



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 DINNER MEETING THIS MONTH!****
 CLUB PICNIC IS ON OUR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT OF
 WEDNESDAY JULY 16TH.
 ****FIND PICNIC DETAILS IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!****

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 July 16th at TOUVELLE PARK!!**

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The club will furnish iced tea and lemonade

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President's Message - July 2014

It is now time to start focusing on our next Fund Raiser. Our annual Steelhead Tournament will be next on our agenda. It has been scheduled for **October 11, 2014**. Once again we will kick it off with a breakfast created by the hands of our very own John Ward. We need some assistance in making this a big success.

Some of you might remember that we donated all of last year's proceeds to assist in the removal of the two old dams on East Evans Creek. Our donation was a little over \$1800 for this project. The Oregon Council of FFF has also chipped in a nice sum to help this along.

** Our task at hand is to find boats and oarsmen to shuttle our contestants down through different stretches of the Rogue River. If you have a boat or know of someone who would like to volunteer 6-8 hours of their time and effort, we can surely fill each boat.

We give out 2 very special prizes at the end of the day. A custom made fly rod will be given to the lucky one who lands the largest fish of the day and another will be awarded to the contestant who lands the most accumulated "inches" of all fish caught by him or her.

The start and finish of the tourney will be at Tou Velle State Park. We will conclude the day with a BBQ Dinner and Drinks.

Even if you are a beginner or experienced steelhead angler, I'm positive you will have a great day as a contestant. The Entry fee will be \$150 for each fisherperson. Remember that all of the monies raised will help out in our conservation efforts.

You don't have to be a guide to row friends in your boat. Think about helping out.

Change of subject. I am aware of 2 different groups on consecutive weekends that tried out Diamond Lake. If my math is correct the 2 weekends totaled 12 fishermen and the results were staggering. Only 13 fish total were brought to the boats. I did notice today in the Outdoor Section of our local paper talked about the same interesting subject. I think I'm going to explore other possibilities for the rest of the summer and maybe try again next year.

Enjoy your summer.

How Your Investments Relate to Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing and the bond market

Fishing conditions are inversely affected by river flows. When water flows increase, fishing conditions usually decline due to a lower fish density. The higher volume of water increases the ratio of square feet of water per fish, which is why fishing usually isn't as good when the water is high. To the contrary, low water brings fish closer together and gives the fisherman greater access to more fish per sq. foot of water. Bonds and fly fishing are quite similar. If you own bonds, they are affected by fluctuations in Interest rates. If interest rates go up, the value of your bonds will go down, lowering the value of your portfolio. The reason? People are not going to pay the same price for your bond when they can buy a bond that offers a higher interest rate. Your bond, which has a lower interest rate, isn't as appealing to other investors, so the value goes down. Get more interesting fly fishing concepts and how they relate to your financial plan at Adam's newsletter website at www.flyfinancialadvisor.com



Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He teaches fly fishing for the City of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Meford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.

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"I am looking to grow my book of business. Any referrals that you provide, I will give you a free fly fishing session on the Upper Rogue River or Crater Lake - lunch and gear provided".

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ROCKY POINT...PELICAN BAY... RECREATION CREEK

The upper lake is between 62 AND 65 degrees. Some places are too shallow to fish with a normal out board motor. Very few fish on the fish finder in these areas.

Suggestion: Find some deep water and fish near the bottom. By mid July many of the big lake trout will be headed up the Wood and Williamson Rivers where the water should be cooler. The flies that seem to be catching fish are Black Leaches with Silver Flashabou and Burnt Red Seal Buggers and Woolly Buggers with Gold Flashabou.

Gary Graham

July Casting on the Green

Otis Swisher, Tom Collette and John MacDiarmid will continue to start beginners and coach intermediates in our Monday sessions but we endeavor to offer something for the more advanced casters as well. Accuracy casting was the advanced topic in June and in July we will introduce slack line casting. In most fishing situations an angler has to present the fly over the fish and manage the line so that the line does not drag the fly downstream faster than a natural float. Thus, most good cast require slack when the fly is first laid down. Many anglers make the cast and after the fly and line land on the water they roll the line upstream, often jerking and moving the fly in the process. A more effective method is to execute a reach cast. Cast the fly as you normally would but use a little higher trajectory over the water and as the line and fly drift down, reach upstream with the rod and the line will land upstream of the fly. This is the most commonly used slack line cast and it will help you with your presentation and number of hook-ups. Once you learn the reach cast you will use in on most cross stream cast. An effective cast for nymph fishing is the tuck cast. Nymphs need to sink quickly to their fishing depth and the normal cast sets the line down in a position horizontal to the water with a slow sink rate. The tuck cast curves the nymph under the indicator while still in the air and it and the leader drop straight down for a quick decent. Of course this is applied to nymphing for steel head with beneficial results as well. A third slack line cast used effectively for steel head is the stack mend. This is an abbreviated roll cast that stacks up slack beside the indicator for a drag free drift. We will start with the reach cast on July 6 and progress into the other cast through the month.

Mondays, 6:00 to 7:00P.M.

Hedrick Middle School

1501 East Jackson

Medford

Social Media, Smart Phones and Such

I made a conscious decision years ago that my children and entire family would not be left behind by computers and evolving technology. I am extremely happy to report that my children, now adults, are using their technology skills more so than myself.

Now with the smart phone, tablet, and computer connected to the internet, the world is just a click away. The Rogue Flyfishers use a website and bulk e-mail to enhance communication in addition to the telephone and it works very well.

On a personal level the idea of the social media available was always questionable. The question was always, is it really worth the effort and time involved. I finally found one that is worth it for me. It is Instagram and it works right on your smart phone. So easy to use, even I can do it. Just take a photo with your smart phone and write a short comment if you want to and share it. This is the perfect social media for a hobby such as fly fishing. I follow over 100 people in more than a dozen countries. I see photos of their gear, flies, rods, reels, fish and yes some things about their personal life. Most of them are younger than me but that doesn't seem to matter and many follow me back. Instagram is just a nice easy way to stay connected.

Tom Collett

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Does Any One Else Remember This Stretch of the Rogue?

Otis D. Swisher

My first "drift" down a stretch of the Rogue River was about the year 1962. I had no raft. I had no drift boat. But, I did have an inner tube.

I was a part of a "flotilla" of tubes consisting of my sons Mark and Stephen along with one of their Jr. Hi School friends, Stephen MacDonald. Total of four "tubers".

I had fashioned two small paddles about the size of Ping Pong paddles for each of us to assist in maneuvering.

Since no one rode high on the tube, instead, sort of lying on it with our derrieres in the water, I cautioned the kids "In any shallow water, be sure to raise your butt. You don't want to hit your tail bone on a rock."

Put in was at Elks Picnic Grounds, accessed off Agate Road. The river just downstream from our put in flowed past "Bill" Isaacs' home, river right. Now it's owned, I believe, by one of the Isola family. Bill Isaacs was one of the legendary fly fishers of the Rogue, along with Aubrey Norris. Bill ran The Toggery Shop in Medford; Aubrey ran Norris Shoes.

My first chest waders were of gum rubber, and I had leather work boots to which Aubrey cobbled aluminum plates with soft spikes. I remember his admonition that "The plate in the instep is the most important one; because, if you step up on a fair sized rock which is going to be slippery as all get out, you will have a grip on the rock." It saved me a dunking several times.

This day the water was fairly low and as is usual in late summer, seemed quite cold to us in our bathing suits.

Almost opposite the Isaacs' place the river made a wide-sweeping curve left and flowed directly East to the line of Cottonwood trees you can see today. These trees lined the Rogue's banks where, at that time, Little Butte Creek entered the old channel. I believe that stretch was called "The Grapevine".

I mention this and Aubrey Norris, because I was once shown a picture of fish taken at the Grapevine which were larger than most summer steelhead we catch today. Fish of better than ten pounds, and perhaps as large as fifteen pounds. Little Butte and Bear Creek produced some of the largest fish for the Rogue system.

I have heard stories about how aggressively Aubrey Norris waded. He was not a tall man, and not chunky of build. So to picture him mentally in the bed rock area near the Old Bridge Abutment; and to picture him at near chest high flow casting to these big steelhead it gives me pause to wonder and appreciate the sportsmen we follow after as we fly fish today.

Then, in 1964, a gravel operation was digging the river's edge immediately below Isaac's place. Padigan's Berm they called it. Only 3-feet wide at the top, it had no chance against the flood waters. The river no longer veered left; instead it cut straight down and through several gravel ponds, taking the river where we see it today.

I have to make a personal observation here, which comes from this complete change of channel just mentioned. I believe that the legal judgment made about the Rogue River's "navigability" should be based not on "where the river was in 1859", or the argument of river property owners who want the judgment to be made on "where my property was at a certain date in time". In my mind navigability doesn't depend on river bottoms, specific channels, or property rights, but on "was it navigable or potentially navigable wherever it was in 1859." Public access to the banks of the Rogue is too valuable to be determined on any other basis.

Outing to Target Smallmouth Bass on the Umpqua River



Oregon is well known for its salmon, steelhead, and trout fisheries; however, it does have some other fisheries that draw attention. The smallmouth bass fishery on the Umpqua River is widely considered one of the best river fisheries for bass in the western United States. Smallmouth are abundant throughout the main Umpqua and in the South Umpqua up to Tiller. They are aggressive fish, and will readily take a fly. It is common for anglers to catch dozens of fish in a day.

For those that would like to give this fishery a try, I will lead an outing to the Umpqua River on July 26. We will meet at 7:00 AM in the Diamond Home Improvement Store parking lot on 7th Street in Grants Pass near the North I-5 interchange. We will car pool to the Umpqua from there. We will float a section of the main Umpqua, so if you have a driftboat or pontoon boat, please bring it. If you don't have a boat, we will try to find you a ride, or will provide a map identifying places to fish from the bank.

Smallmouth bass can be found in the pools and backwater areas, and even in the slower riffles. They especially like to hold along the bedrock ledges and around the boulders. They will readily take poppers, Clouser minnows, woolly buggers, streamers, and large nymphs. Floating or slow-sinking lines fished on 5 or 6-weight rods are ideal. If you are interested in going, call me at 541-855-9043 or email me tmdrhaight@infostructure.net. Please let me know if you will be bringing a boat, and if you have room for a passenger.

David Haight, Outings Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard & Annalie Harvey

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 (Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining after June 30th pay half dues. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) **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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