

Rogue Flyfishers

DECEMBER 2019

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

“REFLECTIONS”

Annual Christmas Dinner
December 18, 2019
5:45 – 9:00 P.M.

Centennial Golf Club
1900 North Phoenix Road
Medford

Plan on attending our “End of the Year Dinner”. Club Members will share their adventures and personal stories from this year and or milestone moments from years past. Don't miss this festive evening full of camaraderie, great food and sharing!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- From Steve Day

“IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE”

With fly fishing and the Club in mind, I looked back over the eleven months of this year and simmered in the thoughts of all of the great things that have come along and the efforts of all of those that made it possible. Our Membership has grown, Club activities and Outings have been well attended, the Annual Auction set fundraising records and we did some productive things in support of the causes we value.

The Dinner Meetings were fun and we had some wonderful programs and presenters throughout the year. The “Raffle A Fisherman” raffle has been a big hit and the partnership with TFO has created added value for our Members and our fundraising efforts. Thank you to all that play and take a shot at winning. A wholesome thank you is due, especially to the “Raffle A Fisherman” Hosts, that give Members a chance to participate in a hosted trip with some really fine anglers and superb people.

All of the Club’s Outings went off without a hitch. The joint participation of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers in the East Lake Outing and the Club BBQ was welcomed by all and both were a big success.

The folks at Centennial Golf Club have done an excellent job meeting our needs and a big thank you needs to go out to Alex and his crew for welcoming us while providing great food and a comfortable venue.

When one looks at the big picture of our group, the small things that need happen in order to create a good production are often overlooked. The final product is only as good as it’s individual parts. We have all of the normal workings of any business or corporation. The only thing that differs is the end result or product. In our case, not much of it is difficult, but someone needs to do it if it’s going to work well.

There is managing and membership, outreach and recruitment, scheduling and meetings and minutes, paying bills, bookkeeping and archiving, grant applications, review and awards, conservation, rehabilitation and education, newsletters and publications, BLOG posts and correspondence, dinners and meals, programs and presenters, an auction, raffles and products, outings, working groups and activities, casters, fly tiers and mentors and there is likely more.

Somebody has to do this stuff or none of these things would be happening. If it weren’t for a group of dedicated people that are motivated, giving and value volunteerism for a greater cause, we would suffer. The least we can do individually and as a group, is to recognize these folks that give of themselves and create this small universe that we enjoy.

“IT’S ABOUT THE PEOPLE”.

AUCTION NEWS

I want to thank everybody who signed up to help with the 2020 auction at the last dinner meeting. I have been updating the business contact list, adding some and deleting a few others, and once it’s complete, I will be sending it out to all the committee members. The first committee meeting will be held in early January at which time we will go through the list to see who would be willing to contact the businesses directly for contributions.

I will be passing out another sign-up sheet at the December for those of you who weren’t at the November meeting.

Remember, put May 9th, 2020 on your calendar now and plan on attending!

Tim Bolling

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next Club meeting will be December 18th at:

Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.
Medford 97504

Wet fly 5:45 - 6:45 pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45pm
Raffle to follow
Program 7:45 - 8:45

BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person

Prime Rib, Garlic Mashed Potatoes w / Gravy, Roasted Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP'S need to be in by Friday 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 and checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742 - 5835
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On The Fly

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Skykomish Sunrise

Hook: Daiichi 2441, Salmon/Steelhead, 4-8.
Thread: 6-0 red.
Tag: Flat silver tinsel, small
Tail: Red over yellow, Golden Pheasant crest.
Rib: Oval silver tinsel, small.
Body: Red seal sub.
Hackle: Red over yellow saddle.
Wing: White kid goat.
Head: Tying thread.



Tying Instructions

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the hook point.

Step 3: Tie in the flat tinsel at this point. Wind rearward 4 turns and then forward 4 turns. Tie off and trim excess.

Step 4: Select a yellow crest feather, measure 2/3 body length, and tie on with the curve up at the front end of the tag.

Repeat the process with the red color. Trim the excess at the front end of the body area and tie down on top of the shank with spiral wraps forward and back.

Step 5: Tie in a length of oval tinsel at the base of the tail and leave hang to the rear for the rib later.

Step 6: Form a dubbing loop at the base of the tail, advance the thread to the front of the body, insert the red seal sub sparsely into the loop, twist the loop into a rope, and wind the dubbing rope forward to the thread location. Tie off and trim.

Step 7: Wind the rib forward over the body with 5 evenly spaced spiral turns. Tie off and trim excess.

Step 8: Select a yellow hackle feather with barbs reaching almost to the hook point, tie in by the tip, and wind forward 3 turns while stroking

the barbs rearward on each half turn. Tie off and trim excess. Repeat the process with the red hackle feather in front of the yellow.

Step 9: Select a small bunch of kid goat hair from the hide, do not stack, measure length from the end of the tail, and tie on just in front of the hackle. Tie off with tight turns and trim the excess at an angle toward the eye.

Step 10: Use a drop of super glue to secure the wing to the shank, then form a neat tapered head and cement.

The birth of the Skykomish Sunrise pattern goes back to 1938, though there are conflicting accounts of it's history. It was created by father and son Steelheaders, Ken and George McLeod of Seattle for the winter runs, and tied as a gift for George's brother. Of course it was named for and inspired by the beautiful sunrises on the Skykomish River in Western Washington State. In the 1950's McLeod himself set a fly rod world record catching a 29 pound steelhead on the fly. Since then the Skykomish Sunrise has been a staple for Steelheaders throughout the Northwest and into the Great Lakes area. This fly is tied with traditional bright, flashy red and white materials in order to gain the fish's attention in the often cold, murky flows of winter and spring. Originally tied with Polar Bear for the wing and a chenille body, the version pictured above is a modern twist that I prefer.

The fly sinks quickly and a well-tied pattern will ride smooth and proper in rougher currents. Fish it with a wet fly swing, casting up and across stream. For the fanatical winter steelhead fly fisher a good day is 40 degrees and nasty. That's when thousand of these hearty and seemingly foolish fish come up streams while most other fish in the region are doing nothing at all. There is not a more crazed fisher than the winter steelhead fly fisher. Here's your fly.

Tying tips:

There are several material substitutions that will make this pattern doable for any tier. Sub saddle hackle barbs for the tail and chenille for the body. Leave off the tag if you want and use calf, fox, or buck tail for the wing. The result should be just as effective using common materials. Use a heavy gauge wire hook and keep it somewhat sparse. You want it to sink down in front of that steely.

Letters from the Recipients of the Rogue Flyfishers Scholarships

Each year, the Rogue Flyfishers awards scholarships to students in the Fisheries Program at Oregon State University. We do this to assist student that we feel will go on to careers that will benefit the fishery resources we all value. The scholarships are awarded based on scholastic achievement, work experience in the field of fisheries sciences or management, involvement in the community, career goals, and financial need. This year's recipients are Andrew Chione and Sage Fox, and they sent the following letters to the club:

Dear Rogue Fly-Fishers,

As I write, I am in Boise Idaho working as a snorkel survey crew leader for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. I am passionate about studying and protecting our wild fish stocks here in the Northwest, and I truly appreciate your contribution to my further education. I have taken more than a full load of courses every term that I have been enrolled at OSU, and this extra coursework has far exceeded the support my university scholarships have provided. As such, private scholarships like this one are the sole reason I am able to continue pushing my limits academically. There is so much work that remains to be done in fisheries both in this region and around the world, and groups like yours inspire me to contribute my all to sustainable fisheries management efforts.

Next year will be my last at OSU, and I plan to make it the best as well. I will be completing my thesis in Oregon coastal blue carbon assets while representing the OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club as the American Fisheries Society student liaison. I will also continue to lead the triathlon club as the incoming club president. In my free time, I hope to get some time out on the rivers chasing wild trout and steelhead. I am currently applying for a Fulbright Scholarship to study sustainable fisheries management in the Brazilian Amazon, so I hope to continue my field experience in Brazil once I graduate from OSU.

Thank you again for making all of this possible. Your contribution really means a lot to me.

Sage Fox



Dear Rogue Flyfishers,

I am honored and excited to receive the 2020 Rogue Flyfishers scholarship. Next year, I will be a senior in Fisheries and Wildlife Science at Oregon State University and this scholarship will help me finish my studies and continue to excel.

I believe in being involved in freshwater conservation throughout my college education. My current job as a water quality technician for E&S Environmental Chemistry enables me to contribute to fish and human safety on the Klamath River in southwest Oregon. Finishing my degree at OSU will be the next step in my professional career and educational path. I hope to continue my education by applying to graduate school.

Last year, I also won the Rogue Flyfishers scholarship. It helped me pay for classes and books and allowed me to study more without having to work too much. I am a first generation college student and responsible for all of my tuition and living expenses. College would not be possible without the generous donors of the scholarships I have received.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Andrew Chine



New Year's Day Chili Feed

Once again, the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will celebrate the new year with a chili feed at the Holy Water on New Year's Day. As usual, we will gather at the picnic shelter in River's Edge Park on the south bank of the Holy Water. We should have a fire going by 10 AM and will eat around noon. We need people to bring chili, and will again have a contest where participants will select their favorite pot of chili. The competition has become intense in recent years, and we have enjoyed some very good chili as a result. Those not bringing chili can help out by bringing cornbread, salads, desserts or other items to share. The clubs will provide coffee and tableware.

The Holy Water can offer good trout fishing during the winter, and there will be opportunities to fish both before and after we eat. Swinging or drifting small marabou leeches, wooly buggers, micro intruders, or nymphs along the bottom can be productive. If conditions are favorable, we could even have a blue-winged olive or midge hatch. If you are going to fish, remember to get your 2020 fishing license.



Dear Members,

In order for the Board of Directors to determine the club's budget for the coming year, it is important and helpful that your renewal dues are paid by December 31st. As an extra incentive for meeting the December 31st deadline, there will be a special raffle at the January meeting for all members who pay their dues by December 31, 2019.

To save the RFF several hundred dollars we are asking all members that have access to the internet to renew their membership online. If a club member does not have an email address on file, we will send the renewal application via US mail.

To renew your membership go to rogueflyfishers.org and look to the right, under Electronic Membership application or renewal, and click on pay with PayPal. Complete the form and then press Submit to continue to payment.

Honorary Life Members do not need to pay annual dues but need to complete this form and return it so we have your updated information and preferences.

We look forward to another successful year for the Rogue Flyfishers and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors

Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal - 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Should you NOT want your email address in the club directory, check here: _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names, and email if different:

Best Contact Number: _____

Monthly Newsletter - please indicate your preference by circling one: Mailed Electronically

Are you a member of the Fly Fishers International? (circle one): Yes No

(Circle one) Individual: \$35 Family: \$45 Junior (under 18): \$5 Honorary Life Member \$0

Dues Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Please make check payable to Rogue Flyfishers)

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YEAR 2019 OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

The outstanding club member of the year award is given each January to a member(s) as recognition for significant contribution to the Rogue Flyfishers. If you know of a club member worthy of this award, please submit the candidates name to the Board of Directors using the form printed below. This award is given to a person who has been a paid member for the entire year, and who has contributed to the achievement of the club as set forth in the Club Bylaws, Article 1, which reads that the club is established “... to promote the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources and habitats; to promote conservation of recreational resources; and to facilitate and improve the knowledge of fly-fishing.” Mail the completed nomination form to Rogue Flyfishers / PO Box 4637 / Medford, OR 97501.

I recommend the following person or persons for the 2016 Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award:

My recommendation is based on the following:



Photo of Dick Chambers with a nice redband trout he caught from the Williamson River during the trip with David Haight that he bought during the auction last spring

“RAFFLE A FISHERMAN”



JACK PATTERSON

The “Man” from Klamath!
You might need to wait for next Summer but it’ll be worth it

Rogue Flyfishers Outings for 2020

Date	Outing	Host/Contact
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight
January 25 - 26	Coastal Steelhead	David Haight
February 29	South Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
March 11	Illinois River Steelhead	David Haight
April ? (TBA)	Sugar Creek Ranch	Will Johnson
May ? (TBA)	Beginning Fly Fishing Class	John MacDiarmid
June 13	Umpqua Smallmouth Bass	David Haight
July 17 - 19	East Lake	Steve Day Keith Hardcastle
August 22	Rogue at Union Creek	David Haight
September 19	Clinic/Picnic	David Haight Steve Day
October 4 - 5	Lower Rogue Halfpounders	David Haight
November 7 - 8	Metolius River Bull Trout	David Haight
January 1, 2021	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FLY SHOP

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
Gary Anderson Custom Rods	1976 Foots Creek Road, Gold Hill	541-582-4318
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
The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shastatrou.com	(530) 926-5763

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 _____

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** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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