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# NEWSLETTER

**April 2010**

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**The Rogue Flyfishers proudly present  
John Hyde  
Fishing opportunities at Yamsi Ranch**



**APRIL DINNER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 - RED LION HOTEL  
200 N. RIVERSIDE, MEDFORD OR**

***Wet Fly Social Hour 6 to 7 PM - Buffet Dinner and Raffle at 7PM***

This month's featured speaker is John Hyde, of the Yamsi Ranch.

John will present a multi faceted show -- discussing the history and daily operation of the famous Yamsi Ranch as well as the many opportunities for stellar fishing on both still-waters and the magnificent Williamson River.

This presentation will be great preparation for our outing on May 15th to the Yamsi Ranch and our "Walk the Williamson" day fish or overnight camp trip on May 27th through the 30th.

**This is a fascinating and beautiful place and this presentation will be enjoyed by all!**

Bring your fly and be sure to join us for this unique show!

## President's Message - April

Tragedy on the Rogue. On March 24, Ronald Dumas, Sr., 75, of Williams, OR, drowned when his drift boat overturned after striking a rock. Two others in the boat, his wife and a friend, survived. The accident occurred about a half mile downstream from Whitehorse boat ramp, downstream from the confluence with the Applegate River. I witnessed a similar tragedy about four years ago when a woman in a Tahiti was pulled by the current under a tree that had fallen into the river. The event was also witnessed by her husband and a friend in their Tahitis, and also another couple of anglers in their drift boat. Such a terrible helpless feeling comes over you at a time like that. We have had our share of near tragedies in our own RFF family. Otis Swisher is as experienced and competent an oarsman as you will find on the upper Rogue, and his story was reported in the local media after his boat turned over while celebrating the removal of Savage Rapids Dam. Nobody was injured and Otis's boat was eventually recovered and repaired, so this was a near miss that came short of tragedy. All of us who frequent the river have come close to serious problems, and the longer we drift the river the greater our respect for the river and its ways grows. I gained a little respect last fall while drifting Dodge Bridge to Tou Velle with my son, Ed. We got through Rattlesnake with no problem, but farther downstream we hung up on rocks as I was trying to sneak into a hole through the left side rather than on the right where the main current was. The low flow may have contributed to the problem, but in the end my son got out of the boat to lighten the load and remained there holding the bow line while I went with the boat over the small fall, then rowed back up in the eddy and picked up Ed. Not a life-threatening situation but certainly a strong reminder that when on the river, the river is in charge and we are only visiting, so we better follow its rules.

Mr. Dumas was not well known among Rogue Flyfishers, but in another sense he was very well known and familiar to all of us. He is that guy with whom you exchange pleasantries as you pass, leapfrogging from hole to hole. If you meet at the boat ramp you might carry on meaningless conversation while surreptitiously glancing to see what flies he is using, and whether he uses a big floating indicator. (It is important to learn as much as you can about the competition.) He is one of those hundred and one guys that you meet in passing who loves the river as much as you do, and the vast majority are decent friendly folks. We much prefer to fish the river without a crowd racing you to the next good hole, but when something like this happens it saddens us all. I don't recall asking any of these guys for his name or giving him mine, but still I feel that we knew one another. The phrase "kindred spirits" comes to mind and it gives one pause to lose somebody like that. I hope we all reflect on Mr. Dumas's tragedy and exercise a larger measure of caution on our next drift down the river..

### So Many Fish, So Little Time - April

Maybe it's my imagination, but it seems that we are getting more trout in the 14 to 16 inch range than we used to before Savage Rapids Dam went out. Is that your experience too?

April will offer the last good steelheading before May, June, and July doldrums as the winter run heads back downstream after spawning in April, so get out and do your stuff. Lately I've had success with a heavy stonefly nymph combined with a Green Rock Worm on the point. As is customary, hatches come and go following a pattern of their own making, and they aren't sharing the secrets with anyone I know. During a hatch, if any, sometimes trout will take dry surface March Browns or a caddis pattern. But another ploy is a gang of three contrasting soft hackles separated by about 16 inches of tippet, cast out into the current and allowed to swing. Hot tip: As the flies are swinging, once or twice during the swing give the rod a little twitch, emphasis on only ONCE or TWICE, and LITTLE.

During a hot spell in April is an excellent time to start visiting the ponds and lakes. Otis Swisher will have recommendations on what to use, and his suggestions usually work. Think blue gill, bass, and crappie in the ponds and Emigrant Lake, and trout in Lost Creek Lake. Other good bets in April would be Lake Selmac and Agate Lake.

## **HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!**

### **Your help is needed for the upcoming auction**

We need 1 hour of your time, 4 hours of your time, or more if you can spare it prior to the auction. We also need 12 people to donate an hour of their time the night of the auction. This will NOT interfere with your enjoyment of the evening. All volunteers donating time will receive a complimentary "thank you" gift from the club. PLEASE contact Kellie at [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) or call her at 541-776-4094



**OF NOTE**

**By Kellie Christensen**

Sad news this past month as another seasoned fisherman lost his life to the wild and beautiful Rogue River. The “pilot” of the drift boat is understandably upset by the death of his best friend. Why did he drown? His feet were pointed downstream and he was wearing a vest. Here’s what you DIDN’T learn from the newspaper article. There were three life vests on board the boat. When the boat jammed between those two “infamous and impossible to see” rocks near Whitehorse, the boat threw the oarsman overboard and became jammed between the two rocks. Before it went sideways and capsized, the woman got out and was rescued by the oarsman and taken to shore. The fellow left in the boat frantically searched for a life jacket and grabbed what he thought was a safety vest. Unfortunately, the vest was only a fishing vest, full of weights in the pockets, and not a flotation device at all. So while he was floating feet first downstream, he was weighted down by all the lead in the pockets and he drowned. This did NOT have to happen. Although boaters are required to carry a flotation vest for every member on board, there is NO law requiring that they be worn.

In a calm lake, or even in parts of the river where one is pulled over and anchored to fish, popping your vest off is fast and easy. LEAVING it off in fast moving water is playing a very bad hand with Mother Nature, the ultimate queen of cards. This is a reminder from your fishing family at Rogue Flyfishers: **PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET AND INSIST THAT OTHERS IN YOUR CARE DO THE SAME.** The river is fast and dangerous even while appearing deceptively calm and “manageable.” Please make every fishing day another one that you live to tell about! Our condolences to Ronald Dumas’ family and friends.

*Last month’s dinner with Jason Borger, was fabulous! Thanks to all of you that attended this unforgettable evening and helped to make it profitable for the club. Thanks to John MacDiarmid for putting it together and for the casting class which I am told was awesome! Way to go John!*

During this same dinner, several people offered to help with the auction but I was busy facilitating the evening and I don’t remember who you are! **PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL SO WE CAN TALK! (THERE WILL BE NO AUCTION WITHOUT SOME HELP FROM YOU! \*\*AUCTION IS MAY 19TH so mark your calendars!\*\***

**UPCOMING OUTINGS:**

Bruce McGregor is leading the “**PANFISH FOR ALL**” outing on **Saturday, April 17th at Agate Lake** from noon until dusk. Take Hwy 140 off of 62, turn right past the golf course and follow the signs. Meet at the boat ramp. Boats are allowed but with trolling motors only! Lightweight rods are recommended and fishing is good with slow sinking nymphs or dry flies. Bring a sack lunch and beverages will be provided.

Dennis Remick is hosting the **Hat Creek/Baum Lake Outing on May 8th and 9th.** This year he’s agreed to expand the outing to include time on Baum Lake. The Baum Lake part of the weekend will be on Sunday the 9th. Dennis would like to keep the number of attendees to ten (10). That way the creek won’t be as crowded and there will be plenty of elbowroom. If you would like to attend please email him at [dremick@ashlandcreek.net](mailto:dremick@ashlandcreek.net) or call him at 541-552-1291 and leave a message. He’ll get back to you with a packet that gives times, directions, motels (and rates) and camping spots, license fees, recommended flies and what tackle to bring. Hat Creek is a pleasant but often frustrating place to fish. The recommended flies are

starting point. They have worked for Dennis and for the friends he’s fished with, but don’t hesitate to bring your favorites and your extra fly boxes as you never know... Bob Quigley just published an article in the April/May Fly Fisherman magazine titled, Quigley’s California Picks that briefly covers some of the various stonefly hatches on Hat. It is worth reading as is an earlier issue that covers Fall River in depth. His Fall River flies will work well on Hat. Bob has fished Hat Creek for most of his life and has tied some very successful flies for the area. Will Johnson, owner of Ashland Fly Shop, is also an experienced Hat fisherman and has flies (including Quigley’s) and tackle that work well on Hat. It would be wise to stop in and talk with Will and listen to his advice.

**THE WILD TROUT ARE CALLING.....It’s time to sign up for the Lonesome Duck Outing on Friday July 23rd through the 25th.** Steve Hilbert has repeated his generous price reduction to \$600 per person. (Regular price is over \$1000!) Those of you who went last year can testify to the monster wild trout caught. This trip includes all meals, accommodations and guided fishing for two full days! To sign up, email Kellie @ [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) or call her at 541-776-4094. Space is limited so get your RSVP in NOW! A deposit of \$200 is required when making your reservation either by check or credit card. SOFF is also invited!

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO INSTRUCT KIDS IN FLY CASTING AND FLY TYING**

There are two events coming up next month that the Rogue Flyfishers have supported for a number of years: the Kids & Bugs program held at Bear Creek Park in Medford and the Bear Creek Watershed Education Symposium held at Kids Unlimited in Medford.

The Kids & Bugs event will be on Saturday, May 1 and we need volunteers to instruct kids in both fly-casting and fly tying. All of the needed equipment and supplies are provided by RFF. What we desperately need are volunteers to instruct kids in the basic elements of fly-casting, and to instruct fly tying woolly bugger flies. **Eight** volunteers are needed for the casting instructions, and **eight** for the tying instructions (simultaneously occurring events). The Kids & Bugs event consists of a number of stations covering various phases of riparian-related activities (macroinvertebrates / salmonids / riparian growth / fly-casting / fly tying / etc. Groups of approximately eight kids per group process through each station, and the activities begin at approximately 9 a.m. and end at approximately 2 p.m. Lunch (usually pizza) is provided for everyone at the event, which is sponsored and organized by Sam Whitridge of OSU Extension, Natural Resources and Watershed Education. At this writing, we have **four** volunteers. **Four more volunteers are needed.** Please contact Bill Rittenhouse to volunteer: 541-858-5981 or [writtenho@clearwire.net](mailto:writtenho@clearwire.net).

At the Bear Creek Watershed Education Symposium, school kids from local-area schools gather at the Kids Unlimited facility, 821 N. Riverside Ave in Medford. At this **Friday, May 14th** indoor symposium, groups of kids visit various stations to view demonstrations or experience hands-on activities associated with our local watershed. Activities begin at approximately 9 a.m. and end at approximately 2 p.m. Lunch (usually pizza) is provided for everyone at the event. RFF volunteers will have eight fly-tying stations set up for the participants to tie a woolly bugger fly. We need eight volunteers to man these tying stations. Tying equipment and materials will be supplied by RFF. At last year’s event we had to turn kids away for lack of tying instructors. This year we want to have eight instructors. Please consider helping out. At this writing, we have four volunteers. **Four more volunteers are needed.** Contact Bill Rittenhouse to volunteer: 541-858-5981 or [writtenho@clearwire.net](mailto:writtenho@clearwire.net).

## TWOs

Otis Swisher

Two fishing trips

Two friends

Two boats

Two flies

Two steelhead

Two take-downs

Two different styles of fight

Two different landing nets

One result: Two fish landed and released

Two trips: 15 and 16 January, '10. Overcast, mild, each day. Takelma to Dodge Bridge. Day 1 with Dave Hopfer. Day 2 with Vince Zauskey. Hopfer took his Glen Wooldridge-made boat of 1976 vintage. I took my Fish Rite, day 2. We started about 12 on one day, 12:30 the other. Ended about 1600 hr each day.

Fishing slow each day to start with. Scenery made up for the lack of action. Arrived at same "action spot" each day at about 1530. Did some dry flies for a time. Had better action.

Day 1, anchored the boat and went back to my indicator with a tried and true Otis Bug, with its gold-copper-black chenille/pumpkin and green Silli Legs for legs, tail, feelers and weighted with brass bead head. Flow at about 2,000 cfs so my leader-to-heavy-lead fly was out 12 feet (an advantage on the drift, a disadvantage when landing the fish). Sage 9 foot, 6 wgt. old enough so I can't remember when purchased except to say that for those who remember when McKenzie's Outfitters was in its East Main Street location near Hubbard's Hardware at the corner of E. Main and Riverside that's when it was bought, for about \$75.

The take-down was boat left, less than 10 ft from the oar lock. Just a gentle stop. My hook set was tentative and gentle. The fish's response was to move along the bottom here, there, and everywhere it wanted. After about 8 minutes: landing time. Four attempts. That long leader made it difficult to get the fish close to the boat; and, the net was an over-sized trout net with a short handle and a small opening. But, it did have a deep pocket, thankfully. Dave, sorry I made it so difficult to net; but, thanks for persisting.

Ensnared in the net it turned its bright red side up, all 27 inches of it. A beautiful native fish.

Day two. Within 25 feet of the same anchoring spot of yesterday, Vince was catching some nice trout on his dry fly. My 3 wt with its #14 O's blue dun with steel gray polypro body and elk hair wing dyed dun color (emerger style) was easy to follow but not producing. Yesterday's fish was close in. I like my blue dun since it is easy to follow its drift out at 45 feet. It was moving down the seam. Not many things in fly fishing can ever be more exciting than a surface take at the fly. This ring was huge. Instantaneous to the hook set was the jump completely out of the water. Then, for 8 minutes this fish was all over the river on both sides of and below the boat.

That 3 wgt Cortland rod I bought for \$42 was up to the fight, all 7 feet of it. A wild fish of 16 inches finally came to net. Total runs - eight, with some to 20 feet. Another jump and several thrashings about on the surface completed the action.

This time, the net with a handle extension and a large opening with its rubber-or-plastic webbing cradled the fish easily and was a

a blessing on the release. We can hold the fish in the water cradled in the net and watch him as his gills begin to work, his mouth opens and closes, and when recovered he can swim powerfully upstream and out of the net. Great net job, Vince. Thanks.

If any one tells you that you must be on the bottom to catch steelhead in winter, say "Well, maybe." Remember, that 1 out of 2 took a #14 Blue dun dry fly in January of '10.

## SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 13, 2010. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

Mike Marchando was our featured fly tyer at the March meeting and he demonstrated a very unique way of making extended body mayflies. It's inexpensive and very durable, but will take some practice to master this great way of making very realistic mayfly imitations. His method can be adapted to all types, colors, and sizes of mayflies. If you missed it, catch him at a show sometime and have him demo it for you. You'll be impressed and inspired to give it a try. Thanks, Mike.

## Summer Casting

The weather has finally gotten better so that we can get out and cast at Hawthorn Park on Wednesday evenings (6 to 7). We may lose a few days to weather in April, but some days will be comfortable and many of us are anxious to cast. Watch the weather forecast. If rain is forecast and it is cloudy, or if the day time temperature does not reach 70, we will not meet to cast. Otherwise, I will be there starting on April 14th. EVERYONE is welcome weather you are a beginner or you are advanced and would just like to celebrate casting by doing it! Through May we will concentrate on the basic stroke and good loops. In teaching at the park and the Albany Expo, I noticed some really good casters that could improve the basic stroke, make the rod work more, the arm less, improve accuracy, catch more fish... June we will focus on accuracy, then July we really need to add the double haul to your casting quiver if you don't have it. This action takes some of the work from the casting arm, improves line speed which results in longer cast and more accuracy.

**Come on out and wave the rod with us!**

## On The Lighter Side

By Pat Hurley

A Texan friend of Lee Wedberg was visiting here in Southern Oregon and they go out fishing one afternoon.

Lee gets excited and lands a fairly nice six pound steel head, and Lee is very excited, and the Texas friend says,

"That's a nice fish. Can I use it for bait?"

# On The Fly

April 2010

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

## TYING NEWS

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is April 13, 2010. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass.

### PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Fluttering Salmon Fly

Hook: Daiichi 1270, Tiemco 200R, Curved, size 6 – 4.  
Thread: Orange, 6-0.  
Tail: Moose body hair.  
Rib: Brown saddle hackle  
Body: Burnt orange Antron or poly yarn  
Wing: Elk, under root beer Krystal Flash, under moose body hair  
Head: Moose body hair.  
Legs: Black rubber strand.



### Tying Instructions

- Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the tying thread two eye widths behind the eye and wrap a thread base back to a point halfway down the shank.
- Step 2: Select a small bunch of moose body hair, stack it, measure 1/2 shank length, and tie it on top of the shank just above the point of the hook. Bind down the butts towards the eye of the hook up to the tie-in position. Trim the excess. Return the thread to the base of the tail.
- Step 3: Select a brown hackle feather with barbs no longer than the hook gape and tie it on at the base of the tail. Return the thread to the forward tie-in position.
- Step 4: Tie in the Antron or poly yarn and bind it down on the top of the shank with spiraling wraps to the base of the tail. Return the thread to the forward position, then wind the yarn forward in touching wraps to the thread location. Tie off and trim excess.
- Step 5: Select a bunch of elk hair, stack it, measure to one shank length, trim the butts and tie it on the top of the hook. Select a dozen strands of Krystal Flash and bind down just in front of the Elk hair butts, evenly spread on top of the wing. Trim excess.
- Step 6: At this point there should be about an eighth inch of room to the eye. Select a bunch of moose body hair, stack it, measure to 1 1/2 times the wing length, trim the butts to length, and with the tips facing forward, tie it on the top of the hook just in front of the wing base so the butt ends are even with the elk hair. With your finger nail, distribute the hairs over tops and sides of the hook. Bind the hairs down with tight thread wraps forward to just behind the eye.
- Step 7: Pull the moose hair back over the top of the shank forming a bullet head. Secure the hair with three tight thread wraps back at the base of the wing. The tip of the moose hair should cover the lower 1/3 of the wing.
- Step 8: Select 2 strands of black rubber legs and secure one to each side at the point behind the bullet head and the base of the wing. When the legs are in the proper position, form an orange band of thread about 1/16" wide, whip finish and cement. Trim the legs to length.

Todd Smith, a young production tier from Boise, Idaho, developed his Fluttering Salmon Fly for the South Fork of the Boise River. This huge dry fly mimics an egg-laying female caught on the water and working her wings to escape. That's the reason for the splayed wing. Todd says the fly should be fished dead drift near banks, in the shade under tree limbs, and cut banks.

The pattern is slightly complex but straightforward at the vise. The materials are common and not expensive. The salmon fly hatch is coming up soon on the Rogue and the Deschutes. I would add this one to your fly box.

### Tying Tips:

Leave plenty of room at the head for the wing and the bullet. The stiff butts of the moose body hair over-wing keep the elk wing splayed. If you find the larger bunch of moose body hair to be too unruly, try tying it on in two bunches. The hackle rib should be sized at a #14 or 16. This pattern requires a smooth even body shape. That's why we tie down and tie on materials the full length of the shank and the thread goes back and forth so many times. No bulky start-stop bumps. When pulling back the hairs for the bullet head, be careful not to put too much strain on them, they won't last long against trout teeth. A nice rounded shape is desired. It's time to tie some up, give them a test flight during the hatch and let me know how you do.

Tie One On,

**Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: [flyguy@eznorthwest.com](mailto:flyguy@eznorthwest.com))**

## CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

John Ward,  
Conservation Committee Chairman

This has been a quiet month for field work but heavy on hearings, public meetings, and coordination meetings.

A dozen RFF volunteers have been gathering signatures for the Oregonians for Water, Parks and Wildlife Initiative that renews current dedication of Oregon Lottery funds beyond 2014. The RFF Board formally endorsed the initiative to continue lottery funding for stream restoration and other projects. Robert Garnett is the Jackson County Volunteer Coordinator; helping are Phil Baker, Alex Boutacoff, Dick Chambers, Kellie Christensen, Bob Claypool, Peter Hunt, Mike LeTourneau, John MacDiarmid, Malcolm MacNair, Harry Piper, and John Ward.

Harry Piper led a Gold Ray Dam sub-committee including Bill Ackermann, Bob Furry, Steve Haskell, Bob Hunter, John MacDiarmid, and John Ward at a public meeting about the Dam and fisheries impact. Otis Swisher also attended the event. The Conservation Committee supports removing Gold Ray Dam to improve fish access to 150 miles of habitat.

For the middle Rogue watershed, RFF explored a Stream Restoration Alliance with *Middle Rogue Steelheaders* and *Southern Oregon Fly Fishers*. Participants included Bill Ackermann, Mike Masters, and John Ward. Follow-up at a May meeting will cover ways to improve riparian protection along the Rogue River.

Gravel extraction in the Applegate has involved RFF at meetings and fieldwork with 37 partner organizations for 18 months. John Ward attended the March 18 meeting and raised concern over lack of pre-project monitoring before Copeland Sand and Gravel begins gravel scalping on April 15 at Hyde Bar. Arrangements to study whether gravel can be extracted without stranding coho or steelhead following high water flow, plus other monitoring, should be finalized before operations commence. Discussion will continue at a meeting on April 16.

### HANK ROGERS MEMORIAL PICNIC

**Event...** The Hank Rogers Memorial Summer Picnic ( We need a new banner)

**Date ....** July 21,2010 (3rd Wednesday in July)

**Location .....** Emigrant Lake (Site A is reserved for the event)

**Time ....** 5: 00 pm arrival/social hour ... 6:00 pm dinner followed by club raffle

**Cost...** Your annual Day Use Permit is valid for this event, otherwise \$4.00 for entry and parking, \$5.00 / person for BBQ Chicken/Potluck and raffle ticket

**What the club provides ...** BBQ Chicken halves (Ashland Lions Style), ice tea, lemonade, coffee

**What you bring ....** table setting, favorite beverage, and potluck item (potluck information to follow)

\* Otis and other club members always provide lakeside fly fishing before dinner and after the raffle.

\*\* The picnic crew works hard to make this annual event a success each year and are hoping you will plan to attend no matter how warm it will be that evening.



### Remembering Gary Brauer

We are sad to report that club member Gary Brauer lost his fight with cancer on March 4. Gary and his family moved to the Rogue Valley six years ago when Kodak, where he worked as a statistician, transferred him to their White City plant. Gary was a skilled carpenter and wood worker. For his first few years here, he devoted his time to building a beautiful home in the hills above Jacksonville, along with several pieces of furniture to go in it. He also played a banjo, which he built himself. Gary was an avid angler, and after he completed his house and retired, he enjoyed spending time on the local lakes and rivers. He became an accomplished fly fisher, and readily shared his knowledge with others. Gary served on the outings committee, and helped develop this year's outings schedule. Gary was an extremely nice person, and will be missed. He is survived by his wife Betsy, children Julia and Neil, one grandchild, and another on the way.

Gifts in remembrance of Gary can be made to the Oregon Natural Desert Association, at [onda.org](http://onda.org).

### BYRNA JEAN (B.J.) HAINES, WALTER HAINES' WIFE, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Members of the Rogue Flyfishers offer their condolences to Honorary Life member Walter Haines upon the passing of B.J. They had been married 65 years and B.J. would have celebrated her 90th birthday in June of this year. No services were held but she had requested that contributions to Providence Hospice in her name would be greatly appreciated. Providence Hospice, PO Box 4548, Medford, Ore 97501 or online [www.providence.org/medford/foundation/funds.htm](http://www.providence.org/medford/foundation/funds.htm) (designate Hospice option).

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**Cascade Christian High School Auction**  
**April 17, 2010**



As part of their curriculum , Cascade Christian offers classes in fly fishing, fly tying and rod building. This drift boat will be one of the items up for sale at the upcoming auction.

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Carol Richards of Ashland (541-488-3769)  
Bill & Brenda Williams of Medford (541-773-8417)

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### Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** \_\_ (\$30.00), **Family** \_\_ (\$35.00), 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 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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   
Are you **retired?** Yes  No  Are you interested in, or want help in (check all as appropriate): **Casting**  **Fly tying**  **Fishing Techniques**  **Water Knowledge**  **Conservation Activities**  **Fishing Partner**  **Organizing Social Activity and Group Outings**  **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes  No  **lake boat?** Yes  No  other interests?

Prefer receiving paperless **Newsletter electronically**  (quickest receipt and saves the club money for other activities and uses, or by **US Mail** ? Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ . Mail completed form and payment to:

**Rogue Fly Fishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, Oregon 97501**



## Membership Report.

By Malcolm MacNair

On April First, the last day to renew a membership according to the Bylaws, the club had 193 memberships, or approximately 254 members including those from 61 family memberships. Of these members, 86 were retired and available for mid-week activities (contact Kellie Christensen), eighty asked to receive the newsletter electronically in order to substitute funds from cost savings to club causes (contact Tom Collett to add your name to the electronic list), and 29 were members of the Federation of Fly Fishers providing the club a wider window on the sport. In interest categories, the largest interest was in boating with 56 having a drift boat, 45 a lake boat, and 38 wanting greater water knowledge (contact Lee Wedberg). Ninety-eight seek improvement in casting and fishing technique, for which the club has various programs and clinics ( contact John MacDiarmid ), and 45 members are interested, and many have participated in, the conservation activities of the club led by John Ward, recipient of the Club's Member of the Year Award (contact John to volunteer). There are 39 fly tiers and 49 members seeking someone to fish with. You can find who the tiers and seekers (and those of other interests) are in the lists that will be available at the monthly dinner meetings.

**Departing Members Survey** — an e-mail survey was sent individually to 47 non-renewing members essentially asking *how would you correct any problem that you see that the club may have in retaining members and can you suggest any improvements that the club might make in light your experience?* Nine members responded saying that they would renew (and four so far have). One responded:

*I joined the club just to support you guys and your projects in southern Oregon. Living in California, I don't get a chance to come to meetings, outings, etc. being a member of several other organizations; it's just a matter of priority to stay with all of them. I may join in the future and wish you continued success.*

**New Members in 2010**—Rob & Nancy Anno, John Atkeson, Ralph Bergstrom, Mike Crennen, Rose Marie Davis, Marv & Connie Dobkins, Bob Furry, Sam Glidewell, Robert & Susan Labozetta, Eric Overland, Greg Popowich, Carol Richards, Kathy Rishel, Derek Shetterly, Herman & Katherine Steigerwald, Bill Williams & Family, and Pamela Zaklan. Look them up in the forthcoming directory of members and give them a call. Seek them out at the dinner meetings and buy them a root beer.

**Members Directory** — the 2010-2011 Members Directory is in preparation, and if cost and other constraints are overcome, it may be available to the membership at the end of April. It will have a larger print size, new format, and more information about the club than in past directories.

### **ROSTER CHANGES**

Kurt Cubbison has a new address.

***Kurt Cubbison / 38 N Orange / Medford OR 97501***

## **Fly Fishing for Beginners**



The club's beginners class was held this past February. It is a very well done class put on by Rich Fiebelkorn and John MacDiarmid. The name is deceiving. There is much to be learned by newcomers and old timers alike. Rich and John teach all the basics of knot tying, line set up, fly selection, casting and much more. And it is a hands on class with a lot of individual help. The class is open to everyone. There were students from the Rogue Flyfishers, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and non-club affiliated students.



# The Rogue Flyfishers Presents: "A Field Of Streams" Annual Fundraiser Auction



**Wednesday, May 19th from 5 to 10 PM**  
**at The Red Lion Hotel in Medford**  
**\$30 Per Person Includes Entry,**  
**Choice of Entrée & Wine Tasting**

**PROCEEDS FUND ROGUE VALLEY**  
**CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS**  
**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND**  
**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**RSVP IS REQUIRED!**

**Email [Bmacnair@charter.net](mailto:Bmacnair@charter.net) or Call**  
**541-776-4094 for more information!**

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