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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.

PROGRAM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Steve Day

THE THINGS THAT MATTER

Many of you know that I spent the last forty years or so working in law enforcement or the security services fields. Although those professions have their rewards, you see great people on their worse days. For the most part, people only call the Cops when there's a problem and that includes the best of us. The job can be challenging at best.

My journey led me to see and experience things that I would not wish upon anyone but I also saw acts of heroism, bravery, joy and satisfaction. Great things can come at a premium cost and a somewhat broken spirit can be carried for a lifetime. Rewards are not free.

To do the job well, it beckons for a great deal of personal commitment and a selfless dedication to community and a service to one's fellow man. The personal costs of involving one's self in an activity littered with perils and personal risks requires an almost blind disregard for bad outcomes and a continual vision of optimism and quest for success. That business is tough on one's spirit and soul and if it weren't for the success stories, many wouldn't survive it well. I am inspired as your President and bring to the table my excitement for the Club and its' members and with that comes the same sense of commitment and enthusiasm, and a perspective, focused on the "THE THINGS THAT MATTER". And the best part is it's virtually free of all of the risks and perils!

So what does all this have to do with fly fishing? It has to do with what we give up of ourselves and leave behind in our wake. Those are "THE THINGS THAT MATTER".

This is about how one Cop's casual encounter with a kid that was trying to mess up his life, and a fly fishing conversation that blossomed and possibly pointed a kid in the right direction. Sometimes through our passion we can make a difference that changes a life. I believe this is one those instances where fly fishing made a difference.

More than a decade ago, while working, I was approached by a young man that was working in another department of the organization. He introduced himself as the son of a woman I knew well. He told me he had some questions about the law. We talked for some time and it was apparent to me that he was walking that fine line that separates good behavior from bad.

We had numerous conversations, most revolved around life in general. My focus was simply mentoring and sharing my life's experiences and thoughts and trying to cultivate within him, a sense of personal responsibility. I highlighted the importance of good decisions and the potential consequences, good or bad, of his life's choices. I emphasized getting a hobby, going fishing, hiking, mountain biking, finding an activity that he could enjoy and then pursue it. I stressed that he didn't need to know what he wanted to be when he grew up. But don't do things now that limit your choices later.

And then it happened. He asked me about fly fishing. He stated inquisitively one day, "I hear you're a pretty good fly fisherman?" Those initial conversations opened a door and he walked through it to go fishing. My interest in his future and curiosity on his part, led to a day at the lake.

We hatched a plan. He wanted to go fishing. I wanted him to go catching! I wanted him to enjoy the day, learn, catch some fish and get excited. I told him to pack a lunch, bring some water and I'd take care of the rest. We met one March morning. I put together a rig for him and we walked into a local reservoir that in the spring, often times, had wonderful chironomid hatches. The indicator fishing there can be very good for pan sized and up Rainbows and Browns that grow large.

Once at the lake, the sun was just cresting over the mesa's ledges high above the lake. The water was placid with little surface activity present. I noticed windrows of chironomid shucks, piled up along the wave lines of the sandy areas of the shoreline. This was an encouraging sign. The first few minutes were dedicated to roll casting lessons. At this location, the steep volcanic escarpment climbs steeply from the water level and this virtually eliminates much more than a thought, of an overhand cast. He was a quick study and shortly thereafter was making fishable roll casts.

The lake at this location is narrow, possibly 70 to 80 yards wide, and makes a hard, right hand turn just downstream from the inlet. A southbound current occupies this part of the lake. Flows vary as they are affected by river inflow and lake level. This current at our location creates a large, slow, clockwise, eddy and a resulting sandy, shoal that varies in depth from four to six feet. This eddy readily gathers aquatic insects during hatches and creates a living buffet for feeding trout.

The morning started very slowly. My friend's casting skills however, improved. He got to where he could consistently roll cast to the upstream, outside, portion of the eddy and allow his fly to simply ride the current slowly back to our feet.

President's Message (continued)

Around 9:30 a.m., almost like an epiphany, there was a change. A slight upstream wind emerged from down canyon and I noticed several large, black, chironomids, airborne. And then it began. Armed with a single, size 16, Black Zebra Midge on 4X, four feet of drop under the indicator, a well placed cast along the eddy seam and a willing fish, it was bobber down!

This scene replayed itself over and over for several hours with dozens of willing fish and it slowed only briefly from time to time, with periods of pause and anticipation, reflection, and tangles. When not fishing, there was an urgent rush to get the fly back in the water. The kid's joy was palpable! The kid was in heaven. The only person more thrilled than he was me!

This relationship turned into countless conversations between the two of us, a gifting of an old, Thompson, Model A, vice, tying materials as well as tying lessons and a couple of other successful fishing days.

Over ten years have passed since that initial conversation with that Kid. He's now 29 years old, a husband and a proud, Dad, a Supervisor in the same department within the same organization, a part time seasonal employee for a local fly shop and he completed his first guide trips for the fly shop last summer. He was a good kid on a winding, uneven, path without direction. He's now a wonderful man, a good steward of the resource and the environment and now he has the opportunity to pay those things forward.

Those remarkable, mostly small, fish he caught that first day out fly fishing became a driving force in his life! I am thrilled to have had that experience.

I previously stated that our conversations created a door of opportunity through which that kid walked. Looking back, I believe the opposite is true. It was I that walked through that door. It gave me the opportunity to give back, to pay it forward, the gift was truly mine. I would do again and again and I am hopeful the chance repeats itself soon. This is a success story for sure. How much I had to do with it? Who knows but one thing is certain, it wouldn't have happened had I not got involved and I'm hopeful that kid will do the same someday.

We all have something to give, so get involved, pay it forward.

These are "THE THINGS THAT MATTER".

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

NEW Club Members

We would like to recognize and welcome the following **new** members who joined in January:

Ellis Case

John Putnam

Mark, Brenda, KK, & Jalynn Dewey

Steve Buck

Roger Viets

Welcome! Thanks for being a part of the Rogue Flyfishers!! Your support and participation is appreciated. We hope to meet you and see you at our monthly dinner meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except May, July & Aug).

Be sure and sign up on our BLOG so you can receive our **email notifications**.

To sign up for the Blog, go to our website www.rogueflyfishers.org , scroll down the page.

Click on **Rogue Flyfishers Blog** on the bottom right corner.

On the right-hand column you will see a box that says:

"Enter your email and the newest post will automatically appear in your email"

Type your email address in that box and click "Submit"

You will now be kept up to date with the latest announcements, changes, and reminders that take place through-out the month that you need to be aware of.

Thank you to those who keep renewing your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

**2018 Club Member of the Year
Jon Iverson**

Jon was given the **Member of the Year** award at the January Meeting. In following his commitment to help the Rogue Flyfishers, he has also taken on the job as treasurer. Please let him know how we appreciate his willingness to help when needed.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday February 20th 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 \$22 per person

Pit Roasted Tri-Tip, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, House Green Salad w/ Ranch or Raspberry Vinaigrette,
Rolls w/ Butter, 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 or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

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RAMBLINGS OF A FLY TIER

Craig Mathew's Sparkle Dun Emerger



The fly this month is another trout fly, but I have, over the years caught quite a few steelhead on small dry flies (as several friends and members of our club can verify). The fly is Craig Mathew's Sparkle Dun Emerger which is a modified or tweaked Compara Dun from the book "Hatches" by Caucci and Nastasi of 1980. That said, I have done much better with Craig's pattern everywhere from spring creeks to rivers (BWO's on the Rogue) Good reference book is "Fly Patterns of Yellowstone" by Craig Mathews and John Juracek.

Hook – Daiichi 1480 or 1222, size 16-22

Thread – small, I use Rust Veevus 16/0 – use your favorite

Wing – Dun comparadun deer hair

Tail- Rust antron or z-lon sparce tied in to go behind wing and to form tail/shuck

Body – olive quill, dyed peacock or dubbing

Thorax – olive or gray olive dubbing behind and in front of wing.

You may also make other mayfly patterns by changing body colors. Here are a few examples using natural or synthetic dubbings. Rabbit or beaver fur work well for the natural.

Pale Morning Dun: yellowish orange/yellowish light olive

Tiny Western Olive: grayish olive

Small Green Drake: dark olive

White Wing Black: black

Speckled Spinner: tan

Mahogany Dun: deep mahogany

Blue Wing Olive: dark olive

Fly Tying, Anyone???

If anyone is interested in a class on tying small flies, I can offer a one to two day clinic on just how easy they are to tie. I can have 4 to 6 people per clinic at my fly tying den. It would be fun to get a group of your friends together for the same clinic. I am open to weekdays for the retired and weekend days for others. The cost is free to club members. Non-members cost would be the amount of our club's dues, money goes to the club and then you are a member. Call me if you're interested or have any questions 541-601-5658.

David E. Roberts

AUCTION NEWS

WHEN? Saturday May 18th

WHERE? Centennial Golf Club

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE!

Donations have already started coming in and once again we will have fishing trips and equipment, a few “unique” items, and another Rockin’ Rainbow among many, many other items. Also, watch for details, on the blog and in the next newsletter, but it appears we will have a **MAJOR** item so start saving those pennies right now!

As always, we welcome donations from club members and individuals as well as from businesses. We’ve already received a number of items from current and past members. Please remember, any item donated needs to be in good, clean condition and is something somebody would be willing to buy a raffle ticket for or bid on at the auction. We have a variety of people who attend so items do not have to be fishing related. Handmade items, baked goods, or similar items are always welcome.

One thing that goes well at the auction is wine. Are you a member of a wine club? Many times being a wine club member can help encourage a winery to make a donation. So we don’t have multiple people asking the same winery for a donation, please check with me first.

Thanks for your support!

Tim Bolling – Auction Chair

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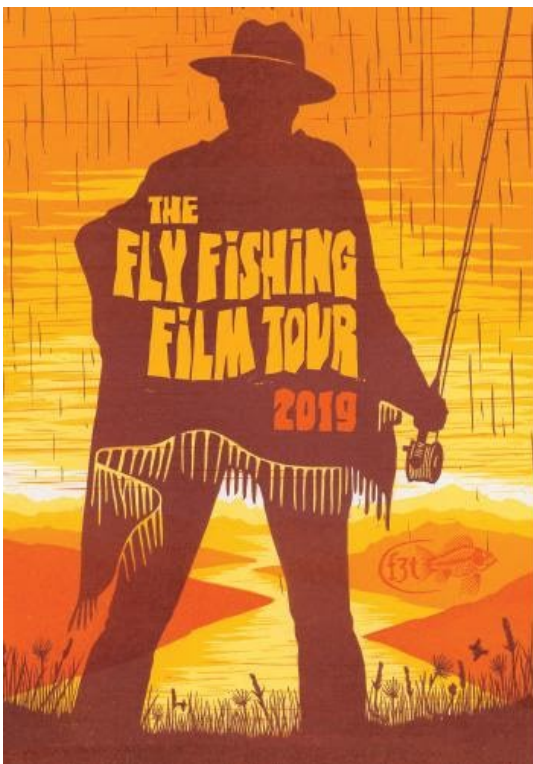


Anderson Creek Fish Ladder



RFF Club member, Charlie Costner, who built a great fish ladder for Anderson Creek, was joined by fellow club member, Harry Foster, ODFW volunteer Jim Allsup, and ODFW Biologist Ryan Battleson for the installation. Ryan Battleson, who heads up the STEP program for ODFW, led the construction and installation of the fish ladder, thanked Charlie and the other volunteers for the completion of the project. The fish ladder construction and installation is just one of the ODFW STEP projects currently being ran by

ODFW volunteers and RFF club members, and is considered part of our conservation mission. It is hoped that this new fish ladder will provide more access by fish to the upper reaches of Anderson Creek in Phoenix



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AROUND. DON'T MISS OUT. WIN AND HAVE A
GREAT DAY ON THE WATER!**

Highlights from the Chili Feed

Thirty to forty members from the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers attended the annual chili feed at the Holy Water on New Year's Day. The day started off clear and cold, which made the warm fire and hot coffee especially nice, then warmed up as the day went on. In addition to all the other good food, we had over a dozen entries in the chili contest. All of them were excellent, so we all enjoyed sampling as many as we could. In the end, RFF member Joanne Simpson's chili was voted the best by the attendees, and she was awarded the coveted chili-pepper trophy. Although most people were content to spend the day visiting around the fire and eating, a few people donned their waders and spent at least a little time fishing in the Holy Water. At least one person caught their first fish of the New Year.

David Haight, Outing Chair



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & INFORMATION UPDATE

Membership dues for 2019 must be received by March 31st to remain a member in good standing. That deadline is fast approaching! Please fill out the renewal form below and return it with a check to: Rogue Fly Fishers PO Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501. If you prefer to submit your dues electronically, use the Paypal option provided on our website. Regardless of which method you choose, please return the form below so we have your updated information and preferences on file. If you do not renew before March 31st, your information will not appear in the 2019 Roster.

Members who paid their 2019 dues prior to January 1st were entered in a special early bird raffle and that drawing was held at the January meeting. Congratulations to **Mark Teeters** who went home with a new TFO Rod and Reel! *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. All other members should review the information in the roster and advise me of any changes.

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

Tim Bolling
Membership Committee

Rogue Flyfishers Membership Renewal - 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

If this is a family membership, list family member's names: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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)

Outing Schedule for 2019

Date	Outing	Host/Contact
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight
January 26 - 27	Coastal Steelhead	David Haight
February 16	South Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
March 5	North Umpqua Steelhead	Dave Haight
April 6	Lake Selmac	Steve Day Keith Hardcastle
<i><u>May ?</u></i>	<i>Beginning Fly Fishing Class</i>	<i>John MacDiarmid</i>
June 3 - 4	Surf Perch & Coastal Cutthroat	David Haight
July 18- 20	East Lake	Steve Day Keith Hardcastle
<i><u>August</u></i>	<i><u>TBA</u></i>	<i><u>TBA</u></i>
September 7	Clinic/Picnic	David Haight Keith Hardcastle
October 5	Fourmile Lake	David Haight
November 2	Rogue Coho	David Haight
January 1, 2019	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

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February and March Outings

The Rogue Flyfishers will host two outings to the Umpqua River system: one to the South Umpqua in February, and one to the North Umpqua in early March. Both rivers offer outstanding fishing for winter steelhead. Because they don't have the halfpounder life history, the steelhead tend to be larger in the Umpqua River than in the Rogue River. They also show up earlier, so the winter steelhead season starts a little sooner in the forks of the Umpqua than it does in the middle and upper Rogue.

South Umpqua

In its upper reaches, the South Umpqua is a smaller river that is well suited to fly fishing. It is not as popular as other streams in southwest Oregon; thus, gets less pressure. It has water that is well suited to swinging flies and water that is better fished with a dead-drifted fly.

The outing will be held on Saturday February 16. Since we will travel over the Tiller—Trail Highway, we will meet in the parking lot across from the Upper Rogue Regional Park (Shady Cove boat ramp) in Shady Cove at 8:00 AM and caravan from there. A single-handed or switch rod of about eight-weight with both floating and sink-tip lines would cover your needs on the section of the river we will fish; however, there are places you could make good use of a Spey rod with a Skagit head. Bring flies for both swinging and nymphing—traditional steelhead patterns, intruder-style patterns, weighted egg-sucking leeches, egg patterns, and medium and large-sized weighted nymphs. Be sure to bring your waders, rain jacket, food, water, and your usual fishing accessories.

North Umpqua

The fly-only section of the North Umpqua is well known among fly anglers, and can be quite busy during the summer steelhead season. The winter and early spring offers fishing that can be just as good but without as many people competing for the prime spots. The North Umpqua is one of the most beautiful rivers around and has a strong tradition for swinging flies.

We will meet along the North Umpqua at Swiftwater Park (just a little below Rock Creek and the lower boundary of the fly water) at 9:00 AM on Tuesday March 5. After a brief discussion about the river and how to fish it, we will tour access points and fishing holes in the lower half of the fly water. We will then spread out along the river to fish. At that time, I will be happy to help anyone looking for additional instruction about fishing the North Umpqua or about steelhead fishing in general.

During the winter season, Spey rods can be an asset on the North Umpqua, but single-handed rods of about 8-weight will also work. Sink-tip lines or shooting heads will help you get your flies down to the fish, which is critical at this time of year. A wide variety of flies will work--from traditional steelhead patterns to large intruder-style flies. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, wading belt, and wading staff. If you have one, an inflatable PFD will add an extra level of safety. Be sure to pack your rain jacket, polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

For those wanting to stay overnight, there are several options. Most of the Forest Service and BLM campgrounds will still be closed for the season; however, Boulder Flat and Horseshoe Bend campgrounds usually stay open for the winter. The Dogwood Motel (dogwoodmotel.com, 541-496-3403), located near the lower end of the fly water, is a decent place to stay at a reasonable price. The Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, if it fits your budget, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

David Haight, Outing Chair

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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,

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