



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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Events

Rogue Spey Clave	8/22/26
FFI Fly Fest, Redding CA	9/24/26-9/26/26

Outings

Umpqua River, Main stem	7/23/26

Board of Directors

			Term
President	John Pogue	541-973-0722	2026
Vice President	Dave Haight	541-855-9043	2027
Treasurer	Tim Bolling	541-500-1976	2026
Secretary	Open		
Board	Bill Burns	541-680-7402	2027
Board	Rick Graw	503-522-9477	2026
Board	Robbi DeBois	760-985-8630	2026
Board	Jim Ulm	541-973-6250	2026
Board	Mark Dewey	541-292-3331	2027
Board	Mike LeTorneau	541-622-5733	2027
Board	Bob Eury	707-498-5368	2027

Committee Heads

Auction Chair	Robbi Debois	760-985-8630
Blog Coordinator	Steve Day	641-742-5835
Casting Chair	John MacDiarmid	541-664-8391
Conservation	Rick Graw	503-522-9477
Fly Tying Chair	Dave Roberts	541-601-5658
Membership	Jim Ulm	541-973-6250
Newsletter Editor	Bob Eury	707-498-5368
Program Coordinator	Mark Dewey	541-292-3331
Raffle Chairman	OPEN	
Roadside Cleanup Holy Water	Rick Graw	503-522-9477
Webmaster	Bob Eury	707-498-5368

Upcoming Meetings / Outings / Events

Board Meeting	9/2/26
Club Meeting	9/16/26
SOFT Meeting	9/8/26

President's Message

July 2026

As we celebrate our country's 250th anniversary we should also look back on the history of the Rogue Flyfishers. 2026 marks the 55th anniversary of the Rogue Flyfishers. This is a huge achievement for any organization, especially a fly fishing organization in today's world. Things are definitely different than they were 55 years ago. As these things change the club needs to change too. So far, we've revamped the website, got some new board members, and have been involved with some new organizations like the Mayfly Project. However things need to change a little more. Tim has been the treasurer for quite some time now and it's time for someone else to take over the club's treasury. I stayed on as president for an extra year and it's time for someone else to guide the club for the next two years. If you're not interested in either of these two positions we will have some other board positions available too.

I am going to attend the FFI Flyfest this year and they are having a council and club day. I hope to get some more ideas on how to keep our club going in the right direction. If anyone is interested in guiding the club for the next two years, and would like to attend Flyfest with me, please let me or one of the other board members know. Our very own Rick Graw came up with this idea, which is the kind of thing that this club needs.

OK now onto fishing and events. The club picnic was well attended this year, and fun and good food were had by all. The roadside cleanup at the Holy Water was fun. Not only did we clean up, but we fished the salmon fly hatch and the fish cooperated. I wasn't able to attend the club outing to Diamond this year since I was out of town. From what I've heard people who were there early in the week did OK. However Mother Nature had other plans rolling in a cold front to change things up. A perfect example of early season fishing in the mountain lakes. I remember my first Diamond Lake outing in 2018. I could only fish the first day of the outing since my wife had

to work that weekend. I ran into Harry Foster and Tom Collette. Harry said, "Well you picked the right day to fish it's supposed to snow tomorrow." I found it hard to believe since it was absolutely beautiful that day. I had a great day considering I had never fished at Diamond before. Well it did snow and everyone ended up at Steve Boyarsky's cabin. Hopefully for fishing's sake we're done with these weather patterns for a while.

So get out there and go fishing and step up and help guide your club into the future. This club is so much more than just an excuse to go to dinner and socialize with your friends. The club will not survive much longer without more member participation.

John Pogue

Program

There is no "Program" for July 2026.

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting will be September 16, 2026. This should give everyone plenty of time to get out there and fish. Be sure to come back in September and update everyone with your summer fishing stories.

Board Minutes

There was no Board Meeting in July 2026. Please contact one of the Board Members listed in this newsletter if there are any issues that you know of that you believe need to be addressed prior to our next Board Meeting in September.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER NEEDED!

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

We have finally gotten all the donations, receipts, and bills paid for the Auction and the result was a

net of \$ 11774.68. 70% of that, or \$ 8242.28, got added to our unrestricted grant account which allows us to make donations and/ or support activities or other organizations related to conservation, education and the environment. As an example, we already donated \$ 3150.00 to Oregon State University Foundation to support 2 scholarships in their fisheries program.

We are still looking for somebody willing to take over as Treasurer at the beginning of next year as I will not be able to continue. Please, if you are interested at all in helping the club out let me or any other Board of Directors member know. The job is not difficult but time is necessary for a smooth transition.

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

Umpqua Main Stem Outing for Smallmouth Bass

On Thursday July 23, I will lead an outing for the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers to the Umpqua River to fish for smallmouth bass. Bass are extremely abundant in the main-stem Umpqua and South Umpqua Rivers and can provide fast action for anglers. Many of the fish tend to be small, but a day of fishing usually produces several big ones. While many of our local fisheries slow down during the heat of summer, the smallmouth bass fishery in the Umpqua is going strong, making it a great destination for fly fishers during July and August.

We will meet at 9:00 AM in the Dairy Queen parking lot off Hwy 138 immediately west of Interstate 5 Exit 136 and then caravan to the river from there. We will float a section of the river just west of Sutherland between the Umpqua Landing and James Wood Boat Ramps. You will need a drift boat, pontoon boat, raft, or other craft suitable for use on a river to make the float. This is generally a relatively easy float, but with low water, there will be some shallow, rocky riffles that will require precise maneuvering. For those that don't feel comfortable rowing down the river or don't have a boat suitable for running through rapids, it is productive to fish the miles-long pool at Umpqua Landing with a small boat, float tube, or other watercraft, entering and exiting the river at that one ramp.

Five or six-weight rods are ideal for the smallmouth bass in the Umpqua. An intermediate or slow-sinking line is most useful, but having a second rod with a fast sinking or sink-tip line is beneficial to get the fly down quickly in deeper or faster areas. You should also bring a floating line if you want to fish surface flies. Straight 8 to 10-pound monofilament or fluorocarbon is adequate for a leader. A wide variety of flies will work, but Woolly Buggers, Clouser Minnows, and small streamers are generally top producers. If conditions are right, small poppers can produce some exciting top-water action. Olive, brown, and yellow are typically good colors. A small, brown

over yellow Clouser Minnow is often a very effective fly. Be sure to bring food, plenty of water, sunscreen, a hat, and all your usual fishing and boating gear.

If you have not fished the Umpqua for bass, come give it a try. If you have, come spend a fun day fishing with your fellow club members. Please email me at tmdrhaight@outlook.com to let me know if you plan to attend, so I can better plan the logistics. If you have a seat available and are willing to take a passenger, please let that as well.

David 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.

Annual Rogue Spey Clave!

Returning on August 22, 2026, the 2nd annual Rogue Spey Clave! This super fun event will return to Griffin Park in Southern Oregon on the banks of the Middle Rogue River just outside of Grants Pass. We have over 40 of the top brands, shops, outfitters, conservation organizations and other spey characters in the fly fishing industry. Everyone will be set up on a nice level lawn within a short walk to the river for easy casting of demo rods and to watch presentations.

We again have an all star cast of guest presenters, including Travis Johnson, Tim Arsenault, Dec Hogan, Charles St. Pierre, Jeff Putnam, Chris Odonnell, Jon Hazlett and Dax Messett. We will also have some elite fly tyers on hand, featuring Amanda Chapman, Bruce Berry, and others TBA. We will have back a truly biblical food truck with Rolling Smoke BBQ.

To close the event, we will have the already famous MEGA raffle featuring great items from the top brands in the industry, including a two boat 4 person guide trip on the Rogue with Dax Messett and Jon Hazlett and premium rods of choice from Nam Products and Sage!

Time: 9am-6pm

Location: Griffin Park 500 Griffin Rd, Grants Pass, OR 97527

Contact the following persons for any additional information:

Dax Messet – DaxFly.com

Jon Hazlett – SpeyLesson.com

Roadside Cleanup Held June 6, 2026

We would like to thank all of the people who came out to help with the roadside cleanup on June 6. I'm sure the camaraderie and the fishing were enjoyed by all. As proof of that, just look at the smiles on these participants.



And then there were the rewards



Photos courtesy of Rick Graw.

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 stream side, 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?

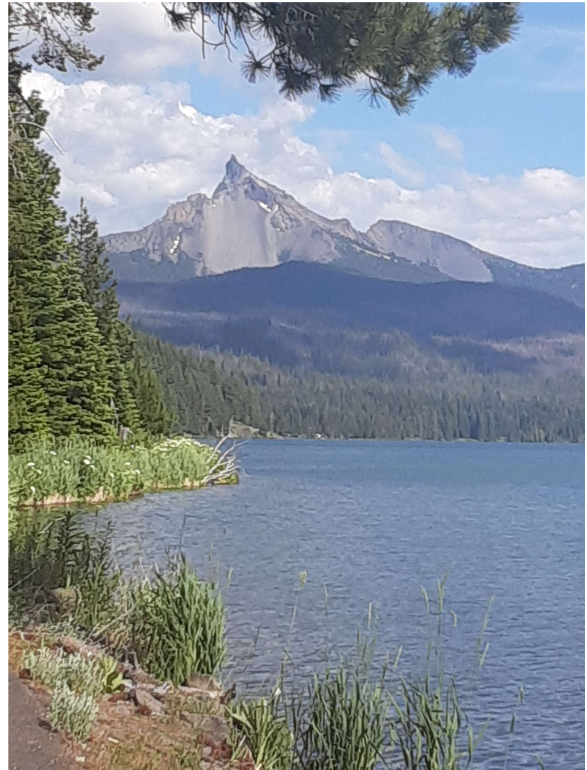
Contact Rick Graw at rick.graw@gmail.com

Other Photos From Club Events



Club Picnic: (submitted by Robbi Dubois)

Diamond Lake: Susan Labiste with a brown trout (submitted by David Haight).



Diamond Lake: Mt Thielson towering over the lake. (submitted by Bob Eury)



Club Picnic: Tanya Haight winner of the casting contest and her prize, a TFO setup. (submitted by Dave Haight)

ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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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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