



**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

### Ben Paull



Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics (OPST) is a group of steelheaders who focus on Skagit-style swing fishing for everything from king salmon to smallmouth bass. The Skagit River and the Olympic Peninsula have defined our products, the way we fish, and our philosophy.

OPST has taken the fly fishing world by storm by applying skagit style casting techniques to single hand rods and opening up this fishing style to the masses. They have developed their own lines, sink tips, running lines etc to make this an easy transition for people and it has taken off. We will hear from Ben about how you can apply these techniques to your fishing as well as his fishing experience and what's next for OPST!

From casting delicate soft hackles out 60 feet with a 3 weight, to blasting four inch weighted steelhead flies through sideways wind and rain, to bouncing heavily-weighted crayfish patterns into wood-lined bank pockets for smallmouth- it can all be accomplished through the use of Pure Skagit. In other words, this is one casting concept that can effectively meet the demands of many different angling situations. This singular focus also equates to a quicker route of learning and achieving effective casting consistency and proficiency.

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# Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The club resumes its regular monthly dinner meetings.  
September's dinner meeting will be Wednesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
Menu for September will be: Chicken Marsala, Pasta Salad,  
Caesar Salad, Brownies/Cookies

## **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday preceding the meeting.  
Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tms1910@icloud.com) or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday  
preceding the meeting.

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be **Ben Paull**

## **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.**



**Ashland Fly Shop Presents**

# **Rogue On The Fly**

**3rd Annual Fly Fishing Celebration on the Rogue**

**September 23-24th**

**Indian Mary Park | Merlin, Oregon**

- Casting Presentations
- Equipment Demos
- Food, Live Music
- Games, Raffle, Prizes

## **Presenters**

Ben Paull - OPST

Eric Neufeld - Winston

Jon Hazlett - Ashland Fly Shop

Bruce Berry - Beulah

Jeff Putnam - JP Fly Fishing

Charles Gehr - ACR

Charles St. Pierre - NW Spey Casting

Artwork by James Sampsel



**For More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/rogueonthefly/>**

## **Remembering Jeffery Bernard**

It is with deepest sorrow that I write to tell you that our fun and adventuresome fishing buddy and fly tier Jeffrey died on Sunday Aug. 20th. Jeffrey had been membership chairman of RFF a few years ago. He was diagnosed with ALS in April and he experienced an extremely rapid decline in his mobility and health. He was 69 and leaves his wife Debbie and sons Brandon, Josh, Chris and Toby, several grandchildren and a huge extended family of friends and relatives. You can email Debbie at [jeffrey.p.bernard@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.p.bernard@gmail.com) or send cards to 2900 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland 97520. His family will have an open house on Oct 8th (specifics to come later) to remember Jeffrey's life as a true "Renaissance Man".

Thank you, Jan Rowe

## **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](mailto:johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com) or 541-840-0183.

## **FALL 2017 PROJECT HEALING WATERS**

Coming up in less than a months time, we have the next opportunity to help a veteran. This program can make a huge difference in someone's life. It really came clear to me when I heard one of the veterans explain how it worked for him. "When I am casting I don't have time to think about all the s\*\*\* that has my life all messed up. I have to concentrate on my hands, arms, the rod and line. It just keeps your mind busy".

You don't have to be the best caster or fisherman to make a difference. Just being there tells the veterans that you care.

## **Kids and Creeks**

RFF has been invited to participate in the Kids and Creeks annual event at Bear Creek Park in Medford on September 23rd from 11 AM till 3 PM (set up at 10 AM). John Ward is taking on the recruiting duties to get at least 6 volunteers to do fly tying and casting. This is a fairly casual venue, usually lots of time to interact with the kids and parents. Contact John at 541-884-2015 if you can help out. Our club has been a regular participant at this event. There are a number of other organizations that also participate. There should be plenty of time for you to circulate around to visit the other presentations. As an extra bonus there's salmon in that section of Bear Creek during this time of year for you to check out. Use the Highland Drive entrance near the skate board park. Visers, tying materials, tools and rods will be provided by our club. You do not need to be an expert to participate, we can get you ready to go if you come a little early. Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity to reach out to our kid community...Ken Bonsi



## September Outing—Big Redband Trout on the Williamson River

Upper Klamath Lake is well known for its trophy-sized redband trout—an inland form of rainbow trout. These trout grow large on a diet of Tui chubs in the lake. Then in the summer and fall, they run up several of the spring-fed rivers and creeks, which flow into the northern end of the lake, to avoid the warm temperatures in the lake and to spawn. This creates an outstanding opportunity to catch some truly impressive trout on a fly. The Rogue Flyfishers will take advantage of this opportunity during a joint outing with the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers to the Williamson River on September 16 and 17.

The Williamson River has limited bank access, so it would be best to bring a driftboat, pontoon boat, or raft. Members can float the river from the Chiloquin access to the Waterwheel or Sportsman's ramps. Because the current is generally relatively slow, it is possible to just fish around one of the boat launches and take out at the same place you launched. You can also fish the stillwater section between Sportsman's and the lake with a lake boat.

Most of the fishing will consist of casting, swinging, and retrieving wooly buggers, streamers, or soft hackles. An ideal outfit for the Williamson consists of a six-weight rod, an intermediate line, and a 10 to 12-foot leader with 4X to 5X tippet. In the fall, small (down to size 14) wooly buggers, seal buggers, and leeches in brown, olive, or black work well. You should also bring a floating line and some weighted nymphs (red Copper Johns are a favorite) for dead-drifting through some of the faster runs.

There are a number of options for people that want to stay a night or two. I plan to spend Friday and Saturday nights at the Sportsman's River Retreat (541-783-3857, [www.sportsmansriverretreat.com](http://www.sportsmansriverretreat.com)), which is located on the bank of the Williamson River just above Modoc Point Road. They have RV sites, tent sites, and cabins. They also offer vehicle shuttles. Other options include the Waterwheel RV Park (541-783-2738, [www.waterwheelrvpark.com](http://www.waterwheelrvpark.com)), Melita's Motel and RV Park, and Collier State Park. The Lonesome Duck Resort ([www.lonesomeduck.com](http://www.lonesomeduck.com)), located on the Williamson River upstream from Hwy 97, offers upscale cabins and guide services.

People that come over Friday evening can look for me at the Sportsman's River Retreat. Otherwise, we will meet at the Chiloquin access, on Hwy 422 south of Chiloquin at 9:00 AM on Saturday. I plan to float from Chiloquin to Sportsman's and suggest others do the same; however, as mentioned above, there are other options.

The Klamath Basin in general and the Williamson River in particular offer some of the best trout fishing you will find anywhere. If you have not fished there, come give it a try. Even if you have, come join your fellow club members for a fun outing. If you are interested in going, please call or email me prior to the outing so we can figure some of the logistics ahead of time.

David Haight, Outings Chair 541-855-9043, [tmdrhaight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhaight@infostructure.net)



Tanya and David Haight display redband trout typical of what you would likely catch during the club's September outing



**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**

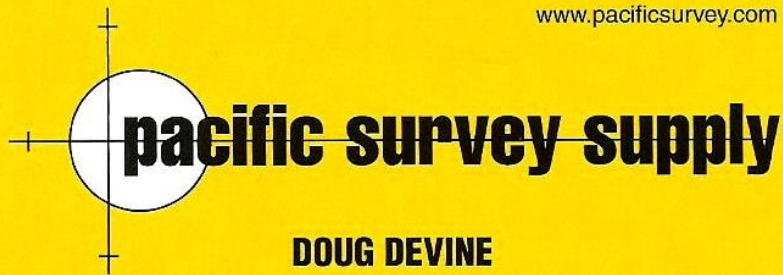


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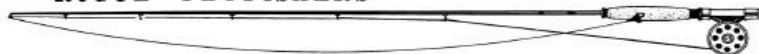
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The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

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.**

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