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Rogue Flyfishers

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.

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PROGRAM

“LET’S GET BACK AFTER IT!”

With a little luck and good fortune, we will be back meeting in November! The Dinner Meeting days will change to the third Monday of the month and the price will go up three bucks.

We’re excited and Centennial has expressed they are happy to be able to continue the relationship with us!

Hopefully we’ll see everyone on November 15th! Keep an eye on the Newsletter in the next few months for additional information.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Steve Day

'Canceled' or 'Cancelled'?

As a function of my inquiring mind, I often peruse the newsletters of other fly fishing clubs. Part of my interest is to keep abreast of the business and activities around the fly fishing world and the other is purely for sake of curiosity. Unfortunately, much of the activities of many of the clubs, has come to a sudden and lengthy stop, such as we have. But one thing of interest caught my eye. I noticed that as functions, meetings and activities became a victim of what seems like this never-ending plague, some were 'canceled' and some were 'cancelled'.

Those of you that know me well, can attest that spelling and grammar are not high on the list of my blue-chip qualities, although I do try my best and this caused my editorial mind to cry foul. Something here is amiss.

A little research revealed that both forms are correct? The one *L* version is most common in American text and the two *L* version is more common in British text. Oh, but then it gets better. I also learned that the 1806 version of Webster's Dictionary spelled the word as 'cancelled' but the 1828 version spelled the word as 'canceled'.

My first reaction was simple. Some dude, (Oh that's bad. Not gender neutral.) made a typo! This brought about another query. When the heck was the first typewriter actually made? Bingo, 1878. So, the typo theory doesn't hold up, it's bunk. I guess we'll need to call it something else. Besides, can you imagine having to re-write Webster's dictionary by candle light after several stouts while using a quill pen! No thanks and I won't go into the history of writing instruments but I learned a few things there as well. Sorry, it's insidious, trust me.

The whole point of this dialogue was to point out my utter frustration with things being '**Canceled**' or '**Cancelled**', if you prefer. But lucky for us, they can't cancel everything!

The following is a good example:

Last year I was scheduled to travel to Alaska in September to fish some tidal areas for Silver Salmon. You guessed it, we got '**canceled**' or '**cancelled**'. This year however, we made it!

Our Vice President, Rex Thompson, Jim Gaumer, a good friend from Chico, CA and myself, spent five wonderful days fishing, catching and watching for bears. And believe it or not we only got '**canceled or cancelled**' once on the entire trip. We were unwittingly fishing some private property and as such, got the boot. **CANCELLED!** Two *L*'s for emphasis!

The weather was rainy but mild. Typical for south-east Alaska. And the best part, no smoke!

The scenery was splendid, (The only day we saw blue skies)





the fish were plentiful,

as were the bears.



The only other cancellation suffered on the entire trip involved our “Official Bear Security Officer”. It seems as though while Rex and I were hard at work fishing, our “Official Bear Security Officer” was asleep at the wheel. He won’t have that job next time! Maybe he was an Editor for Webster’s dictionary sometime in a former life. That’s how stuff like that happens! Trust me.



In closing, whatever you do, don’t get ‘**canceled**’ or ‘**cancelled**’, before you get out there. Have fun, love fully and enjoy those things you can, while you still can.

Wishing you all the very best.

“I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result of someone taking me fishing”



WE'RE INVITED

Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will resume monthly Dinner Meetings in October. They have graciously invited any Rogue Flyfisher Members to come and join in the fun.

The Meeting will be held Thursday, October 21st at the Grants Pass Golf Club. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30. Menu still to be determined, RSVP will be required to SOFF and it is believed dinner will be \$25.00.

More information will be provided as it becomes available but plan on attending.

The Presenter for this evenings meeting will be Dennis Lee.



Summer Steelhead in Northern California and Southern Oregon Rivers

Presented by Dennis P. Lee

Program Description

Summer Steelhead in Northern California and Southern Oregon Rivers focuses on fly fishing for half-pounder and adult summer steelhead in the Rogue and Klamath rivers. The program includes and highlights material from Dennis' book, *The Half-Pounder, A Steelhead Trout Life History and Fly Fishing* (2015). This includes information on the origin of steelhead and half-pounder names; steelhead evolution, distribution, and life history; important Oregon and California summer steelhead rivers and run timing; fly fishing equipment and fly presentation; and historical and current summer steelhead flies. The book was published by Gardull Graphics, Folsom, CA, but unfortunately is out of print and copies are not available. However, Dennis's latest book, *California Winter Steelhead, Life History and Fly Fishing* (2021) is available online at www.dennisplee.com.

Presenter Biography -

Dennis is an avid steelhead fly angler and caught his first half-pounder steelhead from the Eel River in 1968. He began tying flies while attending Humboldt State University where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fisheries in 1970.

Began a 36-year career with the California Department of Fish and Game at the Nimbus Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery helping spawn and rear Chinook salmon and steelhead, retired from the Department in 2006 as a Supervising Fishery Biologist.

Throughout his career, Dennis supervised, helped developed, or worked on a variety of programs, projects and studies including -

Russian River Coho Salmon and Steelhead Study,

Trophy Trout Program,

North Coast Fisheries Management and Timber Harvest Review,

Central Valley and Sierra Nevada Fisheries Management,

Klamath River Salmon and Steelhead Study,

Heritage and Wild Trout Program,

Lake and Reservoir Program,

Sport Fish Restoration Program, and

Central Valley Angler Survey Project.

Acted as the Department's liaison to the Klamath and Trinity Restoration Advisory Committee and the Director's Sport Fishery Board,

Helped promulgate sport fishing regulations, and reviewed legislation pertaining to management of California inland and anadromous fishery resources,

Awarded the Director's Superior Achievement Award for work on northern pike control, and the development of an interactive computer-based fisheries information and data system.

Appointed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the California Hatchery Scientific Review Group in 2010, a nine-member science committee tasked with reviewing California's anadromous fish hatchery programs and providing recommendations for improvement.

Past president of the California-Nevada Chapter and of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society. He and his wife Wendy live in Folsom and Dennis continues to tie flies and fish for steelhead in northern California and southern Oregon. More information can be found at www.dennisplee.com

WHAT PATH ARE WE GOING TO TAKE?

The Columbia and Snake River Basin was once the most productive wild steelhead watershed in North America. This year all of us throughout Steelhead country are watching the worst return ever documented unfold in real time. It is a heartbreaking loss and tragedy in the making. Many things contributed to this decline and it is going to take large, consequential efforts to turn it around.

In a recent blog post, Rich Simms, a Wild Steelhead Coalition co-founder and board member, reflects on the shifting baseline, his decision not to fish this year, and calls on Steelhead anglers and the sport fishing industry to rally together to protect and restore these struggling populations and rivers. He writes, “I’m going to continue using my time I would have spent fishing, and some of the money I would have spent, to keep fighting for wild Steelhead. I’m going to write and meet with commissioners, political representatives and fishery managers and talk to my fellow anglers and friends in the sport fishing industry. Together, we have huge questions to answer and tough decisions to make.” [READ MORE HERE.](#)

<https://www.wildsteelheadcoalition.org/news/path2021>

New Fishing Tool



This is the logo for the app “what3words”. Imagine this scenario. You are in your boat and have found a spot where the fishing is fantastic. You really want to mark this spot so you can return to this exact location. You pull out your cell phone and mark it using “what3words”. At a later time, using your cell phone, you really do find the same exact spot again. The logo is red with 3 white slashes. A YouTube explanation can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qR9QVsIZW4>.

You can also share with others using the share button. Download the app and practice on this 3word location, **spring.shillings.raider**. This is a local place and you probably have been there. Another very cool feature is the interface with Maps. This is better than a GPS device.

Suggested by Tom Collett

Outing to Fish for Steelhead on the Klamath River

On October 23rd, the Rogue Flyfishers will head to Northern California to fish for steelhead on the Klamath River. We will float from just below Iron Gate Dam to Klamathon. The Klamath gets a good run of summer steelhead, and the area above Interstate 5 fishes well late in the season.

The tackle and techniques we use here on the Upper Rogue work well on the Klamath River. In October dead-drifting egg or nymph patterns through the long runs can be very effective. There is also plenty of good water for swinging flies. Like here, small, somber flies seem most effective. Barbless hooks are required. Six-weight single-handed outfits and light switch or Spey outfits are suitable. Bring a floating line, and if you want to swing flies during the middle of the day, also bring sinking tips. While there are a few places to fish from the bank, to make the float, you will need to bring a driftboat, raft, or pontoon boat. The float from Iron Gate to Klamathon has some minor rapids, but nothing too difficult.

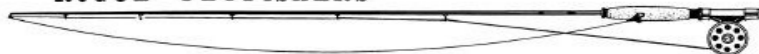
You will also need a California fishing license and a steelhead tag. A day license is \$17.02 and the steelhead tag is \$8.13. You can buy them locally at the Blackbird. You can also buy them on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website, but they will mail the steelhead tag to you, so if you buy it online, you will have to do so well ahead of time.

We will meet at 7:00 AM on the 23rd in the Rogue Valley Mall parking lot near the Crater Lake Avenue entrance and caravan from there. With all of the issue these days—wildfires, the pandemic, government closures, and so on—it is possible we could have to change plans. If you plan to attend the outing, please let me know at tmdrhaight@infostructure.net, so I can inform you of any changes

David Haight, Outing Chair



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Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
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.

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