



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

See you at the Wine dinner in August

Get out and have a great summer

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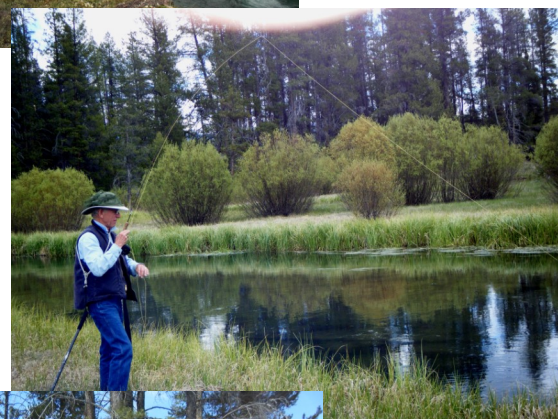
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WINE DINNER

*It's time to make your reservation for our annual
Wine Dinner on Saturday August 18th
at Daisy Creek Vineyard in Jacksonville
675 Shafer Lane*

*Come join us outside on the patio for a catered buffet dinner.
A complimentary bottle of red and white wine will be served at each table with dinner.
Wine is also available for purchase by the glass or bottle from Daisy Creek Vineyard
throughout the evening.*

~ Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm

~ Dinner is at 6:30 pm

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

Payment is due in advance to reserve your seat. Cost is \$25 per person.

Deadline to get your reservation in is August 10th.

The main entrée will be Roast Pork Loin. The caterer will accommodate those who prefer a vegetarian entrée. Please specify that you prefer the vegetarian entrée when you mail in your reservation.

*Please mail your payment to:
Rogue Flyfishers P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501
Indicate "Wine Dinner" on your check memo.*

ROGUE FLYFISHERS and SOUTHERN OREGON FLYFISHERS

FIRST ANNUAL FALL BBQ

SEPTEMBER 8TH, TOUVELLE PARK

The Event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a riverside Steelhead Clinic presented by David Haight.

This will be followed by a Casting Clinic and Instruction for single hand and two handed casting presented by John MacDairmid.

Fly Tying Demonstrations and Instruction will be provided throughout the Event by several Club Members.

The meal will be served around 2:30 and will include BBQ'd Tri-Tip, beans, salads, roasted jalapenos and tortillas.

Chilled bottled water will be included.

RFF is hosting this Event for RFF Members and family at no cost.

RSVP's must be made by September 4th to Steve Day by calling (661) 742-5835 (afternoons only) or by emailing to icrsrd303@gmail.com.

Come join the fun!

Diamond Lake Outing

On the weekend of June 9, Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle led a joint outing for the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers to Diamond Lake. As usual, they did an excellent job of planning, organizing, and putting on the outing, with one major exception—they failed to arrange for good weather. After a week of beautiful spring weather, the clouds started building Friday as we made our way to the lake. Just about the time the food came off the grill during the group barbeque that evening, a light rain started. When we convened at the south boat ramp Saturday morning, a cold wind had whipped up white caps on the lake. Not to be discouraged, our group of 16 anglers avoided the worst of the wind and rain by taking refuge in a couple of RVs while enjoying good conversation, hot coffee, and Keith's outstanding breakfast burritos.



By the time we finished breakfast, conditions were starting to improve somewhat, so we headed out on the lake. In spite of (or because of) the conditions, fishing was actually pretty good, and we had a fun time and caught some nice fish. By early afternoon the snow squalls were blowing in with increasing frequency, so a few of the participants retreated to the pizza parlor, while others toughed it out, determined to catch a few more fish.

As evening approached, the prospect of having a potluck barbeque out in a blizzard was not generating a lot of enthusiasm. Fortunately, Steve Boyarsky invited the group to his very up-scale cabin on the west shore of the lake. With a roof over our heads, a warm fire, Steve Day grilling the meat to perfection, and table full wonderful food, we had a great evening.



Sunday morning, we awoke to a beautiful winter scene—not what you usually expect to see in June! Most of the participants packed up and headed for home to begin the process of drying out wet camping gear. A few of us decided to dig the snow and chip the ice out of our boats and fish for a few hours. Although still cool and overcast, the wind and snow had passed. We enjoyed a nice morning on the lake and caught quite a few fish.

Although the weather was less than ideal, a combination of good preparation, a little improvisation, and a great group of people made for a terrific outing!

David Haight, Outing Chair



Report from the Holy Water Committee

Background: Two years ago there was a great deal of concern by club members that the Holy Water was not fishing well and many wanted to know what was happening to the fish in that beloved section of water. To that end, a committee of interested members was formed with Jim Harleman as the chairperson. At that time, it was a loose-knit group with any interested member participating. The goal of the group, and the one that remains today, was to determine, if possible, how many fish were in the Holy Water, and to determine and implement improvements to that would lend to a more successful fishing experience. Several things were accomplished during Jim's time as chairman, which I will detail later in the article. Just as things were starting to progress, Jim, unfortunately passed away and, with his passing, one of the strongest advocates for the Holy Water was gone. Not wanting to let the work that Jim started go unfinished, President Dave Roberts determined to keep a Holy Water committee in place and he asked me accept the chairmanship of the committee. I said I would if I could recruit Will Johnson, member and owner of the Ashland Fly Shop, as co-chairman. When I approached Will, he readily accepted and we met to determine what kind of committee would be most effective. We decided that a standing committee of 9 people, along with STEPS biologist, Ryan Battleson, of ODFW and Tony Johnson, resource coordinator for the Corp of Engineers, would be an ideal size group.

At a club meeting and in the newsletter, we explained the project and asked for volunteers to join the committee and a perfect number stepped forward. Also, because the Southern Oregon Flyfishers had expressed an interest in helping with the project, we invited a member of that club to join the group.

Committee Members: The committee members are: John Bjorkholm, Steve Boyarsky, Harry Foster, Kirk Kowalke, Jack Schlotter, Peter Ware, Michael Mazingo (SOFF) Ryan Battleson (ODFW STEPS biologist) Tony Johnson (Army Corp of Engineers)

Prior to Will and me assuming the chairmanships, there had been one initial meeting of the committee. It was at that meeting where the main goals for what the group were established. The meeting was held at ODFW office with Ryan Battleson representing the agency. Relatively new to the area and the position, Ryan listened to our concerns and then readily agreed to "spearhead" our efforts to understand what is happening at the Holy Water and, if possibly, undertake activities that will improve the fishing. I cannot say enough good things about the leadership, knowledge and effort Ryan is bring to this project.

The first realization we faced was the fact that there was no "hard data" regarding the Holy Water. Everything was antidotal, based on feelings. It was not known, for example, how many fish are actually in the Holy Water, how many people actually fish it, how many fish will that stretch of water support, how much natural spawning is taking place, how many fish are being pushed over the dam in high water, are any fish coming from the lake, how many fish are actually being caught and of the fish caught, how many are from the hatchery and how many are wild. Faced with these questions, a series of projects and activities have been activated. Once enough data is collected and analyzed, on the ground and in the water projects can be determined.

Activities to Date:

1. The committee has met three times this year. At those meeting a review of data collected so far has been presented by Ryan. Ongoing projects have discussed and refined as well as possible projects for the future. In our discussions with the Corp, we realize that any "in water" projects must go through a through permitting process and must be coordinated through ODFW. Anything done will be a timely process.
2. Data collection boxes were built, painted and installed at 8 locations along the Holy Water. The club paid for the materials and club members built and installed them. In each box, there are data cards and anglers are to fill in a card each time they fish and leave it in the box for weekly collection.
3. In order to "jump start" the fishing, Ryan was able to secure 300 legal size trout for the Holy Water. Members of the committee met at the hatchery to help with the fin clipping of the fish and then assist in placing the fish in the Holy Water.
4. Two creel sample survey days a month have been established and a list of volunteers who have agreed to fish on those days has been established. On several of those days, Ryan has been available to move among the fisherman to measure and tag fish that are caught before they are released back into the water. The designated days are the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Saturday of each month. While the time frame is flexible, fishing usually begins at 10:00 AM and ends roughly at 2:00 PM. Whether or not you signed up to be on the list of fisherman, any member is welcome, and encouraged, to participate in the creel surveys. Will Johnson is in charge of this program and any questions can be directed to him.
4. Three new signs have been installed at select locations regarding the correct handling of fish to be released. The signs were provided by ODFW and installed by a committee member. It is critical that the fish that are in the Holy Water be handled in such a manner that survival can be expected.
5. With an initial budget of \$1000 provided by the Board of Directors, the committee spent several hundred dollars buying two fish tagging devices and 1000 fish tags. These were bought through ODFW and will remain with the STEPS program for our use and for any other purposes needed. On May 24, 6 members of the committee gathered at the hatchery to learn how to

properly use the devices on live fish. 206 legal size (some up to 17 inches) were tagged with each member taking a turn. The fish were then released into the Holy Water. It is planned to have members of the committee present during the creel survey days to tag fish that are caught.

Conclusion

While there has been a lot of discussion about “how to fix the Holy Water”, until it is understood how many fish are in the water, and how many fish can that stretch of water successfully support, there probably will not be any “on the ground/in the water projects”. Efforts to obtain that information will be ongoing for the near future and each member can support that by faithfully filling out the survey cards and returning them to the collection boxes after each fishing session. In the meantime, several other data gathering activities are planned and those will be reported on as they happen.

Questions and comments about the activities of the Holy Water committee are welcome and can be directed to any member.

Submitted by Jack Patterson

No LNG. No Pipeline. No Terminal.

Tom Collett

Today in Astoria, Oregon a comment writing workshop is being hosted by nolngexports.com. This coalition of conservation minded organizations knows that if this pipeline and terminal are built, then more are soon to follow. Most of us do not want to live in what Oregon would look like with a network of pipelines and terminals.

On Monday, July 9th, Medford and Coos Bay will have their own comment writing workshop.

Thursday, July 12th, Grants Pass and Portland will have their own comment writing workshop.

This is a state-wide coalition effort. Go to nolngexports.com to see what this is all about.

The Comment period for DEQ is slipping away. Urge DEQ to deny this pipeline and terminal. Come to the workshop on July 9th at 6:00 in the Medford Library or July 12th at 5:30 in the Library in Grants Pass.



David Haight Retirement

Thank you to all the RFF members who attended my retirement party and who contributed to my gift (a Bob Claypool custom-made 12' 6", 5-weight, Spey rod with matching lines). I appreciate you helping me celebrate my career with ODFW, and the start of a new chapter in my life. I enjoyed my career and found it very rewarding; however, I am looking forward to spending more time fishing.

Dave Haight



Highway 62 cleanup

Just a reminder:

We have another garbage pick-up scheduled for July 27. Because of the heat, we will be meeting at 7:00am and finish at 10:00. We will meet at the McDonald's on hwy 62.

Even if you haven't done this before, feel free to come out.

Any questions, give me a call at 530-643-3235.

Thanks a lot!

Greg

NEW Club Members

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

Chris Bay

Steve Belanger

David Faulkner

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 have renewed your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

Where Does Our Money Go?

Throughout the year, the club makes donations to various causes and advocacy groups who strive to help with the conservation, preservation, protection, education and enhancement of our natural resources and fishing conditions in the Rogue Valley.

Donations for the month of June:

Waterwatch of Oregon - \$1,050

The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. However we will not be meeting during the months of July & August. We are open to your suggestions if you would like to bring your ideas or comments to the table. Please let one of us know if you would like to attend.

Your Treasurer,

Theresa Schumacher

Gary Lewellyn, DMD



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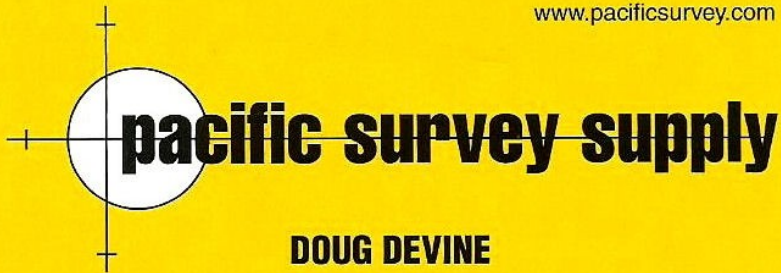
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Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), or **Junior** ___ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.
(Note: New members joining Rogue Fly Fishers before June 30th pay a full year dues; **new** members joining 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,

List Family Member's Names _____

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