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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

"Today was a good day"



"Today was a good day." I had the pleasure of hanging out with a bunch of good friends, had lunch and laughed harder than I had for a long while.

A true story of old was retold and it was nearly as funny today as it was when it happened almost 50 years ago. And yes, it was a fishing story. A story about two kids, cat fishing on a canal in the desert, in the middle of the night. This story was complete with a suspect and a victim. It was a harmless adventure where I being the suspect, scared the daylight out of the victim. A well-played gift of the suspect's debauchery and victim's sensory overload with the perfect amount suspense playing on the victim's being scared of the dark, blended to create a short but intense moment of thrill. At least for me. And to the victor goes the spoils. Sometimes punking your best friend is as good as it gets. To relive it was wonderful and warmed my soul. Not all days are like this, not even for a good hearted, cup's half full kind of guy like me.

There are times when it can be all too easy to fall into the trap of being bummed about any one of numerous things. The smoke sucks, The Club's still in a holding pattern of sorts, the Pandemic seems to never end, the economy seems to be going in the wrong direction, aging gracefully is painful and at times depressing. The state of current affairs can be troublesome and then the more serious conditions of our health and the health amongst our family and friends, not to mention the inevitable losses we suffer along the way can swirl our condition into a dark place. I digress.

Today was not that day. "Today was a good day." For me at least, fishing has a way of creating good days. Nothing, or no one can take away those memories, I've spoken often of the wonderful experiences related to fishing and for me it has been a blessing.

Remarkably, it was just a couple of weeks ago that a very memorable day was spent fishing with a good friend on a spring creek to the east of here. I extended the invitation and my friend volunteered to drive.

This friend had never been to this area, so I became the official Navigator as he Piloted the winding, narrow road to our destination. Although very smokey, the dry fly fishing on this spring creek was good for Rainbows and Brook Trout. It was a hoot! We fished until almost dark before winding our way back down the mountain for home.



The road travelled to and from this area is good but littered with occasional sharp curves. Paying attention while travelling here (or anywhere) is generally a good idea.

Enter the sign!



I was reminded of a few things on this trip and learned a couple of good lessons as well. First reminder, road signs matter. That would be “RSM” in today’s world. Second reminder, motor vehicle operators should pay attention to those signs. First lesson, it’s the Pilot’s responsibility to know the technical language as it may be delivered by the Navigator. Secondly, it’s the Navigator’s responsibility to deliver any directives in a manner that can be understood by the Pilot. Although I knew the Navigator’s primary responsibility was to navigate and advise the pilot or driver as it may be necessary, I was not anticipating a total breakdown in communications. Well, the necessity to navigate and effectively communicate, came up quite quickly as we barreled past the 15 MPH Curve sign at approximately 65 MPH.

It was overly apparent that my driver had failed to see the VERY LARGE, REFLECTIVE, yellow, sign, warning of the impending nature of the righthand curve! I knew this curve and was fairly confident we would not negotiate it, at 65 MPH! I quickly assumed my role as Navigator and stated in technical Navigator’s terms, “15 Dude” as I motioned ahead. My pilot seemingly unphased, continued on. I then reiterated my previous directive quite forcefully and stated quite loudly while pointing ahead, “DUDE 15”!!!

It was at this moment, while continuing to rage down the road, my driver removed both hands from the wheel, turned in my direction while throwing his hands up and in a confused, excited tone and asked, “15 WHAT” ?!!!

Now certain this would not end well, I pointed forcefully ahead while exclaiming “THE CURVE !!!” It was at this moment that my Pilot, GOT IT!

Well, we got that sorted out and lo and behold! With a little hard braking while using most of the road (and I’m certain, a little help from a higher power), that twenty-five-year-old, Chevy, Suburban took that downhill, 15 MPH curve just fine at 35 plus MPH. An impressive display of American engineering with sports car like handling and some impressive driving under stressful conditions as well! Thank God nobody was coming the other way!

Oh, and my Pilot when asked, told me, “I don’t pay attention to those signs”. “Well DUH”, I replied. I knew that already, so I guess he was being redundant?

We laughed a bunch after giving thanks and “15 DUDE” has now become enshrined in our diction of technical terms for those times when paying attention matters. Or “PAM” in today’s world.

So, the moral of this story is to encourage all of you to first realize “PAM” is important as is “RSM”. But most importantly live, laugh and fish. Cherish one another during these trying times and focus on those things that warm your souls and fill your hearts with joy.

Go have a good day!

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

August 28th Umpqua outing

In spite of very low water and some smoke, a small group of Rogue Flyfishers attended the August outing to the Umpqua River and were treated to some excellent fishing for smallmouth bass. Jan Rowe and Susan Labiste each display one of the dozens of bass they each caught. Tanya Haight caught the biggest fish of the trip with a 17-ncher.



The club received the following note in July, but it got sent to my spam folder. It's always great to hear that young people are interested and we may be able to help and get help from them.

Thanks, Sean and Matt

Happy Saturday Stephen, Rex and Steve,

I hope you're having a good summer so far! As an assistant leader for my son's Boy Scout troop, I wanted to send the Rogue Flyfishers a thank-you note for putting together your links page. Our troop is currently working on our Fishing Merit Badge and the resources on your page helped us a bunch!

For the summer months, we encouraged the parents to work with the kids at home to make sure we stay on track. I've been putting together a list of activities that the kids can do from home for the Fishing Merit Badge. Your page led us to some great websites to check out so the troop and I wanted to make sure we thanked you!

The badge requires the boys to learn the basics of fishing. They also need to demonstrate how to tie the following knots: improved clinch knot, palomar knot, uni knot, uni to uni knot, and arbor knot, and be able to explain how and when each knot is used. I asked the troop to email me any good websites they found. One of the boys, Sean, found this guide which I was very impressed with....

Ultimate Guide to Fishing Knots, Hooks, Bait, and Lures
<https://www.hmy.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-fishing-knots-hooks-bait-and-lures/>

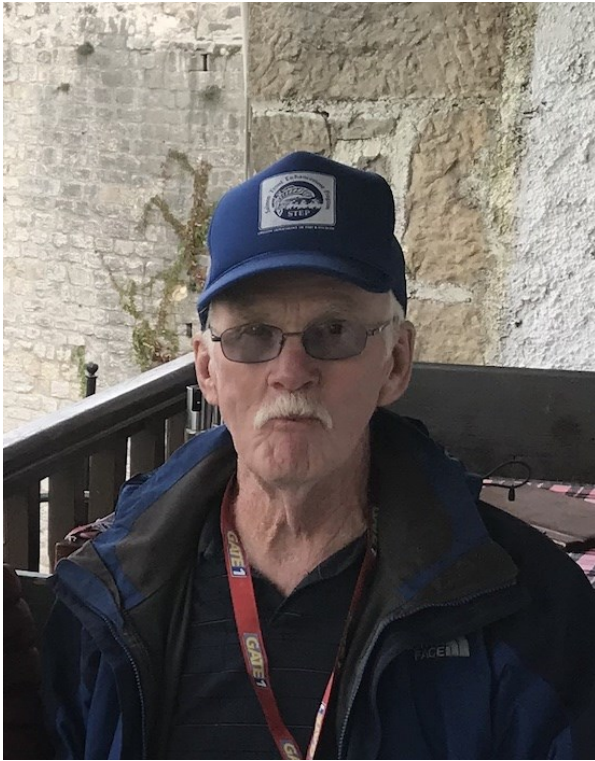
If it's not too much trouble, can you add a link to it on your page? <http://www.rogueflyfishers.org/rfffishylinks.htm>

I'd love to show Sean and his parents! It's always nice to get some recognition for a job well done. And I know Sean would be delighted to see he's helped other fishing lovers out there!

We meet Tuesday afternoon if you get a free moment to include it by then! I know the summer can be hectic though, so if not, whenever you get a chance to add it is great! I really appreciate it :)

Thanks again!
Matt Kelly

Passing of long time member Dick Chambers



With great sadness and regret comes the news of the loss of our long-time member Dick Chambers. Dick suffered a heart attack and was unable to recover. He passed the 22nd of August. Dick leaves a loving family, his wife, two sons and their families. Dick joined the RFF in 2001 and was active right up until the Covid Pandemic put a halt to the in-person meetings. Dick was involved with the club outings as well as the many conservation issues. Dick would show up at the conservation hearings and meetings when others were seemingly too busy. Dick was also a wood turner and played pickle ball. Due to Covid there no plans for a memorial at this time. We lost a steadfast friend.

September Outing to Target Big Brown Trout at Miller Lake

Members of the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers are invited to attend an outing to Miller Lake from September 15 to 17. Miller Lake is located in the Winema-Fremont National Forest just east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains near Chemult, and is known for producing large brown trout. Many consider it to be one of the best brown trout fisheries in Oregon. It is also stocked with large rainbow trout. This year, in addition to its usual generous allotment, the lake is also receiving the rainbows that were scheduled to go to Fourmile Lake, which is closed to access this year. This is making the trout fishing at Miller Lake especially good. The lake also has kokanee, but their numbers are low due to predation by the big browns.

We plan to camp in the Forest Service campground on the south shore of the lake. We will meet there for an orientation session at noon on the 15th. Just look for the club signs. The lake and campground are accessed via a decent but usually dusty and washboarded road that heads west off of Hwy 97 just north of Chemult. In addition to the usual equipment and supplies needed to camp in a typical Forest Service campground, you should bring water in case the water to the campground is shut off by then.

Miller is a deep clear lake, so the brown trout often head into deep water during the day. Fortunately, it is one of the few lakes where you can fish for trout all night allowing you to target the big browns when they move into the shallows to feed. Casting large streamers to the structure near the shore during periods of low light can be effective. Six to seven-weight outfits would be ideal for targeting the brown trout. Bring a variety of streamers and lines from floating to fast sinking. The various tackle and techniques typically used to target trout in lakes should work for the rainbows. Having a boat or other watercraft will make the fishing easier and likely more productive.

Since fire, heavy smoke, forest closures, or other conditions may force a last-minute change of plans, please email me at tmrhaight@infostructure.net to let me know if you plan to attend.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Auction News

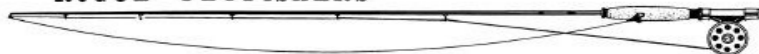
As we slowly resume activities, plans are gradually being made for our next auction and fundraiser. So, a date has already been set (May 14th), a location secured (Centennial Golf Club), and the auctioneer procured (Rogue Oregon Auctioneers, the same group we've used in the past). There are some changes however. The past couple of years catering has been provided by Centennial Golf Club and, as a result, there hasn't been any charge for the facility. Unfortunately, Centennial will no longer serve food in the event tent and there will be a cost to rent that facility. A search for an outside caterer has already started with the intent to have one secured by the end of October, if not sooner. If there is a caterer you would recommend, please don't hesitate to email me at timbolling328@gmail.com. I should note that Centennial will continue to provide food for our regular meetings in the main clubhouse.

After a caterer is procured, we will start the process of soliciting donations from businesses and individuals and the Auction Committee reconvened for that purpose. We already have a very good start on donations from the cancelled 2020 and 2021 auctions, so that process should be somewhat easier this time around. With additional costs though, it will be important to have high quality items in our live and silent auctions and bucket raffles so we can resume support of the many environmental, educational, and community projects that we've supported in the past!

Tim Bolling, Auction Chair



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Field & Stream	293 Rossanley Drive Medford	541-930-3254
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,

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