



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

ROGUE FLYFISHERS UPDATE

MARCH 17, 2020

Effective today, all Club Meetings, Classes and Events are cancelled thru the month of May. The Annual Auction has been rescheduled to September 12th. All Club Outings will remain on the schedule with some minor adjustments made to allow for these events without increasing any risk to those that participate. For those of you that signed up for the Sugar Creek Ranch Outing, you will be contacted by David Haight prior to the Outing. Please continue to watch the Website and BLOG for future news. .

This newsletter will be online only until conditions improve. We apologize to those of you that usually get the printed newsletter. We will resume printing as soon as possible.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY STEVE DAY

“SO.... NOW WHAT?”

It was just last month that I penned a PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE titled “I truly don't know where I'm Going”. I emphasized reveling in the journey and placing a smaller focus on the destination. Take in the trip and enjoy those things the world has to offer. As with life, it didn't always go as planned. Flat tires and shattered windshields were setbacks but nothing that would stop our desire to go forward. The journeys were wonderful and memorable and to a large part the challenges brought lessons that shaped who we are today.

Well, in the last four weeks, the tides have changed. Wherever I was headed, or any of us for that matter, have changed dramatically and as far as I know, the road map going forward is somewhat blurry. Plans doesn't always go as expected. Hence last months' dialogue and I'm pretty sure this is not where I wanted to go. I'm confident for many of us, this situation has put what seems like a relative stop to our journeys and no doubt in some cases presented new challenges and hardships. None of us would have thought we would be going on this trip, not now, not ever.

“SO...NOW WHAT?” First things first and at the risk of profiling, it seems to me that many of those in our Club exist in what would be considered a high, risk group, for problems related to the current pandemic. I won't linger here other than to say it is with my deepest desire that all of you take those precautions necessary to ensure your health and of those closest to you and by all means, ask for help if you need it. I for one, along with many others are willing to help in any way possible.

With regard to the Club stuff, we are in a holding pattern at least through May. We will continually update everyone once we have relative confidence in where we are going and when. For now, at least, scheduled events in June and later are going ahead as planned. The Board of Directors did conference recently and Club business was essentially limited to cancellation and rescheduling of all Club activities through May.

The Annual Club Auction has been rescheduled to September 12th and we are looking forward to a successful event. Grant funding this year will no doubt be impacted as we count on the Auction for most of our fundraising revenues. The Club is solvent and can operate as needed for an extended period and that is good news.

The better news is we can still fish. Although the Winter Steelhead season has been slow, it won't be long until many waters open up and opportunities will expand as Spring arrives.

I did take the opportunity to fish Lake Selmac last week with my V.P. Mr. Thompson. We met at the lake so we didn't need to travel together. We practiced socially distant fishing at opposite ends of the boat. It was a fun day. Lots of “put and take” Rainbows on small Chironomid patterns. Although, we didn't take any of the trout? So, I guess one would say it was a “take and put” kinda day. We also caught one medium sized Bass and a large Crappie to top it off. These warm water fishes will start to wake up here in the next few weeks and they can be a hoot. Lots of fun at least thru May. Selmac is a great place to hone your Stillwater skills before the real lakes get going. Meet there, stay socially distant and enjoy the day.

Most importantly be well and enjoy the trip. With a little luck we can be back on the path to wherever we were going.

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

WE WILL SURVIVE THIS

Stay active if you can. Take a walk, go fishing (there are still places that you can go). Work on those home projects that haven't been finished. Tie flies, clean up fishing equipment. If you have a hobby or craft that you do, jump into that. Send a story to me (Steve Ostrander at sostrand47@gmail.com) for the newsletter. We will be back.



On The Fly

PATTERN OF THE MONTH-Z-Wing Caddis

Hook: Daiichi 1120 or equivalent, curved, heavy wire scud hook, size 14-20.

Bead: Optional, small copper.

Thread: Olive 8/0.

Rib: Chartreuse monocord or equivalent 3/0 thread.

Wingcase: Golden brown turkey tail feather slip.

Body: Buggy nymph dubbing, olive/dun blend.

Wing Pads: Light dun to dark dun Z-Lon or poly yarn.

Collar: Buggy nymph dubbing, caddis green.

Head: Peacock herl.



Tying Instructions:

- 1) (If your fly is to have a bead head, slip the bead onto the hook and slide it forward until it is against the eye.) Start the thread two eye-widths behind the eye (or bead) and wind the thread rearward laying down a thread base to a point half way down the bend.
- 2) Tie in the thread for the rib and let it hang to the back.
- 3) Tie in a slip of turkey tail for the wingcase and let it hang to the back.
- 4) Dub the thread and wrap it forward to the thread tie-in point and tie off.
- 5) Pull the wingcase over the dubbed body and tie-off.
- 6) Wind the rib material forward in five even turns, then tie-off and trim both the rib and turkey slip.
- 7) Tie in a one-inch piece of Z-Lon or poly yarn on top of the hook and tie down the material so each end of the yarn sticks out on opposite sides of the fly. Trim the yarn wing pads to about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the body.
- 8) Dub the thread for the collar and wind it forward halfway to the eye (or bead).
- 9) Tie in a couple peacock herls, twist them around the thread, then wind forward to form a head. Whip-finish and apply cement.

The Z-wing caddis was developed by Mike Mercer of Redding, California, as his improvement to the famous Deep Sparkle Pupa of Gary LaFontaine, not that it needed improvement. The curved hook gives a natural, hunched profile. The wingcase of turkey tail with its mottling and hairy appearance gives realism not found in synthetics. The mixtures of colors in the dubbing and the contrast of colors at the collar gives a natural insect look. The Z-Lon or poly yarn used as wing pads to imitate the semi-formed wings, creates the transparency and shape. And of course, peacock herl for the front collar glitters with an attracting iridescence unequaled by any other material. Together these components make up one of the most effective caddis pupa imitations available today.

For the fly fisher, day in and day out, throughout the season, it is the pupa – that transitional form of the caddis between larva and adult – that gets the job done. This is the stage where the larva begins to take on aspects of the adult, releasing from the rocks and rising towards the surface. As such it is fished from bottom to top in the water column. Designed primarily for moving water, the pattern can be tied in a variety of sizes, with or without a bead. Three colors can cover hatches throughout the season: lime green in the spring (Mothers Day), olive on cloudy days or in the fall, and amber all year. The Z-Wing Caddis is a design that is relatively simple and fairly straightforward. Most important it looks like what it is supposed to be imitating and works.

TYING TIPS

The body should be dubbed heavy with a slight taper. When you pull the wingcase over the body, be careful to not pull too tight because this causes the turkey tail material to split and thus expose the body material on top. When you tie the Z-Lon up against the body dubbing this will naturally splay the fibers at a 45-degree angle to the hook shank. This is a moderately easy pattern using common materials. So tie some up and give them a test flight. Let me know how they work.

Auction News

As I hope all of you have seen, the auction this year has been postponed from May 9th to September 12th. For those of you who had already sent in your dinner reservation, unless I hear otherwise, we will just hold them for the new date. For now, we'll suspend taking any new reservations, resuming (hopefully), in July.

To the members of the auction committee, thank you very much for your efforts thus far. We have some great items already and the delay should have only a minimal effect on what we've already collected. Please suspend your efforts in soliciting donations for the time being. I will be preparing new information sheets for when those solicitations should resume and it is safe to do so. Hopefully we'll be able to restart the committee meetings some time in June. I'll send all of you an email at the appropriate time. Also, if you happen to have any donations that still need to be turned in, please let me know. I need to get them recorded and new prospect sheets prepared.

To those members who have donated trips or other items to the auction, I will be reviewing everything but please let me know if this delay will impact what you've offered.

Stay safe and healthy.

Tim Bolling

ROD & REEL SALE AND GARAGE SALE NEWS

Starting in January, we started a process of auctioning 5 rods and 3 reels that we typically heavier than what is normally used to fish local waters. As of March 23rd, we only have the Sage One 1190-4 rod left! The last minimum bid on that rod was \$ 300.00, but that will now be lowered to \$ 250.00. Please contact me at RFFishers90@gmail.com if interested.

In February, we held a "Garage Sale" to help clear out some things from our storage unit. We were able to reduce those items by a fair amount with many of the items that were left donated to Goodwill Industries.

Between these two events, we have taken in a total of \$ 2147.00, with minimum expense. With the delay in the auction until September 12th, this will help us tremendously in tiding us over until we are able to hold the major fundraising activity of the club.

Many thanks to all who purchased items from these events!

Tim Bolling

2019 ROGUE FLYFISHERS CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

In the January newsletter, Steve Day asked for nominations for the 2019 Club Member of the Year. The Board of Directors reviewed the nominations at the January Board meeting and by an overwhelming margin, it was decided to give the award to Bill Childress, posthumously. As you may know, Bill passed away just before our annual Auction and Fundraiser last year. Since then, we have attempted to have his wife, Ronilee, attend one of our monthly meetings so she could be presented a plaque, but scheduling difficulties and now the cancellations have precluded that. Rather than wait any longer, it has been decided just to go ahead and make the announcement at this time.

While I had very little personal interaction with Bill, it didn't take me long to recognize just how important a member Bill was after I was appointed Auction Chairman last year. He donated a large number of items for the auction last year, with an estimated fair market value of approximately \$ 10000.00. It was obvious from the items he donated, Bill was an accomplished fly-fisher and fly-tier. After he passed away, I was contacted by Ronilee saying Bill wanted us to have even more things that could be used to go towards our conservation and education mandates. This time the estimated fair market value exceeded \$ 14000.00! Some of those items have already been auctioned off during the rod and reel auction held earlier this year, but there will be plenty more rods, reels, and other items that you will see not just in the auction this (hopefully) year, but in years to come. For this incredible generosity, the Rogue Flyfishers is proud to give the Outstanding Member of the Year to Bill Childress.

Tim Bolling

Kevin Daniels wins Quilt in CfR Raffle

SOFF member Kevin Daniels is the lucky winner of the quilt that was raffled off by Casting for Recovery to raise funds for our Southern Oregon retreat. The quilt was made by the Material Girls of Shady Cove and donated to the local Casting for Recovery volunteers, who have been selling tickets around Southern Oregon for the last several months. Our intent was to draw the winning ticket at the March meeting of the Rogue Flyfishers. With the clubs cancelling their March meetings and no certainty for how soon the meetings will resume, we decided to go ahead and select the winner. Congratulation to Kevin, and thank you to the rest of you that purchased tickets to support Casting for Recovery!

Tanya Haight

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RFF CASTING CLASSES 2020

For 12 years we have been having open casting with lessons every Monday evening thru the summer. We have a new venue for 2020. As soon as it is safe for us to gather again, we will have specific classes with signups. Classes will be limited to 6 casters; we will need a minimum of 3. You may sign up for one or more classes though we will try to spread the classes out to as many members as possible. The Classes are as follows:

THE BASIC CAST- This will be for anyone that needs help with the basic cast.

ROLL CAST- This will be an on the water lesson. You need a good roll cast to indicator fish still water. Think East Lake club outing.

PRESENTATION CAST We strive to eliminate slack in the cast...except for the presentation. Slack is necessary for a dead drift in dry fly fishing. We will also cover the tuck cast for nymphing.

DOUBLE HAUL- If you have a good solid cast and you have not added the double haul, you are missing out. The double haul allows both hands to put the bend in the rod.

DISTANCE- Who among us does not want to add distance to our cast? This lesson will focus on making the basic cast better and adding a few new techniques.

You may register for the classes at any time by emailing the instructor at johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com. I will respond with a confirmation. The classes will be held on Monday evenings as soon as it is permissible for us to gather, hopefully by June 1.

April through June Outings

As we near the end of March, the situation and restrictions related to the Coronavirus outbreak are changing rapidly. Both Oregon and California have issued “Stay at Home” orders, which affect our ability to hold outings. As a result, we are working with The Fly Shop and the members who have paid to go to Sugar Creek Ranch to reschedule that outing to a later date when hopefully the situation has improved. The Beginning Fly Fishing Class we were planning for May will be cancelled for the time being. We will see about rescheduling this class once our lives get back to a more normal routine. As it stands now, the next outing still on our schedule will be to the Umpqua River on June 20 to fish for smallmouth bass. Hopefully this crisis will be subsiding by then and we will be able to hold this outing as scheduled; however, the Board of Directors will be monitoring the situation and will make a decision about this outing and other events as we get closer to that time.

While Oregon’s “Stay at Home” order requires people to stay home except to take care of essential business, it does allow us to go outside to get exercise as long as we comply with “social distancing” requirements. I looked at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s website, and as of March 24, it said we can go fishing as long as we follow those “social distancing” requirements. People that are not living in the same residence should not ride in the same vehicle or boat and should stay at least six feet apart. It did say a number of parks, boat ramps, and recreational facilities will be closed. ODFW advised anglers to stay close to home, stay away from high-use areas, find another location to fish if there are already a number of people at the location you intended to fish, and to contact the land manager of the location where you would like to go to find out about closures or restrictions. We should also remember that Coronavirus can survive for several days on surfaces, so if you go out, try to avoid touching things that others may have touched, and use proper hygiene—especially sanitize your hands.

I look forward to seeing everyone when the club can get back to a normal schedule. Until then, stay safe!

David Haight, Outings Chair



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