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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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MEETING

Rob Perkins



Rob was fortunate to have grown up in the Pacific Northwest, spending the majority of the summer in Pacific City pursuing the many fishing opportunities in the region. By the age of 17 he was exploring the Pacific Ocean with friends from their classic, 1960 double ended dory, in search of rockfish and salmon.

Rob's primary focus is on fly fishing for salmon, steelhead, tuna and rockfish on the North Oregon Coast. He has been fly fishing, tying flies and fishing from a dory for over 30 years. After reading Fly fishing for Pacific Salmon by Les Johnson and Bruce Ferguson, began fly fishing saltwater in 2008 and hasn't used conventional gear since.

When not fishing you will find Rob advocating for our wild places, enjoying the outdoors, fly tying and woodworking. Building wooden boats is a passion, having built drift boats and Pacific City dories. In July of 2021 Rob and his wife Erin completed the latest dory, "Vision", A 23' Pacific City dory.

President's Message from David Haight

It was great to resume meetings in September after our summer break. It was fun to see everyone, find out about their summer adventures, and hear about their fishing trips. Thank you to Scott Wright of River Design Group who filled in as our speaker, at the last minute, when Jim McCarthy of Water Watch had to cancel due to illness. Scott's impromptu discussions about the issues with Winchester Dam on the North Umpqua River, the planned removal of Pomeroy Dam on the Illinois River, and other topics were very interesting and educational.

There are a lot of benefits to being a member of the Rogue Flyfishers. In addition to the camaraderie and educational programs at the monthly dinner meetings, the club offers outings, classes, picnics, opportunities to acquire new gear, and a place to make new friends and fishing partners. All of these can be very helpful in advancing your skills in and enjoyment of fly fishing.



The Rogue Flyfishers also does a lot of work to protect and enhance the fishery resources we so value, and promote the sport of fly fishing. We do this in a variety of ways: We advocate for policies that are beneficial to our sport and fishery resources. We provide volunteer labor for habitat enhancement projects and fish population inventories. We supply instructors for environmental education classes and for classes that teach skill related to fly fishing. We also provide funds to support fish restoration projects and environmental education.

As a club, everything we do is dependent upon the members to volunteer their time and talents. We do not have a paid staff or anyone that is obligated to carry out these things for us. In past years, the members of the Rogue Flyfishers were much more engaged in these activities. We built fish ladders around dams, planted riparian vegetation, assisted with school programs, offered classes to the community, and testified at public meetings. While we do have some members who still engage in these important activities and some members who work hard on the basic tasks necessary to keep the club operating, the percentage of the club members who do so is not what it used to be.

The Rogue Flyfishers really needs additional people to help with the running of the club and to help fulfill our mission. We have two board members retiring from the Board of Directors at the end of this year and need two people to take their place. The Board of Directors makes decisions on behalf of the club and conducts much of the essential business of the club. We also need someone to take on the job of Program Chair. This person arranges for the speakers for our dinner meetings. Since some meetings have other activities, this involves only seven speakers per year. Since Steve Day has arranged for speakers up until our summer break and I am arranging a speaker for October, there are only three speakers left to obtain for 2024. This is a job that gives you the opportunity to visit with some of the big names in fly fishing, and should be fun.

Our Auction Chair recently stepped down, due primarily to work obligations. As the previous Auction Chair, Tim Bolling is guiding the Board Members in an effort to put on the auction as scheduled next May. As the club's Treasurer, Tim is already doing more than his fair share for the club, and it is not reasonable to expect him to be responsible for the auction as well. Tim has divided preparation for the auction into categories, and we are looking for members who will be in charge of each category, as well as people to help with various tasks. Having a successful auction is essential to the operation of the club, and it allows us to support important environmental and educational programs.

This is your club, and it will be as successful and as beneficial as you want it to be. We can't expect just a few members to do all the work associated with the club. With enough members participating, we can make light work for everyone, and we can have a successful club that meets the needs of our members and makes a meaningful contribution to the environment and the sport of Fly fishing.

AUCTION HELP NEEDED!

Due to a change in requirements in her work, Tammy Dedrick has had to resign as Auction Chair. As the past Auction Chair, I am willing to help as much as I can with preparing for and putting on the next auction, but with my duties as treasurer and personal reasons, it is not possible for me to take sole responsibility for the next auction. That auction is scheduled for May 18, 2024, and we have already paid deposits to Centennial Golf Club and to Back Porch Bar & Grill. To have a successful auction, we need people who would be willing to take on a position as a “manager” of one or more of the various tasks that are required. Those tasks are:

Donation solicitation – This Manager would organize a committee to go visit local businesses and solicit donations.

Auction promotion – This would require one or two people to produce promotional material and distribute that material to other clubs, sporting good stores, and any other location that would be visible to potential attendees.

Donation organization – This would require one or two people to inventory our existing donations, receive and record new donations, and prepare material for the various auction categories (live or silent auction, bucket raffle, etc.)

Auction infrastructure – This would require one or two people to inspect, repair, and/or replace the material used to display the items at the auction, work with Centennial to determine the layout of tables and displays, and organize help for set-up and tear-down.

We are committed to having this auction so *please* consider taking on one of these tasks as a Manager. Contact me (timbolling328@gmail.com) or any other board member if you help.

Thoughts From Mark Dewey

Well the air is getting crisp at night nowadays, fall is upon us and so is fall steelhead fishing in the mighty Rogue! I love this time of year in our area. The trees turn color, it's not so hot and although fishing this year has been a little hit and miss if you're there at the right time and day it is ON! I guess that's why they call it fishing. I caught a nice bright native chromer near Touville park and it was a blast! I was using an ugly bug with an ice cream cone below it, he grabbed the bug and that gave me the bug! You know that feeling of "this is not a small fish" feeling and it was awesome. ODFW dropped some re-treads in the river at Denman a around the first week of September but from most reports I am hearing there are natives being caught and that there are great days of fishing. Our September club meeting was great with an impromptu speaker who works on getting the dams removed that have no benefit, impede fish runs and spawning. There were several first time people at the meeting and also new members, it was nice meeting with them and hearing their stories. If you would like to know more about what goes on behind the scenes we are looking for new board members. The next board meeting is Wednesday OCT 4th at 6PM - 228 N Holly St, Medford, OR 97501.

Please join us! Some of the board member team have been on the board for quite some time and they have decided to retire which gives club members an opportunity to be on the board here is your chance to get in. There are some members who renewed their positions but there is room to help the club out. Also we could use some volunteers to help at the Auction coming up in May of 2024 so please let one of us know (Tim, Dewey) if you're available. There are lots of different things to do to contribute to our club and I hope if you have time to help us that you can join in the fund raiser, it is the clubs main event. I really enjoy the fellowship of the club and the stories we get to share. John is heading up a Rogue Steelhead outing on October 14th and it will be a great time so come join us. Don't forget to see our website for all the information on the next dinner and upcoming events @ <http://www.rogueflyfishers.org>. For now happy fishing and I will see you on the water!

Dewey
Board Member

Diamond Lake Wooly Bugger

We all have numerous wooly bugger patterns, but this is one I did not have until enlightened by our digital guru, Steve Ostrander. He said that Diamond Lake resort claims to have originated the pattern, but, regardless, it works well on other Cascade lakes as well. It certainly worked one day last summer at Rocky Point! I don't know why, but there seems to be something magic about burnt orange marabou tails.

Materials:

Hook - #8 nymph. Daiichi 1530 (2XH, 1XS) or Mustad 3906. But any similar hook will do.

Thread - black

Tail – burnt orange marabou, about 1½ shank length, with a couple strips of Krystal Flash or Flashabou atop

Rib – small Ultra Wire

Abdomen – medium olive chenille

Hackle – grizzly saddle. Cree would probably work as well.



Instructions:

Pinch down the hook barb, place the hook in the vise and tie a thread base back to the bend.

Select a burnt orange marabou feather, hopefully one with fluffy barbules all the way to the tip. Pull or cut off about 10 or 12 barbules and tie them on to be 1½ to 2 times the length of the hook shank. Add a couple thin strips of pearl Krystal Flash.

Tie in a 2-3" piece of Ultra Wire (any color) at the tail but don't wrap yet. Let it hang. It will be used to counter wrap over the hackle after it is wrapped back to the tail.

For the abdomen tie on a piece of chenille long enough to wrap to the eye area and wrap it up almost to the eye.

Tie down, leaving enough room for the head.

Select a grizzly hackle with barbs about as long as the hook gape. Find the sweet spot near the base of the feather shaft where it flexes freely when bent and tie it on near the eye. Let the thread hang. Using your hackle pliers, palmer the hackle feather back to the tail in about 4 wraps. Keep the tension on and when you get to the tail, wrap the wire over the tip end of the hackle to secure it. Two wraps are okay but one should hold it in place. Continue wrapping the wire over the hackle up to the eye area and tie down.

Build up a head, whip finish and coat with head cement.

Jon Iverson

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

It sure was great to be able to get together again at Centennial Golf Club for the return of our regular club meeting. Unfortunately the September meeting actually cost the club money. We have to guarantee Centennial a minimum of 50 people at every meeting and if we don't have 50 people attend, they still charge us for 50. We do not make any money whatsoever on the dinner with Centennial charging us \$ 25.00 per person, the same as what we collect at the dinner. In September we only had 44 paid dinners, with 3 people who had made reservations not showing up. Fortunately we had 3 "walk-ins" so all we lost was \$ 150.00. So, if you make a reservation, please make every effort to attend and with total membership exceeding 160 people, we should always have more than the 50 people minimum attend!

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday October 18th at Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm
Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Roasted Veggies, Garlic Bread, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (October 13th) 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 Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or
call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

PROGRAM:

Rob Perkins

Salt water fly fishing

Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 10/18, 11/15. 12/20

Board Meeting 10/4, 11/1. 12/6

SOFF meeting 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

Outings:

Rogue Steelhead 10/17

Four Mile Lake 11/4

Check the Club Calendar for more information

OCTOBER OUTING

The October outing on the Rogue has been changed from October 11th To October 17th.

Dear Rogue STEP Volunteers,

I'm writing to thank you for playing such a huge role in my last 8 years as the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program Biologist on the Rogue; this was truly one of the most enjoyable chapters of my career to date. What made my job truly special has been the relationships and friendships that I've made during that same time. We've accomplished a lot for the Rogue and the fish that we all love and pursue. I've learned a lot from you, and I hope that you've learned at least a few things from me. I think we've all had a lot of fun in the process. Back in 2007 when I got my first fisheries job on the Rogue as a seasonal technician hardly able to back a boat trailer, I could never have imagined after stints in other parts of Oregon and Northern California, that I would have landed back in SW Oregon and had the privilege to be working on this river and with its fish in 2023!

It's bittersweet to be writing you to let you know that I've decided to take another position with ODF&W. I can assure you that this decision was not taken lightly. Over the next few weeks, I will begin transitioning to my new job as the Rogue District Wildlife Habitat Biologist. I will be focusing on projects that protect and enhance wildlife habitat, improving public hunting access and opportunities on private lands in the SW region (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, and Jackson Counties), leading the SW regional Access & Habitat program and citizen council, and assisting with other district wildlife tasks like wildlife surveys, hunter R3 efforts, managing budgets and contractors, writing grants, and giving land-use recommendations that benefits wildlife and their habitat. I don't know how long I'll be serving on the "&W" side of the ODF&W equation, but it is my hope that it will help me diversify my skillset and broaden my future career prospects. Trust me, I still love fish! I'll be working with private landowners, counties, cities, federal and tribal partners, and even volunteers periodically to help accomplish a lot of these wildlife goals, so some of you may get a call!

The Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) was started in 1981 and it will continue to get citizens engaged in fisheries management, monitoring, habitat improvement, education and outreach in Oregon and in the Rogue Watershed. There's 11 STEP biologists in the state and since it's inception thousands of volunteers have contributed hundreds of thousands of hours of their time to these goals and projects. I think it's one of the best programs in the Department, but I'm pretty biased. Its biggest asset is all of you that have helped to acclimate smolt and watched those adult fish return as adults (and hopefully catch the fruits of your labor), helped net broodstock, logged your summer steelhead catches, tagged trout in the Holy Water, rose your collective voices when a stream was in need of protection, rescued baby steelhead out of a drying stream, planted and watered riparian trees, helped a little boy get excited about raising a baby salmon in his classroom, or rebaited the hook of that little girl so she could catch her first trout! Dedicated volunteers are what make it all happen. Dedicated volunteers are what helped me do all of that, and helped me have fun every day that I got to go to work as the STEP Biologist. Volunteers and citizen participation is really what STEP is all about. You make it happen! I hope that you won't be a stranger, and I hope that you'll continue to be involved in our region's fisheries monitoring, habitat enhancement, and education.

I'll still be at the Rogue District Watershed Office here in Central Point, one desk over. My email will stay the same. I'll just be wearing a slightly different hat, and not giving them out as much as I used to! Please, stay in touch.

Yours truly,

Ryan

Ryan Battleson

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Great Days on the water

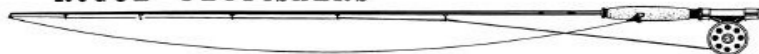
On Sunday (24th) Sue Labiste and Jan Rowe fished with Marlon Rampy on the Williamson after winning the bid in June's auction. They each landed a beautiful steelhead.



The Friday before (22nd) new club member Doug Foster and Jan Rowe fished the Rogue with Alex at RV Anglers. They each landed big steelhead also.



ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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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

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 ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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