



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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Upcoming Meetings / Outings / Events

Board Meeting	10/7, 11/4, 12/2
Club Meeting	10/21, 11/18, 12/16
SOFT Meeting	10/13, 11/10/ 12/8

Events

Southern Oregon Fishing Expo, Roseburg	10/24/26

Outings

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President's Message, October 2026

Well here we are October again. Quite possibly the best month of the year, and not just because it's my birthday month. October has cooler temperatures, usually, the trout are feeding well for the winter, as are other fish, and our steelhead runs on the Rogue are in full swing. Oh and the fall chinooks are starting to come into the estuaries on the coast. Also the summertime tourists are gone, leaving more room to fish for us locals.

I went down to Redding for the FFI Flyfest last month. One of the reasons I attended was to go to their club education day. There were FFI club members from all over the country. East coast, west coast, the southern states, and northern states all had representatives there. One thing that all but a few clubs had was declining membership, and not as much participation. I left the club workshop with some new ideas on how to attract new members, and increase participation, which I will be going over with the board this month.

One other thing I noticed while I was there was the passion and energy fellow fly fishers have for their sport. I have noticed this while working at Rogue Valley Anglers, but even more so at Flyfest. I ran into a few old friends, and made some new ones, and the energy we shared in our conversations was exhilarating. It's also one of the things we still have at our monthly meetings, great conversations with great people. So make sure you come to the monthly meetings. It's so much more than just a presenter. Not to downplay Rob Perkins, our presenter this month, but this club has achieved so much over the decades. However, most of all, the members who have been here and continue to be here are what make it special.

Thank you, John Pogue

October Program

Waters of the Pacific Northwest Rob Perkin

Hooked from a Young Age

I'm Rob Perkin, owner and operator of Connect Outfitters. I've grown up in Pacific Northwest and the rivers and ocean have always been a big part of my life. The fascination with water, boats and fishing started at a very young age for me and I can't remember a time that I didn't pass by any body of water without wanting to explore it from a boat, or imagine what might lie beneath the surface. It's with this same passion that I created Connect Outfitters, and I look forward to sharing the waters of the Pacific Northwest with you.

A day of fishing is more than just catching that next great fish. It's about creating experiences that connect us to one another, to nature and everything around us. Pulling from our experience we're focused on ensuring your day is filled with unique experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

Our primary focus is on the Oregon Coast, where we specialize in saltwater fly fishing for a large variety of species including salmon, rock fish and ling cod from May through September. I use two hand rods the rest of the year, swinging for Summer Steelhead on the Rogue October through November and chase Winter Steelhead on the North Oregon Coast January through March.



Rob Perkin – Connected Outfitters

Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is:

Wednesday, October 21st
 Centennial Golf Club
 1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504.
 Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
 Dinner and meeting at 7:00pm
 Raffle prior to Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25 per person

Menu: Taco Bar which includes your choice of ground beef or chicken, Spanish rice, fruit salad. Desert is cookies and brownies. (Please inform us of any vegetarian requests when you make your dinner reservation)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by the Saturday preceding the meeting (October 17). Please email your RSVP to jpogue2112@gmail.com (give your name and how many for dinner). For those who cannot do email call (541)973-0722.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only. Special dietary requests: email John Pogue at jpogue2112@gmail.com or call (541)973-0722 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

Board Meetings

The Board Meetings are held at the Lion's Club on Holly Street in Medford the 1st Wednesday of every month. Club members are welcome to attend. The minutes from Board Meetings are available on the Club website.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

After a last-minute rush, we ended up just meeting the minimum number of dinners we're required to have a Centennial Golf Club for our September meeting. PLEASE, get your reservations in by the previous Saturday if at all possible. We have to give Centennial the number of people we expect for the dinner on Saturday and they prepare the amount of food based on that number. If we have a low count and then additional people show up, there's the possibility they will run out of food.

Why must we guarantee Centennial a minimum of 50 paid meals? They do not charge us for use of the room so the only income they get from having us meet there is from the meals and from the bar. Centennial charges us \$ 25.00 per meal, exactly what we charge. We have looked for other facilities that would not require a minimum, but in virtually all other cases, they would charge for use of the meeting room.

So, what are the "drastic measures" that the Club might have to take if we don't consistently at least come close to meeting the minimum at Centen-

nial? If we can't meet the minimum, we'd have no choice but to change the venue and that means finding a place where people could order a meal and pay for it themselves (like we did last year at Fiesta Restaurant), or do not include any food at all and just have a program and raffle. In that case it might be necessary to have some sort of admission charge to cover the cost of the room. The choice is up to you.

Conservation

Conservation News – Rick Graw

As Steelhead returns in the Upper Rogue River continue to decline, we (the Rogue Flyfishers) would like to increase our involvement in helping restore these prized fish. Recently, the Club approached ODFW asking for suggested projects in which the club could take a more active role than in the past few years. We received the following ideas from the District Fish Biologist and his staff.

1. Barrier inventory in the Bear Creek sub-basin. Use the ODFW Fish Habitat Distribution and Barrier GIS layers to identify if there are any undocumented barriers. We could then add those to the inventory. Any tributary of Bear Cr downstream of Emigrant and Reeder Reservoirs would be fair game.

2. Adopt Whetstone Creek. Conduct hoop trapping and riparian planting near the Knife River property on Highland Road and in the Denman Wildlife Area.

3. Lazy Creek hoop trapping to evaluate fish passage. The city of Medford improved fish passage at a barrier in Bear Creek Park (near the BMX park). ODFW would like to document the species and abundance of fish now passing through the newly improved passage.

The Board of Directors granted approval to move forward on all these suggestions. ODFW stated that they can be implemented over time. Look for opportunities to help in the implementation of these projects as there is role for every club member, even if you can't perform labor-intensive activities. We will make these activities fun for all participants. Additionally, we will contact

other like-minded organizations and schools to join us in implementing these projects.

Additionally, in order to take a more active role in addressing water quantity, the Board approved regular participation of the Conservation Chair in the recently formed Inland Rogue Water Resiliency Group <https://www.jswcd.org/inland-rogue-water-resiliency-group>. The Group is an emerging partnership exploring locally led, place-based planning and collective action to sustain a reliable water supply as our population grows and conditions change. The group formed out of a shared concern about water scarcity, drought impacts, and the lack of a coordinated regional strategy. We were asked to represent the recreational fishing community at these meetings.



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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 profes-

sionals 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".

RFF Members On Hosted Trip Won at the Auction

Rick Graw and Bill Burns were the highest bidders at the club auction for a fishing trip to Diamond Lake hosted by our illustrious Jim Ulm. The trip was to target brown trout and tiger trout. The smiles indicate that this was a good trip for all.



Jim Ulm



Bill Burns



Rick Graw

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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 _____

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