship, and volunteer remotely in our community outreach efforts, volunteer and new intern coordination, English language editing, and data analysis. As a financially independent student, I spend a significant amount of time working as a restaurant server to cover the costs of my education; receiving this scholarship will enable me to allocate more time to my studies and volunteer work. My role as a student is incredibly important to me, and I treasure this opportunity more than I can describe. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to sharing and protecting the beauty of our aquatic ecosystems.

Warm regards,

Jane Alban Vinesky



Club Member Receives Coveted Frank Moore Conservation Award



Thomas Collett, an active member of Oregon Fly Fishers International (FFI) for many years, has been named this year's recipient of the coveted Frank Moore Conservation Award by Oregon FFI. He has been a longtime champion for activities associated with conservation of fly waters on behalf of Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Fly Fishers. He has also been very actively involved with Rogue Climate Change, Rogue Riverkeeper, and Water Watch non-profit organizations, where he has led the opposition for years to the proposed liquefied natural gas project proposed by Pembina to be built in the State of Oregon. Tom has not only attended meetings and rallies in conjunction with this project for over fifteen years, but he has also served as the local "champion" for opposing the project and kept our club members and the public informed in regards to the damage this project could do to our valuable fisheries. Tom is very deserving of this honor and should be congratulated by all of us who are fortunate enough to know him.



Sad News

RFF club member Ron Fox passed away unexpectedly on Friday September 18, 2020. Sympathy cards can be sent to his significant other Lisa or to Ron's family in care of Lisa at:

Lisa Marston

8054 W. Evans Creek Rd.

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During this time of Covid, we want to be able to celebrate his life in a safe way with as many people who want to join us. With that said, the URL below will take you to the memorial website where you can share pictures or remembrances. Also, if you wish to attend the memorial service on **Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 PM PST**, please click the **Add to Calendar** button to access the virtual ceremony.

If you wish to contact his son directly, you may email him at brian@hosmerlake.com

Virtual Service Website: www.gatheringus.com/memorial/ronald-ron-fox/5212

Waste Spill

ODFW learned about this this afternoon. There was a partially treated sewage waste water spill at the Medford Plant this morning. Thank goodness, this wasn't raw sewage, but it was still not fully finished being treated. Still...no Bueno. Up to 70,000 gallons of partially treated sewage water entered the Rogue, just downstream of Touvelle at 830 this morning (9/11/2020). Rogue Sewer Services did send out a press release, but with so much going on, not sure if it got picked up. We received notice from the Emergency Spill Response System, this afternoon. Anyway, spread the word. May not want to go swimming for a day or two!

Ryan Battleson

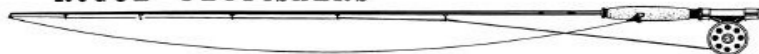
Auction News (Yes, we have some)

As you know, in August we conducted a limited auction of a few items we had donated to us that either had a limited shelf life or an expiration date. The September newsletter contained the names and bids of the successful bidders. Thanks to all those who participated and congratulations to the successful bidders! For those mathematically challenged, we took in a total of \$ 560.00.

We've got our fingers crossed that we'll be able to have our "normal" auction in 2021. The date has been set as May 8 so go ahead and mark your calendars now. If we are still in this health emergency at that time and large gatherings are still not possible, we've exploring other ways we may be able to conduct some fundraising activities including the possibility of an on-line auction. If anybody has had any experience in setting up and / or conducting such an event, please contact me! Your help would be most appreciated. Hopefully that won't be necessary but it's better to prepared for all possibilities.

Tim Bolling
Auction Chair

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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,

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