

OCTOBER 2022

# 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



## 2022 FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND DINNER

**OCTOBER 8, 2022**  
**JACKSON COUNTRY EXPO**  
**PADGHAM PAVILION**

Doors open 4:00 PM

Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction close 5:30  
Dinner Buffet (by Back Porch Bar & Grill) at  
5:40

Live Auction starts at 6:45

Tickets are \$ 30.00 and are now on sale  
For additional information contact Tim Bolling,  
Auction Chair at [RFFishers90@gmail.com](mailto:RFFishers90@gmail.com)



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## President's Message from David Haight

It was great to see so many of you at our September meeting and to be back at Centennial Golf Club. It was a fun evening, and Chris King gave an entertaining and informative program. I am looking forward to our auction on Saturday October 8. It looks like we will have a good turn-out, and our Auction Committee has procured a lot of great items for the auctions and raffles, as well as made all the arrangements for a very enjoyable evening.

In addition to the auction, we have a couple of outings coming up: On Saturday October 22, Steve Day will lead an outing to fish for steelhead on the Rogue River. Then on Thursday November 12, I will lead an outing to the Klamath River, also to target steelhead. Both outings will involve floating a section of river. Driftboats, rafts, and pontoon boats will all work, and neither float will be too difficult. We would like to take members that don't have boats on these outings, so if you have a raft or driftboat and could take a passenger or two, please contact Steve for the Rogue outing or me for the Klamath outing.

You certainly don't have to wait for an outing to go fishing. Fall is a great time for fly fishing in Southwest Oregon. Not only are the summer steelhead arriving in several local rivers, many of our lake fisheries are picking up with the cooler weather. Several members have fished Diamond Lake recently, where they experience good fishing for nice-sized rainbows and have landed several trophy-sized tiger trout. The fishing for trophy redband trout has been good in the springs and tributaries around Upper Klamath Lake. It will likely be good for several more weeks before it starts to slow down as the trout disperse out into the lake as fall progresses. For those ponds and lakes that still have a decent volume and quality of water, the fishing for bass and panfish is picking up as the water cools.

Although attendance was much better at our last meeting, the last couple of years have been difficult for both our club and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers (as it has been for many organizations). Both clubs experienced low attendance at meetings and events, had difficulty finding people to fill positions and take on critical tasks, and experienced a loss in revenue. If this situation persists, there is a risk that one or both clubs will not remain viable; thus, would be forced to shut down. To address this problem, talks have taken place between the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers about merging. The Board of Directors for each club feel a merger would help ensure the long-term viability of a fly-fishing club in the Rogue Valley. Merging the two clubs would eliminate redundancies, save on overhead expenses, and concentrate the available talent and resources. We know there are some members that support the idea of merging and some that are opposed. To gain a better understanding of the desires of the members, we will be sending out a survey with several questions this month. Please share your thoughts by completing and returning the survey.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our auction on October 8! Please remember that this auction is the biggest source of revenue for our club. The money we raise not only helps to fund the operations and activities of the club, it also allows us to provide grants to support the education programs and conservation projects that we feel are critically important.



President David Haight with a tiger trout he caught during a recent trip to Diamond Lake

# OCTOBER OUTING

## MIDDLE ROGUE STEELHEAD

The Middle Rogue River offers some great Fall Steelhead Fishing with numerous options for drifting and bank access at several locations throughout its reach.

On this outing we will drift from Schroeder Park to Griffin Park. Schroeder Park is downstream from central Grants Pass. Located on river left and accessed from Redwood Avenue westbound to Willow Lane to Schroeder Lane. We will meet at the Schroeder Park boat ramp at 8:00 a.m. and self-shuttle to Griffin Park.

If you have a drift boat, raft or pontoon and would like to attend and row, or for those wanting to attend and don't have a boat contact Steve Day at (661) 742-5835 or [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) for more information.

This particular reach of the river offers both nymph and swing water for the fly angler. Single hand rods in the seven to eight weight range and two handers in the five to seven weight range are well suited to Rogue River Summer Steelhead.

Standard Steelhead nymphs and egg patterns are effective this time of year for the nymph angler and the swing angler can often times find aggressive fish with traditional Rogue River swing patterns in small to medium sizes fished behind single hand sink tips or two-handed setups with tips of T-8 or T-11.

## Auction Report

After not having an auction since May 2019, it's almost time to resume this critical fundraising event! We've got lots of great items including fishing trips, lodging, fishing gear, wine, restaurant certificates, entertainment packages, and more. Hopefully by now you've made a reservation to join us for an evening of camaraderie and fun. You'll find details elsewhere in this newsletter.

This Auction is normally held in May, but for a variety of reasons we had to postpone it this year until October. Given that we're only 7 months away from next May, the Board of Directors is having a discussion about not having a full auction in 2023, and instead having a limited auction along with a different fundraising event. If you felt strongly one way or the other, please let a Board member know.

While this is really only my second Auction and Dinner, I will be resigning my position as Auction Chair at the conclusion of this year. I've had lots of great help from many, many people and I want to express my deep and sincere appreciation to all of those who have helped or given me guidance during the past few years. I especially want to thank all of you who have attended or will attend the Auction as the money we raise is critical to the many programs and projects that are an integral part of this club.

## **Fishing, friends, new fishing friends, sharing great stories, and travelling in 2022**

Well 2022 has been a great fishing year so far and my favorite month is coming up. So it's probably going to get even better. I had a great winter steelhead season this year with new territory under my belt. Had a good trip hiking down into the canyon, and some good days on the Applegate.

Trout season was even better. I got my personal best trout this year on Klamath lake and had some of the best fishing in numbers and size at Diamond this year. While that was great something else was even better. Sharing the experience with other people. Some old friends and some new ones as well.

While the fishing was off the charts the shared stories were almost as good. Everything from great fishing, poor fishing, bears, handcuffing irate people who wouldn't listen to street signs, bad airlines, and other hilarious stories. Way too many to mention.

As some of you know I went to Newfoundland this summer with my long time fishing buddy and Mentor Bob. We've fished together for roughly 26 years now. The trip started off poorly. The airline lost our rods on the way to Newfoundland. Fortunately they found them before we went to the lodge, but the first 3 days with legendary guide Clarence on the Humber was challenging. Clarence had a 9 weight for one of us to use and an 8 weight for the other. We only had 8 weight lines, so we took turns using the underlined rod. Over lining is good, underlining is bad. After the first day of that we went to the local sporting goods store to buy rods since the airline said they would reimburse us for them. For a country that only allows fly fishing in their rivers they are seriously lacking in good equipment available to buy.

So we each bought a decent 8 weight since we had no idea if we would ever see our rods again. Some of those rods were irreplaceable and the thought of battling a claims agent to get them replaced wasn't high on our list. We just wanted to fish.

The Humber was tough due to unseasonably warm weather and water temperatures. Bob managed to raise 2 fish one on a dead drifted bomber and one on a blue charm wet fly. The one that chased the wet fly came from a good 50 feet away and was pushing a serious wake in the water. However the monster making the wake turned away at the last second at the end of the swing.

So we said goodbye to Clarence and headed off to the Gander river lodge. The drive across the island was easy. The highway was freshly paved most of the way and the only critter on the road you have to worry about are moose. No small animals or deer to worry about. When we got back to Gander, I took on the arduous task of calling the airline to see if they found our rods. After a short time on hold, only 35 minutes this time, low and behold they had found them. We went over to the airport and picked them up and had some celebratory drinks.

The next morning we left for the lodge and when we got there, we met up with the others who were also there for the week. A local Newfoundlander named Kevin, Pierre and Guy from Montreal, and 4 guys from the New Fly Fisher fishing show. Collin the host, Ryan the camera man, Tim, and Josh who were guests of Collin's. Well it seemed that Tim and Josh also had their luggage lost. All of it, not just their rods.

Between all of us we had rods, reels, and lines for them to borrow. However, no one brought spare waders. The lodge had an extra pair of hip boots that leaked pretty bad, but Tim and Josh took turns wearing them or fishing out of the boat. Their stuff showed up 3 days later around the time that the fish did so it wasn't a total loss.

Everyone at the lodge, the owner, cook, guides, and guests were all world class people. We ate well together 3 times a day, they had some sort of dessert with every meal. They eat some things for breakfast that I don't see as breakfast food like baked beans with eggs. It was actually pretty good. At the end of the day we would all hang out in the main lodge sharing stories of fishing trips, bear experiences, things our kids have said, and smack talking the airline that lost our stuff. Also the guides and cook were talented musicians and entertained us with songs of Newfoundland past and old sea shanties. One thing we all agreed on was that fishing for anadromous fish of any kind is not all about the catching. The experience of being somewhere new and sharing that with friends, both old and new was a bigger part of it. Catching fish was the icing on the cake, and we got our icing the last 3 days of the trip.

When it came time to leave, we all loaded our stuff into the boats and headed off to the airport or places to spend the night in Gander. We said our goodbyes exchanged numbers and wished each other safe travels.

Well the airline did not disappoint us on the way home. Our flight from Gander to Toronto was a little delayed. Not by much, but when we landed in Toronto and had to sit on the tarmac for almost an hour, we missed our connector. So the airline put us up in a hotel for the night and we had a nice dinner and a good night's sleep.

Being nervous about our bags on the way home we checked with the gate attendant and asked if our bags would be on that flight. They checked our bag tickets and assured us that our bags would be on our flight. Well they were not. When we got off the plane in Medford there were no bags, nothing. It's been 14 days as I write this and I finally got contacted 2 days ago saying they found my stuff, but not Bob's. They also said that they were shipping them fedex since they didn't trust the airlines to get them to me.

Even though gear was temporarily lost, and the fishing wasn't red hot I'd do it again. Well with 4 piece rods while wearing my waders and studded boots on the plane and having my other gear in my carry on. If they lose my clothes who cares. Hopefully it doesn't come to that, but the more I talk to others who travelled this year this might be the only option.

John Pogue

## Outing to Fish for Steelhead on the Klamath River

On Thursday November 10, the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers 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 river flows through a beautiful valley, and the fall colors should still be good, making this a great place to spend a day on the water.

The tackle and techniques we use here on the Upper Rogue work well on the Klamath River. 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 on the Rogue, small, somber flies seem most effective. Barbless hooks are required. Six to seven-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 a driftboat, raft, or pontoon boat. The float from Iron Gate to Klamathon has some minor rapids, but nothing too difficult. We will try to find places in boats for those who don't have a boat. If you need a seat in a boat or you have a boat and can take a passenger or two, please let me know.

You will need a California fishing license and a steelhead tag. A day license is \$17.54 and the steelhead tag is \$8.38. You can buy them at the Blackbird in Medford. 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. There is no convenient place to buy the license and tag on the way to the outing.



We will meet at 7:00 AM on November 10 in the Rogue Valley Mall parking lot near the Crater Lake Avenue entrance and caravan from there. Since there is a possibility that weather or wildfires could alter our plans, if you intend to participate in the outing, please let me know at [tmdrhaight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhaight@infostructure.net) That way I can inform you of any changes.

Kevin Reiten admires his first steelhead, which he caught during last year's club outing to the Klamath River

# ***Rogue Flyfishers Auction Schedule***

Jackson County Expo Padgham Pavilion  
October 8, 2022

4:00 PM	Doors open Silent Auction Bidding starts Bucket Raffle ticket sales begin 50/50 paddle sales begin Bar opens
5:30 PM	Silent Auction closes Bucket Raffle closes
5:35 PM	Welcome address Early Bird Raffle Drawing
5:40 PM	Dinner Buffet Starts
6:30 PM	50/50 Heads or Tails Door prize drawing
6:45 PM	Live Auction starts
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## ***Did I win something and how do I get it?***

### **BUCKET RAFFLE**

All winning bidder's numbers will be posted on a white board displayed near the Bucket Raffle area. If you have won an item or items, just show your bidder's number to an attendant and they will retrieve the item for you.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

All winning bidder's numbers will be posted on a sheet displayed on a board near the Silent Auction area. If you have a winning number, you **MUST FIRST GO TO THE CASHIERS TABLE** and pay for your item. You can then take your receipt and give it to an attendant who will retrieve the item for you.

### **LIVE AUCTION**

If you had a winning bid during the live auction, you **MUST FIRST GO TO THE CASHIERS TABLE** and pay for your item. You can then take your receipt and give it to an attendant who will retrieve the item for you.

## **RFF Members invited to Oregon Stewardship Event**

Oregon Stewardship is an organization that provides outdoor education to school students throughout Southwest Oregon. The Rogue Flyfishers supports their efforts and have been financial contributors to their program for years. Our members are invited to attend their membership meeting on Sunday October 16 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be in Bear Creek Park and will feature a short hike to view spawning salmon. They will meet near the BMX parking lot off Highland Drive. Call Carla at 541-770-2703 if you would like to attend.



### **OREGON STEWARDSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEETING ENJOY A SHORT HIKE ON PANTHER PRIDE TRAIL**

#### **VIEW SPAWNING SALMON**

**Sunday, October 16 at 1:00pm  
Carla –541-770-2703**

**Gear Creek Park near the BMX Park  
Barnett Rd. to Highland Dr.  
Turn left at first left to access the parking lot  
(about 100 yards)**

**We'll meet in the parking lot near the BMX parking Lot**

## **Passing of Rick Werner**

Long-time club member Rick Werner passed away on September 14. Though we hadn't seen much of Rick recently, he was active in the club for decades. He was also the Rogue District Wildlife Biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife from the early 1960s up until he retired in 1991. He enjoyed fly fishing for summer steelhead on the Rogue River, and once he retired, he join fellow RFF members on several fly-fishing trips to tropical destinations. Rick was a good friend and will be missed!

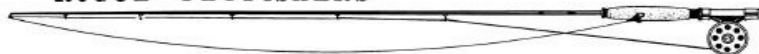
## **Help Wanted**

As we near the end of the year, it is time to start the process of selecting the Board of Directors to serve next year. We will likely have some positions open on the board, and we also need people to serve as Chairs and members of various committees. If you are willing to help out, please contact President David Haight or any of the board members.

## **Club email system**

Please do not reply to messages that you get from RFFmail. Your replies are not monitored and will not be answered. If there are questions about printed newsletters, please contact Steve Ostrander [sostrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sostrand47@gmail.com)

## ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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## Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
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](mailto:jimulm9@msn.com)

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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.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_. If a family membership,

**List Family Member's Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

(2nd best) **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here \_\_\_

**Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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