

SEPTEMBER 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

CHRIS KING
THE LOWER SAC and NOR CAL
THE SWING and MUCH MORE!



Chris was introduced to fly fishing at a young age. During his High School years in New Jersey, he traveled the eastern seaboard in search of trout with his Father. He spent 8 years in Colorado where he made his way west, where in 1998 he found a home at The Fly Shop. Chris is currently Master Certified, Two Hand Certified and an Emeritus Member of the FFI's Casting Board of Governors. Chris resides in Redding, CA with his wife and two children and has been guiding and teaching casting in Northern California for over 20 years.

Trout Spey is a wonderful way to spend the day on the water. Northern California has several venues that are perfect for swing fishing for trout. From Sculpins on a heavy sink tips, to soft hackles on scandi lines and poly leaders, you'll find seemingly endless runs of water that will suit your liking. Chris will be focusing mainly on the Lower Sacramento with its different seasons of swing opportunities and the techniques used to find the fish. He will touch base on some of the smaller venues as well as answer any and all questions you will have about the fish, casting, fishing techniques and equipment he prefers.

President's Message from David Haight

I am excited that we will be returning to Centennial Golf Club for our dinner meeting on September 21. It will be fun to get back together as a club to visit and to share stories about our summer adventures. Centennial will be providing a nice dinner, and Steve Day has arranged for a great presentation by Chris King on fishing with trout Spey equipment on northern California Rivers. It should be a very enjoyable evening.

We also have another great outing to look forward to. On September 18 and 19, Steve Day will lead an outing to Agness to fish for halfpounders. Steve will show participants where and how to catch these small steelhead in the lower Rogue River. If you hit the right section of river at the right time, as a wave of fish is moving through, the fishing can be phenomenal.

One of the club's biggest events for the year is just around the corner: our auction on October 8. There will be a lot of fantastic items up for bid. In addition, we will have a great dinner and refreshments will be available. The auctions are the main way our club raises the money for the educational programs, habitat enhancement projects, and other causes we support. Plus, the money helps fund the operation of the club. Since we haven't had an auction in over two years, it is important we make this one a success. Please be sure to get your tickets and invite your family and friends to attend.

As did many of you, Tanya and I went on a couple of fishing adventures during the club's summer break. We recently made a six-day float down the lower Salmon and Snake Rivers in Idaho. This is one of our favorite summer-time floats. The rivers flow through spectacular canyons, there are plenty of challenging rapids, there are beautiful places to camp along the way, the weather is typically good, the rivers have a lot of deep pools with sandy beaches that are perfect for swimming, and the fishing for smallmouth bass is great. While there are several rivers, like the Umpqua and John Day, that offer fantastic fishing for smallmouth bass, the average size of the fish in the lower Salmon and Snake Rivers is significantly larger. If you get an opportunity to make this trip, I would highly recommend you take it!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting!

David Haight



David Haight displays one of the smallmouth bass he caught on a recent rafting trip to Idaho.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday September 21st
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 \$25per person

Taco / Taco Salad Bar

Seasoned Beef
Seasoned Chicken
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Flour Tortillas
Salad Greens
All the Fixins
Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (September 16th) 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:

CHRIS KING

THE LOWER SAC and NOR CAL
THE SWING and MUCH MORE!

LOWER ROGUE RIVER

SEPTEMBER 18-19



**Because of the
Rum creek fire, check
with Steve Day before
you go. We may have
to cancel.**

The Lower Rogue River in the Fall should be on everyone's list of favorite places. For the fly fisher, this time of year provides a wonderful fishery with Half Pounder and adult Steelhead, Coho and Fall Chinook all present while coursing upstream to overwinter or spawn.

Our focus on this trip will be the immature Steelhead, known as Half Pounders. These ferocious, 12 to 16 inch, sea run, Rainbow Trout will readily come to the swung fly or dead drifted nymph and when you find one, there is a good chance you'll find a bunch.

The official outing will take place on Monday, September 19th but some of the Club Members are going to travel over on Sunday the 18th and get some early fishing in. On Monday we will meet at the Cougar Lane Resort parking lot in Agness at 8:00 a.m. Agness is approximately 28 miles upriver from Gold Beach. It should be noted that breakfast is not available in Agness at any of the resorts. From there we will disperse along the river to wade fish or drift. There are many access points along the river in the Agness area. A Streamtime Map can be useful to help identify points of access. These maps can be purchased online at www.streamtime.com.

Agness is located about two hours west of Grants Pass by way of Bear Camp Road, or a little over three hours by way of Redwood Highway west to the coast and north to Gold Beach then upriver to Agness. There are Forest Service Campgrounds at Foster Bar and Quosatana Creek and the Agness RV Park in Agness, www.agnessrvpark.com or (541) 247-2813. At the time of this article, all of the available lodging in Agness is booked full. Numerous lodging options are available in Gold Beach.

For the fishing you will want a 5 to 7 weight, single hand rod or a light two hander, all dressed with a floating line. Half Pounders are famous for aggressively taking the swung fly. Swinging tailouts and riffles, sometimes with a twitch, can be very effective for these mini-Steelhead. The list of traditional and notable swing patterns is extensive but it includes the Silver Hilton, Skunk, Red Ant, Brindle Bug, Coachman, Rogue River Special and many others in sizes 8 and 10. Nymphing can also be very effective in the deeper areas. Popular nymph patterns include Prince Nymphs, Hare's Ears, Sparkle Nymphs, Copper Johns, Pheasant Tails, Ice Cream Cones, Rock Worms and Bloody Marys, all in sizes 10 to 14.

Terminal tackle for the swing rig should include 2X or heavier for leaders and the nymph rig should possess tippets of 2X to the top fly and 3X to the bottom fly. Half Pounders are not generally leader shy and if by chance a larger adult Steelhead is hooked, you won't be out gunned. If your mission is to target Salmon, I would suggest heavier gear but that's a discussion for a different day.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call or email Steve Day at (661) 742-5835 or icrsrd303@gmail.com.

Early Bird Raffle



Everyone who made a reservation for the Auction and Dinner by 8/29 is entered into an “Early Bird Raffle” for a Rogue River fishing trip with Guide Jim Ulm!

The drawing will take place right before dinner on auction night.

See the August newsletter for Auction details.



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

Auction News

The items keep coming in! The Auction will have something for everybody. While we'll have plenty of things for the fly fisher, we'll also have some beautiful art, restaurant certificates, wine, books, automotive services, and tickets to various attractions and activities. PLUS we'll have a **VERY SPECIAL ITEM** in the Live Auction.

Keith Hardcastle handcrafted some of the most beautiful landing nets you'll ever see, but, unfortunately, they are no longer available. But we've got one through the generous donation of Tom Collett and it will be in the Live Auction with all proceeds from that item going to the ALS Foundation.

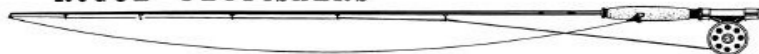
While the Early Bird Raffle has closed, there are still plenty of spaces available so get your reservations in now for what should be a terrific evening of camaraderie while raising money for all the educational, environmental, and community services projects the Rogue Flyfishers participates in plus the ALS Foundation.

Details on the auction can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tim Bolling



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Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

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| 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

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** ___?

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