



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

PROGRAM

No meeting this month

Go Fishing

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Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting no meeting July, August
 Board Meeting 9/3
 SOFT meeting 9/9

Events

Dianomd Lake Outing 7/13
 Sky Lakes Outing 8/3

**Check the Club Calendar for more
 information**



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Presidents Message

July 2025

Summer is Here

Well summer is here at last. The weather is warming up and so is the fishing. Depending on where you are at anyways. The picnic was a success, fun was had by all, and the club made some money on the silent auction items. Now for the fishing. There was an unofficial club outing to Crane Prairie last week. The fishing started off great and proceeded to go downhill from there. There was a decent hatch of midges, but no damsel fly hatch, or any other bugs for that matter. Which is kind of strange for Crane Prairie.

Some people left early, and some fished at different lakes. Others stuck it out and kept trying different spots at Crane Prairie. One thing is for sure you had to do something different. A few people went to Lava lake with the same results as Crane Prairie. A few people went to Little Lava lake, and they had great fishing. So there were other options available, and that's fishing. They might not always be cooperating where you're at, so you need to try something different. Even though the fishing wasn't red hot fish were caught. The weather was great, eagles and osprey were flying around the lake, and we even had some purple martins flying around camp in the afternoons. However most importantly the campfire conversations and camaraderie with fellow fly fishers was great, as it always is. It's not always about the fishing, but a good tug on the line and a jumping fish sure makes for a better "fishing" experience.

Take care everyone get out there and enjoy the summer and go catch some fish.

John Pogue

Conservation Report

by Rick Graw

On June 4th , several representatives from local conservation groups met to share priorities and identify opportunities for collaboration. The following groups were represented at this meeting: Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC), Upper Rogue Guardians (URG), Rogue River Keepers (RRK), Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and the Rogue Flyfishers (RFF). The representatives identified the following priorities: ODFW - education about the importance of protecting small tributaries; RRWC – protection of Elk Creek, Little Butte Creek, Big Butte Creek, Trail Creek, and Evans Creek from high water temperatures and discharge of agricultural pollutants into the watershed; URG – Jet Boats; RVCOG – Bear Creek water quality; RRK – protection of tributaries, especially from development. All agreed that the meeting was helpful and agreed to meet again.

FYI From Dale Day

Trump cancels landmark Columbia River agreement with tribes, WA, OR | The Seattle Times

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/climate-lab/trump-cancels-landmark-columbia-river-agreement-with-tribes-wa-or/>

Mayfly Project



Here is Rick Graw handing off a check on behalf of the Rogue Flyfishers to Sha Orton, leader of the Medford Chapter of the Mayfly Project. The funds will support two children in the foster care program to participate in the Mayfly Project, where they learn about fly fishing and conservation. During five separate events, the kids learn how to cast a fly rod, how to tie a fly, how to catch fish, and how to release a fish without harm. At the completion of the program, the children are given their own fly rod and reel. For more information on the Mayfly project visit <https://themayflyproject.com>.

5wt Casting Game at the clubs' picnic

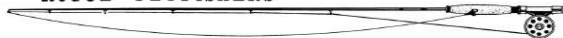
John MacDiarmid

Nine brave casters stepped into the box to complete the 5wt casting game at our picnic this year. The course never changes but the weather does—especially the wind. This year a significant wind from the back confounded our casters' back cast which in turn hindered the forward cast. Succinctly put by a casting instructor, "If you've got no back cast, you've got no cast". The top three finishers were: 1-David Haight, 2-Gene Bach, 3-Sonja Nilsson. David Haight received a rod for his first place finish. Watching David cast was a real treat. He is able to smoothly put extra power in the rod and maintain precision timing to carry(false cast) a significant amount of line for his 68 and 70 feet distance casts. Len Baker was right behind David with a 67' cast. Len's back cast was very straight which aided in the formation of the forward cast. Of special note, Len was casting a 5wt bamboo rod he crafted himself. A significant entry this year was Marine Vietnam Vet Dave Robert's casting from his wheel chair. Thank you for your service Dave and for entering the casting game. At one time there was a National 5wt competition at the Fly Tackle Trade Association Annual show. Significant prizes were given and the casters practiced and took it serious. How far could the best casters cast a 5wt line? If they were having an "off" day and could not lay down in excess of 120' they did not enter! We hope you will join us next year and either enter or observe and learn and have fun. Many thanks to John Pogue for helping run the game.

Financial Report – Tim Bolling

Attendance at the joint RFF/SOFF picnic held in June was considerably below expectations, due, no doubt, to the event being held on a weekday afternoon. The decision to hold the picnic at that time was not taken lightly by the Board of Directors and was due primarily to the very substantial increase to rent the Pavilion at Tom Pearce Park by the Josephine County Parks Department. Consideration is being given to moving this event back to a Saturday at another location in 2026, possibly TouVelle State Park. We moved from there in 2023 because of certain restrictions that had been instituted there but circumstances have changed which may allow our return.

The Silent Auction held at the picnic raised a total of \$ 1865.00. Similar to our main Auction Fundraiser, 70% of that, or \$1305.50 will go into our unrestricted grant fund.



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Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	541-732-3700

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Rogue Fly Fishers membership **Application** and membership Renewal Form

Applying ___ or renewing ___ as (check one): **Individual** ___ (\$35.00), **Family** ___ (\$45.00), 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, 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 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with raffle, announcements and club business, and program until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____. If a family membership,

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