



February 2026

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

**Rogue Flyfishers**  
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### Board of Directors

			Term
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Treasurer	Tim Bolling	541-500-1976	2026
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Auction	Robbi DeBois	760-985-8630	2026
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Programs	Mark Dewey	541-292-3331	2027
Board	Bill Burns	541-680-7402	2026
Board	Mike LeTourneau	541-622-5733	2027
Website	Bob Eury	707-498-5368	2027

### Committee Heads

<b>Auction Chair</b>	Robbi DeBois	760-985-8630
<b>Blog Coordinator</b>	Steve Day	661-742-5835
<b>Casting Chair</b>	John MacDiarmid	541-664-8391
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## PROGRAM

### Swinging Soft Hackles Mike McCoy

- Swinging soft hackles for trout and steelhead
- “The Tug Is The Drug”
- Pondering on WHY and how we fish!!
- Flies, lines and techniques

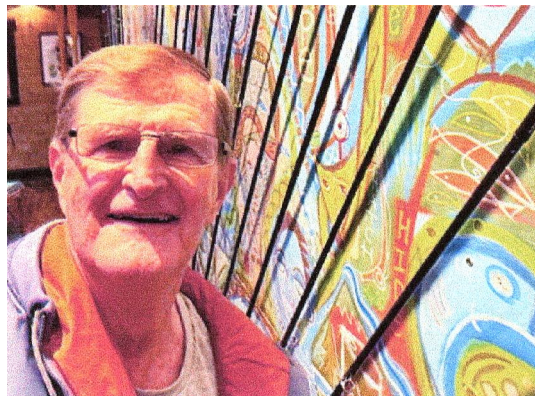
#### Background

- Life long Oregonian enjoying both still and moving waters in the Pacific Northwest. Also enjoy fishing warm water oceans and rivers around the world
- Drift boat enthusaist for 60 years
- Graduate of the University of Oregon in education where commercial tying for Poulson’s Flies out of Portland was a helpful work option to stay afloat and fed
- Fly tying habit going well past sixty years, still alive and well from an unusually messy tying station overlooking the lovely North Umpqua River
- Writer/photographer for outdoor/sporting magazines, in the (long) past
- Physical Education teacher and coach in Oregon for about 35 years out of Eugene
- Guide for twenty years for trout / steelhead / smallmouth bass on rivers all over Oregon
- Casting / rowing instruction ongoing passions

#### Current

- President of **Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers** in Roseburg Oregon. Happily residing for the past twenty years just downriver from Glide
- Board Member of Oregon Fly Fishing Council

**Other Interests:** woodworking, watercolor painting, cooking, writing poetry



## President's Message February 2026

OK we have some changes incoming for the club. The website will be revamped and brought up to date. If you have any pictures from club events in the past, please send them in to Bob Eury or me. I would like to include pictures from the early days of the club, as well as more current years for the website. If you have any ideas on things we should add to the website, please let either of us know. We will also have a few outings coming up, and a chance to do a tying and casting program at a school. So please stay tuned for these opportunities.

Mark Teeters spoke up at the end of last month's dinner meeting about the life of the club, and I too am concerned about the state of the club and the participation rate of the members. This is not directed at those of you that come to the meetings and serve on the board. The club stopped doing monthly outings because no one shows up. We will have a few outings coming up this year and it would be great to get some people to show up for these. We have an auction coming up and if we want this to be a successful auction, we need people to participate. Rob can't do it all on his own. The club needs a recording secretary and without this position filled soon the club cannot go on. This is one of the most important positions on the board. I'm not trying to be a doomer but club participation has to increase or our days are numbered.

I stepped up for another term as the president, since no one has any interest. When I joined in 2018 the meetings were well attended and the club did a lot of activities. Yes, Covid took some of the wind out of our sails and we have been struggling ever since. My goal is to get back to those days. However I can't do it all on my own. The dinner attendance has gotten better, and I appreciate you all for that, but this club has been so much more than a monthly social event in the past, and I'd like to see it get back to that.

So with that said it's February now, which means we should have more steelhead entering rivers, and Valentines Day is coming up. So get out there and take your sweetie fishing. Also we have Mike McCoy with a presentation on soft hackles this month, which will be one that you don't want to miss.

Thank you

John Pogue

### Upcoming Schedule

Board Meeting	2/4/26, 3/4/26
Auction Meeting	2/9/26
SOFT meeting	2/10/26
Club Meeting	2/18/26, <b>3/11/26!</b>

#### Events

NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo  
Albany, OR 3/13, 3/14 2026  
Auction 5/9/2026

#### Outings

Umpqua River	4/11, 4/12/26 (tentative)
Club Picnic	6/13/26

**Check the Club Calendar for more information**

## **Coastal Outing: Slow Fishing but a Great Time**

Over a dozen members of the Rogue Flyfishers, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, and Southern Oregon Fly Tiers joined forces for an outing in mid-January to fish for winter steelhead on the Southern Oregon Coast. After meeting for breakfast in Brookings, we dispersed along the Chetco River to try to find willing steelhead. Unfortunately, the river was rather low and clear, making that difficult, but we had a good time working on our Spey casts. We met up for dinner in Brookings that evening to compare notes and plan for the next day. The following morning, most of us headed up to the Rogue River. Conditions were a little better there, and we caught a couple of halfpounders. While most people did not catch a fish, the outing did introduce those who attended to the winter steelhead fishing opportunities the area offers.

The streams along the Southern Oregon Coast offer a good opportunity for fly fishers during the winter, a time when many of our usual fisheries are not available. Plus, these streams, and the area as a whole, are incredibly scenic. Although the fishing conditions were not ideal, the weather was great. We were all happy to be out of the cold, foggy weather in the Rogue Valley and enjoying the warm sunshine at the coast, as well as the good company of our fellow club members.

## **Auction Update**

The next auction meeting is scheduled for February 9 at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center, 228 N. Holly St, Medford at 6pm. Remember to park and enter from the rear of the building. We can't open the front door. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Please bring any auction items to the meeting. See you there.

Robbi DeBois, Auction Committee Chairman

## **Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting**

The next club meeting is Wednesday February 18th at Centennial Golf Club  
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm

Dinner and meeting at 7:00pm

Raffle prior to Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25 per person

Menu: Taco Bar, Flour & Corn Tortillas, Beef & Chicken, Beans, Fiesta Rice, All the Fixins, Desert

### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP's need to be in by Saturday (February 14th) preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) or call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

## January Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2026

Present at the meeting were John Pogue, Jim Ulm, Tim Bolling, Bob Eury, Rob DeBois, Dave Haight, Mark Dewey, Rick Graw, and Mike LeTourneau. Meeting started at 6:00 PM

- First up was Tim Bolling with the treasurers report. The treasurers report was approved.
- Next up was the review of the board minutes from December. The minutes were approved.
- Next up was Mark Dewey with the programs report. The programs are scheduled through April.
- Next up was Jim Ulm with the membership report. Membership renewals are slowly trickling in. We are going to raise the dues price after the March meeting to \$40 individual and \$50 for family.
- Next up was Rob DeBois with the auction report. Rob has been getting cash donations to help pay for the auction, and will have the next auction meeting on January 12th.
- Next up was Rick Graw with the conservation report. Rick has been playing with chat gpt on inputting data and seeing what kind of response comes out. The results were impressive. Rick and I will speak at the upcoming marine board meeting. ODFW also has some volunteer opportunities coming up.

### Old Business

- Board members, we still need a recording secretary. Dave Haight will be the vice president. John Pogue will stay on as president. All other positions will stay the same.
- Newsletter content. We've been trying to encourage members to submit articles for the newsletter. We decided to start with 4 raffle tickets for articles that are accepted for the newsletter.
- Updating the website. Roxanne, who came to a prior meeting, has given us a proposal that was kind of high. We also have another proposal from Laurel who did Jerry Hayne's website. John Pogue will reach out to Laurel to see what she has to say. John will also coordinate with Bob Eury on making a final decision on the website.

### New Business

- Umpqua outing. We will do an outing in early April on the Umpqua. Tentatively on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The year ahead. Some of the things I'd like to accomplish are getting the website up to date, do a collaboration with the Southern Oregon Women Outdoors, more school projects, Project Healing Waters, and maybe talk to the Oregon Stewardship and doing something with them. Some other ideas were Medford Parks and Recreation, or Southern Oregon University outdoors department.
- Next up was the club debit card with Evergreen Bank. Steve Ostrander will give up his debit card, and it will be deactivated. Bob Eury will get a debit card to pay for newsletter related expenses. This was presented to the board for a vote. The board approved issuing Bob Eury a debit card and deactivating Steve Ostranders debit card.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

## Volunteer Education Opportunity

The following was presented by Rick Graw at the January Board Meeting. The Board thought this was a great opportunity. This means that for this to be feasible, we will need volunteers. Please contact a Board Member if you are available to assist with this event by either taking point, providing loaner equipment or assisting with time.

During our last meeting, we discussed our desire to facilitate fly fishing instruction to schools. I was approached by Mitch Muenier of the Grants Pass School District to teach his 7th and 8th graders different aspects of fly fishing such as casting, fly tying, etc. .... There's 50 kids in his class rooms, which meet for 48 minutes each at 10:14 am and another class at 1:30 PM. Each class has 25 students. He also leads the kids on a field trip (during the school week) where he can take them to a body of water to fish. Those trips usually depart the school at 8:30 am and return by 1:30 or 2 pm. He's willing to work with us on logistics. .... We would come to the school and teach one class at 10:14 am and return to teach the other class at 1:30 pm. Additionally, we can work with him on a field trip where we could create different stations to rotate the kids through so they can learn and practice casting, knot tying, conservation, and of course, fishing. He'd like to do this in April.

Some logistical challenges include getting sufficient amount of vices and materials for them to learn how to tie a fly (e.g., the Woolly Bugger). Also, we'll need to provide the rods and reels so they can practice casting and fish.

## Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 Daily 9AM-5PM PST

Location: Linn County Expo Center

<https://www.lcfairexpo.com/>

3700 Knox Butte Rd E.

Albany, OR 97322

(541) 926 – 4314



### About NW Expo

#### Sponsored by...

#### **The Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International, Inc.**

The inaugural Northwest Fly Tyer Expo took place in Eugene, Oregon, in 1989 with the aim of bringing together fly-fishing enthusiasts and fly tyers to craft lifelike imitations of fish's natural food sources using materials like feathers, fur, and thread and to exchange valuable knowledge. Due to its increasing popularity, the event outgrew its original venue and had to be relocated to a larger facility. In 2007, the expo found its new home at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon, and also expanded to include a dedicated fly fishing education component.

Fifteen Northwest Expos later (minus two years due to COVID-19), the event has expanded to encompass a significant portion of the western region. Exhibitors now not only sell products but also educate attendees on how to support the fly fishing industry. The event has evolved to include Fly Tying, Fly Fishing, Casting, Youth Participation, and Conservation Education as integral components.

The NW Expo offers a comprehensive experience for anyone interested in fly fishing. This event provides a social, educational, and networking platform for families, youth, and individuals keen on learning about this distinctive sport.



## Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Sahady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	305 N. Bartlett, Medford	541-973-2988
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](mailto:jimulm9@msn.com)

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

Applying \_\_\_ or renewing \_\_\_ as (check one): **Individual** \_\_ (\$40.00), **Family** \_\_ (\$50.00), 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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 Fly Fishers international?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_ or by **US Mail** \_\_\_?

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

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