

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	11/4, 12/2, 1/6/27
Club Meeting	11/18, 12/16, 1/20/27
SOFT Meeting	11/10/ 12/8, 1/12/27

Events

Northwest Fly Tyer Expo, Albany OR	3/12/27, 3/13/27

Outings

Committee Heads

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President's Message, November 2026

As we approach the holiday season there's one thing I think we all want for Christmas. And that would be rain! The rivers in our area are extremely low right now and this has had a big effect on our fisheries. I was over on the coast recently and when we drove across the Smith river on the 101 bridge, I swear that you could wade across on the west side, downstream side, of the bridge. I've seen it low before, but not sure I have seen it this low. Even though the water is low there are a lot of salmon in every hole I stopped to look in. Why I do this is an exercise in futility since the river is closed above Rowdy creek.

Rob Perkins gave a great presentation last month on the dory fishery in Pacific City. However the dinner wasn't that well attended, and the club did have to eat, no pun intended, a few dinners. We have a 50 person minimum that we have to meet every month and if we don't meet that then the club has to pay for those dinners. I will say though that being a smaller crowd the energy was still pretty high and that fly fishing camaraderie was still there.

As we head into the end of the year make sure to renew your membership before 2027 to be entered into the drawing for a rod and reel combo. We have a new rod and reel partnership this year with Echo rods. Their 10 ft. 6 weight indicator rod has become one of my favorite rods this last year. For a 6 weight it will turn over a heavy weighted ugly bug and an indicator with ease. So be on the lookout for one of these as well as some of their other rods in our monthly raffle and the early membership renewal drawing.

Well that's all I have to report this month. I wish I had some fishing stories to share, but we desperately need some rain. Hopefully the weather turns for the better soon.

John Pogue

October Program

Jeff Schecht – Trout Unlimited

This months meeting is something special. It is a combined meeting so to speak. First off, we have finally found the steelhead video that the Rogue Flyfishers made quite some time ago featuring a young David Haight and John MacDiarmid. This will be featured at the meeting as part of the presentation. Then we will have Jeff Schecht from the new Ashland chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU). Jeff will tell us about some of the projects that TU is working on in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

So come on out and watch an important piece of the clubs history and enjoy the company and camaraderie of your fellow club members. Oh and dinner of course. This month we have lasagna, roasted broccoli, a Caesar salad, along with garlic bread, and of course cookies and brownies. Also we have a new partnership with Echo rods and will have a rod and reel combo for the raffle. This rod company has come a long way and is producing quality gear now. So come on out and support your club.

Thank you
John Pogue



Rogue Fly fisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is:

Wednesday, November 18th
Centennial Golf Club
1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504.
Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm
Raffle prior to Program

BUFFET DINNER is $25 per person

Menu: Lasagna, roasted broccoli, Caesar salad, garlic bread, 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 (November 14). 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

The October dinner meeting costs the Club money due to low attendance. We have to guarantee Centennial Golf Club a minimum of 50 dinners at every monthly meeting that we have there. Unfortunately, this past month we only had 43 reservations and, between no-shows and walk-ins, we ended up with only 41 paid. That cost the Club $ 225.00 (9 x $ 25.00ea.).

For quite some time the Board of Directors has tried to find a viable alternate to Centennial Golf Club where we wouldn't have to guarantee a minimum, but we haven't had much success in finding any place. If we changed our meeting where we didn't include a meal, every place we've looked would then change us for use of the meeting room. Combine that with the cost of the speaker and we'd be faced with having to charge something just for a meeting. Most speakers, incidentally, cost us just the price of a dinner, but occasionally we have to pay travel cost plus a hotel bill plus a speaker's fee. That can add up to $ 750.00 or even more! So PLEASE, if possible make an effort to come to our meeting including dinner. Every dollar we spend due to low attendance means we have less money to spend on grants and contributions, speakers, raffle prizes, outings, etc!

Conservation

Conservation News – Rick Graw

Winter Forecast: Super El Niño Rules the Cascades

A powerful Super El Niño is locked in for the 2026–2027 winter season, driving Pacific temperatures up and pushing the primary storm track directly into California. Because Southern Oregon sits right on the edge of this transition zone, we expect heavy precipitation, but with temperatures averaging 2°F to 3°F above normal. This creates an elevation wildcard: high peaks like Crater Lake and Mt. Ashland will likely see substantial snow pack from California storm spillover, but mid-to-lower elevation mountains will suffer from volatile rain-on-snow events. Consequently, the Rogue, Umpqua, and Klamath basins are facing a highly precarious water supply outlook. Heavy winter rains will trigger early, fast surges through our river systems, leaving a severely shortened spring refill window for local

reservoirs like Upper Klamath, Lost Creek, and Emigrant Lake—all of which are projected to peak well below full capacity.

What This Means for Fishing and Club Action For anglers, this winter will be a game of rapid storm cycles, requiring patience to target the tight 2-to-3-day windows when high, muddy rivers begin to drop and clear. Spring 2027 will offer the most reliable fishing of the year, though an early runoff means spring Chinook and steelhead will move upriver ahead of schedule. However, by July and August, rock-bottom river flows and soaring water temperatures will likely trigger ODFW "Hoot Owl" restrictions and severe thermal stress for migrating fish.

RFF Members On Hosted Trip Won at the Auction

On Wed Oct 14, Steve Haskell was the guide/oarsman on the Wood River for Jan Rowe



for her float there. She landed this beautiful wild trout about 1/4 mile above their take-out at Petrick Park. Doug Foster had won this trip in this year's auction and gave it to Jan, to check off another river on her bucket list.

Diamond Lake Reported To Be Fishing Well

John Pogue and Rick Graw fished Diamond Lake on 11/4/26. They reported that it was pretty nippy but the wind didn't come up like it can, making for an enjoyable day. They reported that balanced leeches were one of the favorite flies.



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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** _____

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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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