



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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Events

Roadside Cleanup	6/6/26
Club Picnic	6/13/26
Rogue Spey Clave	8/22/26
FFI Fly Fest, Redding CA	9/24/26-9/26/26

Outings

Diamond Lake	6/23/26-6/28/26
Umpqua River, Main stem	7/23/26

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Board	Mark Dewey	541-292-3331	2027
Board	Mike LeTorneau	541-622-5733	2027
Board	Bob Eury	707-498-5368	2027

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Upcoming Meetings / Outings / Events

Board Meeting	6/3/26, 7/1/26, 8/5/26
Club Meeting	6/13/26 Picnic, 9/16/26
SOFT Meeting	6/9/26

President's Message June 2026

Happy June everyone! First off, I'd like to give a big Thank You to Robbi DeBois and the auction team for another successful auction. Fundraisers like this are what makes our club possible to do the things we do. A lot of work goes into this event, and I thank you all for putting the hard work into pulling this off.

Next up we have the yearly picnic at Tom Pearce Park on June 13th at 2 PM. This will be a fun time and please include the family on this one. The pavilion we rented is right next to a wonderful playground for the kiddos. We will also have a raffle, casting games, and a silent auction. Catering will be done by Jeffros which is always delicious. RSVP by June 10th please so we can give Jeffros a good head count. The cost is \$25 per person pay at the door. Water will be provided and you're welcome to bring any drink you like.

Also coming up this month is the roadside cleanup at McGregor Park and Casey Park on June 6th. This will be followed up with an afternoon of fishing the salmon fly hatch at the Holy Water, which is always fun. Catching big fish on giant flies is always a great way to spend an afternoon. Also cleaning up the parks is good too.

OK now something a little more serious. I'm sure that you have all heard about IP 28 or also known as the People for the Elimination of Animal Cruelty Exemptions Act (PEACE act). This bill is gaining momentum and has garnered enough signatures for the November ballot once these signatures have been verified. This is really serious, and if it passes it will outlaw fishing, hunting, and raising animals for food to mention a few. Not only will it affect the sport we love it will have enormous financial effects on our state if this passes. So please don't just assume that since this bill is ridiculous, which it is, that it doesn't have the possibility of passing. We really need to get the word out on this one. Stay tuned for more on this as we approach November.

We also have an outing to Diamond lake this month. I'll never forget when I first joined the club there was a Diamond lake outing in early June. My wife had to work that weekend so I could only go up for the fishing on Friday. I ran into Tom Collette and Harry Foster at the boat ramp. They told me two things you picked the right day to go because it's going to snow tomorrow and go straight over there and fish. Harry

was pointing at the pizza parlor. I took Harry's advice and commenced to catching some beautiful and hot rainbows. I was in my little pram at the time and finally got blown off the water. I later found out that Harry and Tom were placing bets on me falling out of my pram. I didn't fall out.

Take care everyone and I hope to see you at the picnic and the roadside cleanup. I would say Diamond lake too, but I'll be in Southern California spending time with family. Now get out there and catch some fish.

John Pogue

Program

There is no "Program" for June 2026 as the focus will be on the June 13, 2026 Club Picnic.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting or get together will be at the Club's Annual Picnic being held June 13, 2026 at Tom Pearce Park, Grants Pass. See further for details.

Roadside Cleanup June 6, 2026

Join us for our annual roadside clean up and salmon fly fishing event.

Date: Saturday, June 6th

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Casey County Park

What to bring: Hats, water, lunch, sunscreen and fly fishing gear.

We'll provide you with safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and litter grabbers. After a brief safety talk, we'll pick up litter at Casey County Park and McGregor County Park, and then move up along Takelma Drive up to the Lost Creek Lake Viewpoint. Afterwards, we'll move down to the Holy Water and clean up the picnic area and trails. Last year we were done around 11:30 am. Then we ate our lunches and enjoyed an afternoon of fishing the famed salmon fly hatch.

Please contact Rick Graw if you're interested in attending at rick.graw@gmail.com or (503) 522-9477.

Board Minutes May 6, 2026

The Club Board Meeting was held on May 6, 2026. Please see the club website for these minutes. They can be located under the tab "About Us/Board Meeting Notes".

Treasurer's Report TREASURER NEEDED!

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

Despite attendance at our May Auction and Dinner Fundraiser being down over 30% compared to the last one in 2024, our anticipated net income was down only approximately 5%. That was due primarily to some spirited bidding during the live auction while the biggest decrease came from the bucket raffle. Thanks to those who participated we will be able to increase our Grand Fund by over \$ 8200.00. That is where we are able to provide money for the two OSU scholarships we fund, plus approve requests for grants to organizations such as Rogue River Watershed Council, Oregon Stewardship, The Mayfly Project, Water-Watch, Casting for Recovery, and other environmental and educational activities.

As announced in the last newsletter, I will not be able to serve as Treasurer starting on 1/1/2027. If you are able to perform those duties, please contact me or one of the other members of the Board of Directors as soon as possible. I will not be at the June picnic nor at the November meeting and this will provide an excellent time to see how the duties of Treasurer are performed.

Tim Bolling

Duties of the Rogue Flyfisher's Treasurer

- Maintain all financial records of the club
- Collect, record, and deposit all money paid to the club at dinner meetings and all other functions where money is paid to the club either directly or via PayPal
- Pay all bills, fees, and/or other assessments after

- approval of the Board of Directors if necessary.
- Prepare a monthly financial report (based on a version of the IRS Form 990-EZ) and distribute same to the Board of Directors
- Pay FFI Affiliate Club dues and insurance premium
- Prepare and file IRS Form 990-N (a postcard) or 990-EZ (if revenues exceed \$ 50000) report and State of Oregon CT-12 report annually
- Pay State of Oregon Corporate Registered Agent fee
- Pick up mail from club PO Box and distribute as necessary
- Attend Board of Director meetings

Tim Bolling

Club Picnic / BBQ



**RFF & SOFF BBQ
"ON THE RIVER"**

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, 2:00 p.m.
TOM PEARCE PARK, GRANTS PASS
(Parking is \$10, Free with Josephine County Park Pass)

CATERING by JEFFRO'S GRILLE, meal @ 4:30
Tri-Tip, Chicken, BBQ Beans, Mack-N-Cheese,
Fruit Salad, Rolls & Dessert

\$25 Bucks per Person
- Pay at the Door -

Water will be provided and you may bring your beverage of choice.

THERE'LL BE GREAT FUN, GREAT FRIENDS,
GREAT FOOD

RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS, HOSTED TRIPS
AND MORE

RSVP'S are required by Wednesday, June 10th. To RSVP call Steve Day @ (661) 742-5835 or email icrsrd303@gmail.com. Leave your name, number of reservations

Diamond Lake Outing

The Diamond Lake Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd thru Sunday, June 28th. Rex Thompson and Steve Day will host this event. Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers and Klamath Country Fly Casters have been invited as well. We are reserved in Thielsen View Campground in Loop C, space 5 or 9. Anyone is welcome to stop by to visit, talk about the fishing or share some cheer. We can also help with strategies and information regarding the fishing.

June is widely considered one of the best months for fly fishing at Diamond Lake, particularly from early June onward when the intense midge hatches subside and trout begin feeding more aggressively on larger prey. The lake is open year-round, and by June, the ice has long since melted, allowing for full boat and bank access.

Anglers should focus on the south end of the lake, especially near Silent Creek and the weed beds, where water is shallower and insect activity is high. Effective fly patterns include Callibaetis mayfly imitations (sizes 14-16) during hatches, nymphs like the Thin Mint or Gold Jigger with chartreuse beads, and leech patterns (e.g., Pumpkin Head Leeches) fished on intermediate lines. Trolling flies or lures along weed edges is also highly productive.

While June can still see significant midge activity early in the month, the latter half often offers clearer water and more predictable bites. Anglers are advised to move frequently rather than holding in one spot, as fish may be scattered. Diamond Lake Resort and the Umpqua National Forest are the primary resources for current conditions, closures, and lodging. Remember that tiger and brown trout are catch-and-release only to help control invasive tui chub, while rainbow trout have standard harvest limits.

Steve Day



Dan Haight Admires a Nice Smallmouth Bass Caught During a Recent Trip on the Umpqua River

Umpqua Main Stem Outing for Smallmouth Bass

I will host an outing to fish for smallmouth bass on the Umpqua River west of Sutherlin on Thursday July 23. This is always a fun outing with great fishing, beautiful scenery, and usually, nice weather.

If you are interested in attending this outing, save the date! I will have more details in the July newsletter.

Dave Haight

FFI FlyFest 2026



As an FFI member we know fly fishing plays a meaningful role in your life, so we hope you'll save the date and plan to join us for FlyFest 2026, taking place September 24–26, 2026, in Redding, California, at the Redding Civic Auditorium.

FlyFest is about bringing fly anglers together; to learn, to share knowledge, to spend time with people who care deeply about the sport and the waters that sustain it. Whether you're new to fly fishing or have spent a lifetime on the water, FlyFest is designed for anglers of every age and skill level.

The 2026 event will bring learning and community into the same space with a full schedule of educational presentations, fly tying and casting demonstrations, a consumer trade show, and time built in for fishing, food, fellowship, and fun. Everything takes place under one roof and is included with a single, accessible registration fee.

For members who want to go a step further, FlyFest will also offer small-group seminars that allow for closer learning and real conversation. A community dinner and fundraising auction will round out the

weekend — an opportunity to connect, celebrate our shared passion, and support the mission of Fly Fishers International.

Rogue Flyfishers Continue to Support Casting for Recover

On May 3, members of the Rogue Flyfishers headed to the Big K Guest Ranch along the Umpqua River to

serve as fishing guides for the participants at the Casting for Recovery is a program for women that are



Participants and Their Guides Pose for a Photo before Heading out to Fish at the Recent Casting for Recovery Retreat

undergoing treatment for or are survivors of breast cancer. The three-day retreats offer the women counseling and support and the opportunity to learn the basic skills of fly fishing. Fly fishing can be very therapeutic for women overcoming breast cancer by providing them an opportunity for relaxation and stress reduction. Plus, the motion of fly casting provides gentle exercise that aids in their physical recovery.

Members of the Rogue Flyfishers were instrumental in establishing the program in Oregon 20 years ago, and the Rogue Flyfishers have supported the program ever since by providing financial assistance and volunteers to help with retreats and fund-raising events.

This year's retreat was a big success. The weather was ideal, the setting was beautiful, and all the participants seemed to enjoy the retreat and to have received a meaningful benefit from it. The fishing was good as well, with a good number of bass and crappie landed.

Anyone interested in supporting the program or that knows someone that could benefit from participation in a retreat can contact a RFF Board Member for more information.

David Haight



CfR Participant Nikki Warden Shows Off One of Many Fish She Caught During the Retreat

Protect Our Rivers – Vote NO on IP28

Read this carefully. A proposed Oregon ballot initiative — IP28 — could make fishing illegal in our state.

What Is IP28 — and Why Should Every Rogue Flyfisher Care?

Initiative Petition 28 (IP28) is a proposed Oregon ballot measure that would criminalize catching and killing fish. If passed in November 2026, it would make recreational and commercial fishing a **Class A misdemeanor** — escalating to a felony for repeat offenses.

IP28 would eliminate Oregon’s long-standing statutory exemptions for lawful fishing, wildlife management, and fisheries research. Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologists could face criminal liability for fish surveys, hatchery operations, and tagging programs. Without hunting and fishing license revenue — which funds nearly half of ODFW’s budget — salmon habitat restoration, fish passage projects, and watershed protection would lose their primary funding source

The damage to fisheries science would be just as severe. Electrofishing — the standard technique for estimating fish populations — stuns and sometimes kills fish, exposing biologists to criminal animal abuse charges. Inserting radio tags to track salmon migration causes physical injury under IP28’s broad definition. Rotenone treatments, which kill invasive species to restore native fish populations, would become a felony — eliminating one of the most important tools for protecting the wild native fish our club cares most about. Trap-and-haul operations, fin-clip sampling for genetic analysis, and hatchery spawning procedures would all face the same legal jeopardy. In short, IP28 would criminalize the very science that keeps Oregon’s fisheries healthy.

The economic blow would be severe: Oregon anglers support over \$900 million in annual spending, sustaining guides, fly shops, lodges, and rural communities across our region. IP28 would also create direct conflict with tribal treaty-protected fishing rights.

Beyond economics, IP28 threatens something harder to quantify — the friendships built on the water, the family memories made streamside, and the deep connection to Oregon’s rivers and wild fish that defines our club.

Where Does IP28 Stand Now?

IP28 proponents have submitted enough raw signatures to potentially qualify for the November 2026 ballot, but those signatures must still be verified by the Secretary of State. Some will be rejected for invalid registrations, duplicates, or circulator defects. Whether IP28 officially qualifies will be known by the July 2, 2026 deadline. Either way, the threat is real and the time to act is now.

What You Can Do

1. Don't sign IP28 petitions.

If you're approached by a signature gatherer, you are not obligated to sign. Declining is the simplest way to help keep IP28 off the ballot.

2. Spread the word.

Talk to fellow anglers, neighbors, and family. Many Oregonians won't have heard of IP28 yet. A brief, factual conversation can make a real difference.

3. Help gather signatures for our opposition argument.

Oregon's Voters' Pamphlet gives any person or organization the right to publish a formal argument against a ballot measure — but we need 500 verified signatures from active Oregon registered voters by August 11, 2026 to guarantee our argument appears in the guide that goes to every Oregon household. Signature sheets will be available at club meetings and from board members. Signing takes less than a minute — and your signature directly funds our voice in the Voters' Pamphlet at no cost to the club.

4. Contact like-minded organizations.

Groups such as Trout Unlimited, the Native Fish Society, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers, the Middle Rogue Steelheaders, and local fly shops share our stake in this. Encourage them to sign on as co-endorsers.

Key Dates

Aug 11, 2026 Signature submission deadline for guaranteed verification

Aug 25, 2026 Final filing deadline — Voters' Pamphlet argument

Nov 2026 General Election

Read the full text of IP28:

sos.oregon.gov/admin/Documents/irr/2026/028text.pdf

Questions?

Contact Rick Graw at rick.graw@gmail.com

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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, Shady 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

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 link, 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 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 8:45 p.m.

Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____ . If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Cell Telephone Number: Area Code _____ Number _____

Home Telephone Number: Area Code _____ 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:

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