



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

No meeting this month
Go Fishing

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Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting no meeting July, August

Events

Sky Lakes Outing 8/3

Check the Club Calendar for more information



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Presidents Message

August 2025

Well the summer heat is upon us as is the summer trout bite. I have had some good reports about Diamond Lake and Upper Klamath Lake. I've managed to make it to Rocky Point and Agency Lake so I can vouch for Upper Klamath Lake fishing well. I have also heard that the Upper Rogue has been fishing well. We could certainly use a good summer steelhead run this year. And knock on wood, the smoke hasn't been too bad. So what are you waiting for? Get out there.

On my last trip out to Agency I started thinking about my fly fishing journey. Mostly about how fly fishing attracts such a diverse bunch of people from all walks of life. Doctors, teachers, trades people, truck drivers, police officers, fire fighters, and the list goes on. Another thing that we all have in common is the preservation of our favorite past time, and the preservation of our fish. While working at Rogue Valley Anglers last week a guy came in on his way home from a trip to Washington. He was on his way home to Pleasanton. When I told him I was from Livermore the conversation progressed. He said that he was also involved in the fly fishing club down there. I forgot to ask him which one he belonged to. I handed him one of our newsletters and we discussed everything from auctions to attracting new members. However, most importantly we discussed what our clubs had been doing to help restore anadromous fish populations. He brought up the continuing work being done on Alameda Creek which has been going on for as long as I can remember. They're making some good progress, and the fish are returning.

I recently wrote a letter of support for the Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC) on their grant application to help the Big Butte Creek Complex. RRWC has done so much in the way of restoring water to some very important tributaries as well as riparian habitat restoration work. I'm sure that they will do great things on and around Big Butte Creek. Well that's it for this month and hope to see you all when we start back to our monthly meetings in September. So what are you waiting for get out there and go fishing!

John Pogue

Rogue Flyfishers Scholarships

Each year, the Rogue Flyfishers awards scholarships to two outstanding students in the Fisheries Sciences Program at Oregon State University. We do this to promote individuals who we feel will go on to careers that will benefit the fisheries resources here in the Pacific Northwest, which we so value as a club. The recipients must be Juniors or Seniors in the Fisheries Sciences Program, and are evaluated based on their scholastic achievements, work experience, and other factors. The recipients for the 2025-2026 academic year are Lola Raymond and Marc Nickel. They sent the following letters to the club to thank us for our support.

Dear Rogue Fly Fishers Scholarship Committee,

My name is Marc Nickel, and I am a senior majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at Oregon State University, with plans to graduate in June 2026. Thank you for selecting me for the Rogue Fly Fishers Scholarship.

As an avid fly fisherman, I am honored to be chosen for such a scholarship. I have been fly fishing since I was very young and have worked to pass on my passion to several of my friends. Beyond my interest in fishing, I have always been passionate about conservation and working toward sustainable fisheries. Your support will help me work towards achieving this goal of pursuing a career in fisheries research and management.

I am currently working towards this goal with an internship in Alaska, which begins in July at a fish hatchery. I am very grateful for the contributions that have allowed me to gain these sorts of experiences through my education. I am excited not only to learn more about different aspects of fisheries but also the ability to spend time in a location as beautiful as Alaska.

In my time at Oregon State University, I have expanded my fisheries knowledge through various lab-based courses. My program of study has a wide variety of classes to allow students to gain a vast understanding of many different natural resource issues and perspectives. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to supporting healthy fish populations and productive watersheds throughout the Pacific Northwest while incorporating a holistic view of the issues.

Next year, upon graduation, I hope to work in different temporary fisheries positions to gain experience and determine the niche that I feel suits me. While the funding for these positions is varied currently, I am hoping that this will improve in the coming year and that I can complete different positions. After I have gained more experience, I will then either work towards a larger permanent position or work to find a graduate program before returning to, most likely, a state or federal position in Oregon for fisheries.

Thank you again for your generosity and support for students looking to protect the valuable natural resources that exist in the Pacific Northwest.

With sincere gratitude,
Marc Nickel

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Rogue FlyFishers Board Members
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Dear Rouge FlyFishers Board members,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Rogue FlyFishers Scholarship. I am honored to receive this generous award, and I deeply appreciate your support of students pursuing careers in fish conservation and management.

I am currently a full-time student in the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences program at Oregon State University, with an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2027. My career goal is to work as a fisheries biologist with a focus on native fish conservation and working with commercial fisherman to conserve populations and work together bridging the gap between state workers and commercial fisherman and recreational fisherman.

This scholarship will ease the financial burden of my education and allow me to dedicate more time and energy to academic and professional development opportunities, such as internships and research projects. Your support is not only a meaningful investment in my education but also in the future of fish conservation in Oregon and beyond.

Thank you dearly
Lola Raymond

FOUND – LEADER WALLET

If you lost a leader wallet full of leaders and other such items on or about Monday, 7/14, contact Tim Bolling at 510-410-1738. You'll need to describe it before I'll release it. This was found at the corner of Stanford Ave and Crystal Springs Drive in Medford.

Facebook

There is a link to Facebook on the club home page.. top right column

I'm not sure if everyone knows this, but the RFF Facebook account is back to being current. Thanks to Rob DeBois. This is from a current post from an ODFW project that some of our members participated in.

“Members of the Rogue Flyfishers, Southern Oregon Flyfishers, Middle Rogue Steelheaders and other volunteers assisted ODFW on July 16th. Hatchery Chinook salmon, Springers and Steelhead were netted in the fish trap at the Cole Rivers Hatchery, counted, hoisted into the ODFW truck and transferred to the hatchery. Wild fish were released back into the river. It was a wet, wild and fun time for all who participated.”

<https://www.facebook.com/100067165552333/videos/1815974369356017>

Invasive Aquatic Species in Southwestern Oregon: What Anglers Need to Know

By Rick Graw, Conservation Chair

Southwestern Oregon is home to some of the state's most scenic and fishable lakes. But beneath their beauty lies a growing ecological threat: invasive aquatic species. From fast-spreading weeds to non-native fish, these invaders reduce habitat quality, compete with native species, and damage recreational opportunities. This article highlights the most common aquatic invaders, how they got here, why they're a problem, how they're being managed—and how anglers can help protect the waters they love.

Common Invasive Aquatic Plants

1. Parrot Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

A dense, mat-forming plant that clogs shallow water and boat ramps. Common in nutrient-rich lakes like Lake Selmac.



2. Curly-Leaf Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)

A cold-water grower that crowds out native plants early in the season. Forms mats that die off mid-summer, worsening water quality.



3. Brazilian Waterweed (*Egeria densa*)

An aquarium escapee that grows in thick underwater stands. It limits oxygen and light for fish and native aquatic plants.



4. Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

Spreads by stem fragments on boats and gear. Once established, it's very difficult to remove without costly intervention.



❖❖ Invasive Fish Spotlight: Tui Chub (*Siphateles bicolor*)

Originally native to parts of the western U.S., Tui Chub have become a major problem in southwestern Oregon lakes—especially in high-elevation and trout-stocked systems.



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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.

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