



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

Limited
Auction winners
Announced in this newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM STEVE DAY

“The Beauty Never Fails to Amaze Me!”



Some would say “It’s just a fish?” But a remarkable fish it is. Whether a Rainbow Trout, Steelhead, Bass or Sunfish, it is remarkable. From the colors or the form or the shape, a wonder of the aquatic world.

This and all the other wonders that accompany a day fishing, is to a large degree, why I fish. For as long as I can remember, I’ve been amazed by the blessings that have been a part of this wonderful exercise.

Although I have continued to fish through this pandemic, I have greatly missed the direct fellowship that the Club offers. The sharing of stories, the fish reports and the things that we do almost every month of the year which keeps us connected and inspired to learn and experience that which we love.

When will we be back? I don’t know and I have little in the way of news to pass along. We have suspended our normal schedule of business in almost every way. Board of Directors Elections, which normally occur in the Fall have been postponed until the return of normal business and all of your Board Members have agreed to continue to serve until such time.

I must however give a shout out to several of our valued folks. Tim has worked endlessly to manage our Auction and he deserves a big “Thank You!” Susan continues to manage our financial affairs, Steve O works tirelessly to ensure our Newsletter gets out on time and Jack Patterson and Jon Iverson manage our BLOG. Thank you all. There are not many Club functions occurring right now but those that exist are in good hands. We will someday get back to the good stuff.

In the interim, I highly recommend fishing. Get out, be amazed! For me, I live for it and “The Beauty Never Fails to Amaze Me!”

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

Article About Dam Removal

There is an interesting article in the June 2020 issue of Water Watch magazine regarding dam removal. Here is a link to their magazine:

<https://waterwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/WaterWatch-Newsletter.pdf>

Lower Rogue Halfpounder Outing October 3 and 4

The Rogue is one of only a few rivers that support a unique run of young steelhead, called halfpounders, which return to the river after spending only a few months in the ocean. These 12 to 16-inch fish spend the fall and winter in the river before returning to the ocean again prior to their first spawning run. Halfpounders are great gamefish. They eagerly take flies and fight like crazy once hooked. When the fish are in, the action can be fast.

The Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will host a joint outing to the lower Rogue River near Agness on October 3 and 4 to fish for these miniature steelhead. We will meet at the Foster Bar Boat Ramp at 9:00 AM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday. After a short discussion about equipment, flies, techniques, and locations; we will head to various access points along the river. There is a lot of good bank access in the Agness area, as well as several good drifts for those with boats.

Agness is a little over a two-hour drive from Grants Pass over the Bear Camp Road, so it is possible to get an early start and just come over for a day. For those that want to spend the night, there are plenty of options. There are Forest Service Campgrounds at Quosatana Creek and Foster Bar, the Agness RV Park (541-247-2813, www.rogueriverrvpark.com) has hook ups and showers, and rooms are available at Cougar Lane (541-247-7233) as well as several other lodges in the area. A good selection of motels and restaurants are available 28 miles downstream in Gold Beach as well.

A six-weight rod with a floating line is ideal for halfpounders. Trout Speys work great as well. The traditional way to fish halfpounders is to swing standard steelhead flies through runs and tailouts. Good patterns include the Golden Demon, Del Cooper, Skunk, Silver Hilton, Burlap, Brindle Bug, Tiger Paw, Golden Rogue, and Red Ant, all in Size 8 or 10. Nymphing is productive as well, even during the middle of the day. Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Copper John, Bloody Mary, Glimmer Nymph, and Flashback Nymph in size 10 or 12 are good choices. Chinook and Coho salmon will be in the river as well, so you may also want to bring along a heavier outfit.

Halfpounders are the fish that put the Rogue River on the fly fisher's map. If you have never fished for them, you really should give it a try.

David Haight, Outings Chair

OOPS!

Mark Dewey

I went fishing on the Rogue with Steve Galley on the Steve's Hyde Drift Boat. We were floating along and I decided to change the fly I was using. So I was turned around asking Steve for the fly box when my Rod slipped out of my left hand! I turned quick to watch the rod bounce off the front of the boat in slow motion. I grabbed for it but it dropped in a section of a rapid. I could see the rod but there was no way to get to it and we couldn't hold the boat in that section so off we went. Luckily I did have another rod but my 5 weight single hand is gone. Swiped by the river gods. Lesson learned - stay focused on what you have in front of you, trying to do too many things at once will bite you!

Union Creek outing Aug.22 , 2020

It was great to show up at the gathering at Union Creek and see so many familiar faces and exchange a few fishing stories with fellow fishers from RFF and SOFF. Good to see Teresa and Jan, Steve and Derick, John and Tom from SOFF and a few others . Dave Haight gave a super good presentation on the fishing opportunities from the Rogue source down to Lost creek Res. As we all circled around and respectfully kept our distance and donned masks. We then broke up and everyone seemed to have a different area in mind to fish so we decided to meet back up around noon.

I chose to fish Union Creek above Union as my wife and I had hiked that before and wanted to return to wet a fly there. My first stop I hooked a planter trout and thought well this is starting off well. I knew I had a lot of ground to cover and so didn't stay in one place long as I moved up the creek. It is a very pretty hike along the creek with a few places to access the creek , lots of old growth Pine that are huge and other assorted trees . The fishing is tough as the brush along the creek is thick, and I donated my share of nymphs. It's also a bit of a challenge to adjust to high stick flippin fly fishing. I kept the frustration level low and enjoyed the hike in maybe a mile and a half till the trail sort of runs out. I headed back stopping briefly and did manage to fulfill my desire to catch a brookie. They are an amazing and beautiful fish. I did not see anyone on the trail above Union Creek but when I returned through the area was amazed at how many people were there. Dozens of motorcycles and cars and campers , good to know people are enjoying our great outdoor opportunities and also that if you are willing to walk a little ways along a little creek with a fly rod you can get away from it all. Upon returning to our gathering, I learned that a few more rainbows were caught including one possible 14", and a brown trout. What a great outing and looking forward to when we can meet again.

Kirk Kowalke

Outing to Union Creek



Nine members of the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers had a fun outing to the Upper Rogue River near Union Creek. The weather was very pleasant and the scenery was great. We caught a number of trout, including rainbow, brook, and browns. Although the trout were small, they were beautifully colored. Plus, trying to present a fly in tight quarters offered a different challenge than many of our typical venues.

David Haight, Outing Chair

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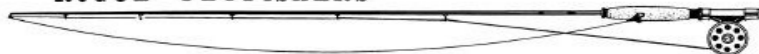
LIMITED AUCTION WINNING BIDS!

ITEM	HIGH BID	WINNING BIDDER
Stay at Green Springs Inn & Cabins	\$ 100.00	Peter Ware
Fudge from Farmhouse Treasures	\$ 40.00	Charlie Costner
Trader Joes Food Basket	\$ 50.00	Bob Hunter
Double Haul IPA	\$ 30.00	Keith Hardcastle
Bags of Coffee from Good Bean Coffee	\$ 50.00	Rob Patridge
Coffee Pods from Good Bean Coffee	\$ 25.00	Ray Heysell
Girl Scout Cookies	\$ 35.00	Dick Chambers
Dinner at Jacksonville Inn	\$ 70.00	Jack Patterson
Gift Certificate at Las Palmas Restaurant	\$ 25.00	Dick Chambers
Mount Shasta Resort Golf	\$ 60.00	Roger Schnoes
Lube, oil, & filter at Kelly's Automotive	\$ 30.00	John Pogue
Lube, oil, & filter at Kelly's Automotive	\$ 20.00	Jerry Ehlers
Lube, oil, & filter at Kelly's Automotive	\$25.00	John MacDiarmid

Thank you to all those people that submitted bids! I will be in contact with the winning bidders to arrange how to get the item to you.

Tim Bolling, Auction Chairman

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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
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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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