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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Board of Directors

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President	John Pogue	541-973-0722	2026
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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

Upcoming Meetings / Outings / Events

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

Events

Rogue Spey Clave	8/22/26
FFI Fly Fest, Redding CA	9/24/26-9/26/26
Southern Oregon Fishing Expo	10/24/26

Outings

Committee Heads

Auction Chair	Robbi Debois	760-985-8630
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Roadside Cleanup Holy Water	Rick Graw	503-522-9477
Webmaster	Bob Eury	707-498-5368

President's Message
August 2026

Well summer is in full swing now. The fishing has been good along with the air quality, which is a big deal this time of year. The lakes, primarily Klamath and Diamond, have been fishing well. I say this from firsthand experience, but I've also heard that Crane Prairie and East Lake have been fishing well too. Also from what I hear in the shop steelhead have been pretty consistent here in the Upper Rogue. So get out there and catch some fish.

As I mentioned last month there will be some changes on the board this coming year. Some long time board members are leaving so we need new people to step up. I will have a list of available board seats at the upcoming meeting in September. I will also send out a few blog posts regarding this as well. The club needs your participation in order to continue. Being on the board isn't a huge commitment. Some positions are more of a commitment than others but still not too bad.

Also I mentioned last month that I will be attending the FFI FlyFest in Redding this year. If anyone else is planning to attend, please let me know. I was approached by the new FFI president David Frisendahl about joining the Oregon Council board, ORCFFI, since I'm a club president. David also mentioned their grant program for expos and events regarding fly fishing. I know in the past the club had a booth at the Sportsman's Expo. However I was told that the cost got prohibitive for the club to continue having a booth there. Hopefully we can get a grant or two for these events. Events like this will help us bring in some new members and I'm looking forward to learning more at FlyFest.
So get out there and enjoy what's left of your summer, it does seem to be going by quickly. Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone when we reconvene our monthly meetings in September.

Thank you
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 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

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

Something Special For A Former Member

I got a call in June from a gentleman regarding a memorial bench and plaque at the Holy Water. A lady who had moved from the area, and whose husband was a former member, had gotten in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers about putting a memorial bench at the Holy Water. The gentleman was calling on her behalf asking if we had anyone at the club with a router who could install the plaque. I assured him that I would find someone.

In order to do this I had to get a hold of someone with the Corp to get permission and to get this scheduled. I got a call back and went out there to meet with someone from the Corp. He gave me the plaque and we went over to the Holy Water to see what it would take to do the job. The next day while I was working on my own project my friend Roy Hoiem, who has been helping me, asked if he could do the task. I said absolutely. So we gathered up a few extension cords and a router and set out to install the plaque a few days later.

The installation was a success, and everyone was pleased with the outcome. The memorial plaque was for Guy Bill and the bench is in a perfect location to memorialize a fellow fly fisherman. Next time you’re out there check it out.

John Pogue

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, Fly-Fest 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, Fly-Fest 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.

2026 Southern Oregon Fishing Expo
Saturday 10/24/26, 9 am – 5 pm

“CALLING ALL FLY TYERS"

First and foremost, thank you for your incredible support of Fly Fishing Veterans over the past five years. Because of your dedication, encouragement, and participation, what began as a small Fly Tying Festival has grown into one of Southern Oregon’s premier fishing events this year.

As our organization has grown, so has our vision. Beginning in 2026, our event will officially become the Southern Oregon Fishing Expo, reflecting not only the growth of our annual fundraiser, but also the evolution of our mission to better serve those who have served our country and communities.

Over the winter, the Fly Fishing Veterans Board of Directors spent considerable time evaluating our organization and asking ourselves one important question:
“How can we better fulfill our mission of Serving All Who Served”?

Since our founding in 2020, Fly Fishing Veterans has proudly become a Charter Club with Fly Fishers International, providing veterans, active-duty military, first responders, and healthcare professionals with opportunities to heal through the therapeutic outdoors.
Through fly fishing, mentorship, education, and camaraderie, we’ve witnessed firsthand how meaningful these experiences can be in helping individuals cope with stress, trauma, PTSD, anxiety, depression, and the challenges many face after years of service.

After countless conversations with participants, volunteers, community partners, and subject matter experts, we recognized an opportunity to broaden our impact while remaining true to our mission. As a result, our Board unanimously approved the expansion of Fly Fishing Veterans with the development of our new Ocean Program — “From Our Lakes and Rivers to the Open Sea.”

This exciting program will introduce participants to ocean fishing, crabbing, rod building, tackle manufacturing, fly tying, maritime safety, boating skills, and hands-on mentoring from experienced volunteers and industry experts. By expanding beyond traditional fly fishing, we will reach more veterans, first responders, and healthcare professionals while creating even more opportunities for healing, personal growth, lifelong friendships, and renewed purpose.

Our goal extends beyond simply offering programs. We are committed to building a self-sustaining organization that will continue serving future generations. Our long-term vision is to establish a permanent Fly Fishing Veterans Training and Community Center where participants and volunteers can gather year-round to learn, build, mentor, and heal together.

This facility will provide dedicated space for fly tying, rod building, tackle manufacturing, educational classes, maritime and fishing skills training, support meetings, youth mentoring, and community events. It will also include a retail area offering products handcrafted by our participants and

volunteers, along with carefully selected fishing equipment and apparel. Revenue generated through product sales, classes, memberships, and special events will help fund our programs, allowing us to expand our mission while becoming less dependent on grants and donations. Simply put, we want to build an organization that is sustainable for decades to come while continuing to serve those who have sacrificed so much for others.

Our planning team has been working tirelessly to make this year's Southern Oregon Fishing Expo our biggest and most exciting event yet. With the addition of our Ocean Program and expanded fishing opportunities, we expect to attract an even broader audience of outdoor enthusiasts from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The Expo will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, Oregon. The 12,000-square-foot Conference Center will showcase nationally recognized fly tyers, fly fishing demonstrations, vendors, seminars, and hands-on educational opportunities. The adjacent 24,000-square-foot Douglas Hall will feature ocean fishing, boats, marine products, tackle manufacturers, casting lanes, outdoor recreation exhibitors, and much more. Whether you're a fly angler, bass fisherman, salmon or steelhead enthusiast, offshore angler, crabber, or simply someone who loves the outdoors, there will truly be something for everyone.

We hope you'll join us in making the 2026 Southern Oregon Fishing Expo our most successful event to date. Your participation not only helps create an unforgettable experience for potential thousands of attendees, but also helps us build a sustainable future where veterans, first responders, and healthcare professionals will always have a place to heal, learn, connect, and belong. Thank you again for believing in our mission and for standing beside us as we continue striving to meet our mission "Serving All Who Served".

Fishing With Some Former Members

In May my daughter was having a fund raiser at her school. She asked if I could donate a hosted trip. I begrudgingly agreed, it's one thing to donate a hosted trip to fellow fly fishers, but who knows what you get from a high school fundraiser. I made sure that I specified it was a fly fishing trip, and that waters would be provided, and I wasn't furnishing lunch.

So I got a call in June from Kathy Flannery saying that her and her twin sister had won the trip from the school fundraiser. She assured me that both were experienced fly fishers and that Kathy was a former member of the club. So we agreed on Diamond lake in July.

I had the best time with these ladies. Once they got warmed up a bit they were casting great and catching fish. The fishing was good both browns and rainbows were caught, but no tigers though. These ladies were Rogue Valley natives and grew up hunting and fishing here. They even shared a few spots to go scout for elk this year. Oh and they not only brought food for themselves, but they also had sandwiches for me. Kathy and Karen Flannery are always welcome on my boat.

John Pogue

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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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