



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

Dave Hughes
Introduction to Tenkara

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Tenkara fishing is a 400 year old Japanese method of fly fishing with a long rod, line and leader a bit longer than the rod, and no reel. Dave was introduced to Tenkara fishing on a long-ago trip to Japan, and has been doing it for about 20 years now. Equipment is minimal, and fun can be maximal. It'll take you back to the days when you fished with a stick and a string. We will see the history of it, how to do it, when and where to do it, why you'll have fun and catch fish doing it.

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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT TO DO?

This is a great time for me. Why do I enjoy the month of February? The Christmas rush is over and all the glitter now transfers to the sparkles of sun rays bouncing off the fishing waters. Yes, this is my planning time. Where do I want to fish this year? What family outings do I have to attend and are there fishing opportunities available at those locations? Colorado is on my list this year; our family reunion will be held in Estes Park, Co. the beginning of August. I think I'll be fishing in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and of course a little stop in eastern Oregon on this trip.

Our Outings Committee has put together a package for this year and I do make a lot of my plans based on what our club will be doing together. Of course I'll do my never ending search for the beautiful Steelhead of the Rogue River. That's why I enjoy living here.

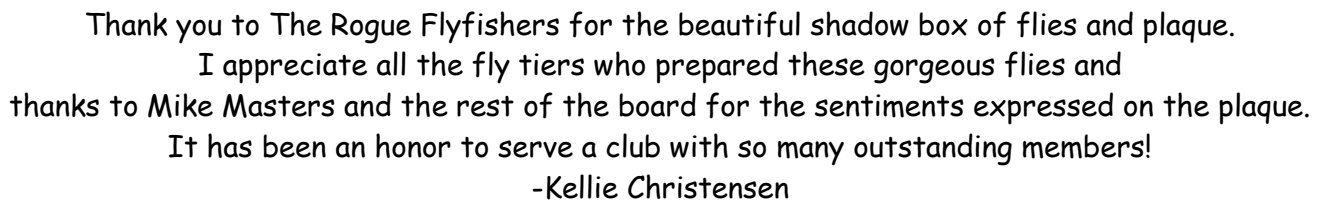
I really enjoy fishing with many of you club members. You are a great gift to me. The camaraderie we share is truly priceless. An added plus is that I always learn something new on these adventures. Does anyone know everything? (Maybe I haven't fished with you yet if you do). I know I still have lots to learn, that's why I find the Club's sponsored (Free) fly tying classes so wonderful. The classes seemed packed this year. The mantra should be something like "Let's Tie One On". Thanks to all the Instructors for sharing your passion and expertise.

So with my cup of coffee and my Oregon Map book out, my dreams of where to fish this year are across the state. I've really enjoyed floating the upper John Day River for smallies, the Metolius is something special, and 4 Mile Lake are all great memories. Maybe this year.....Lemolo Lake, Upper South Umpqua, Donner & Blitzen River, Grande Ronde for Steelie's, and maybe the Columbia for Walleye.

Is there enough time? Let's hope so.

Tight Lines and Wet Nets

Mike Masters



Thank you to The Rogue Flyfishers for the beautiful shadow box of flies and plaque.
I appreciate all the fly tiers who prepared these gorgeous flies and
thanks to Mike Masters and the rest of the board for the sentiments expressed on the plaque.
It has been an honor to serve a club with so many outstanding members!
-Kellie Christensen

So Many Fish, So Little Time February

Fishing the upper Rogue the last five years shows no pattern during February other than a good hatch of March Browns and Blue Wing Olives most years. Steelheading can be good, but more often it is slow. Popular wisdom suggests that the winter run of steelhead are stacking up in the river below Gold Hill and should move to the upper Rogue soon. It is unclear what causes the fish to move, but water temperature may have something to do with it. Meanwhile, an occasional steelhead can be hooked now while we wait. However, fishing the hatches can be very good for Rainbows and Cutthroats. There is good bank access to surface action at Casey Park and also from McGregor Park at Chief Hole, Old Bridge Hole, and Bridge Hole. In addition a number of spots can be found drifting between Casey and Dodge Bridge. A dry Adams is always a good bet. Also this is an excellent time to bring out the March Brown dries and soft hackles. Tie on a good high floating dry March Brown with about 16 inches of tippet tied to the bend of the hook and a wet soft hackle on the point. The hatch is best from about 1:00 until 2:20.

STORIES FROM SLOUGH CREEK, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

By Kurt Engstrom

Calling, “seven hundred, seven hundred, this is 4 Delta 62”.

“Seven hundred”, she answers.

“Slough Creek Campground is full, repeat Slough Creek Campground is full” responds 4 Delta 62.

“Seven hundred copy, 0815 hundred hours” comes back her reply.

“Four Delta 62 clear”, is my response.

So at 0815 hundred hours the campground is full, I grab a bowl of cereal and off to the meadow downstream from Slough Creek campground I head. The campground filled early today and I have time for some fishing before the morning hatch is over and the wind picks up. I grab the 4 wt. Sage rod I won in the RFF club raffle a few years back and head for a pullout not far from the campground. “Great” I said to myself as I arrive, only one other car at the turnout and only one fisherman near where I wanted to start fishing. I grabbed an unknown dry fly that simulated a fly one of the camper’s in the campground had shown me that he was using with good success. It was something he tied himself and didn’t have a name for it but the size (14) and color (dark body with brown and white hackle) were more important early in the season.

Slough Creek was high, muddy, and cold just two weeks ago when we arrived in the middle of June. It had fallen nearly four feet and was clearing and starting to be fishable. Fortunately, Beth and I have hosted here before, ’09 being our last season, and we know several of the campers who come here every year for 4 to 6 weeks. I find out from them on a daily basis the fishing condition and today, July 4th, I thought I’d give it my first honest try. Earlier in the week I pulled out my fly rod after seeing a grasshopper along the campground road and decided to give a hopper a try, more just to see if I could get something to show itself in the section of the creek along the campsites. This was July 1st and to my surprise I hooked into a 7 inch rainbow. This surprised me because usually hoppers aren’t out in force until August from past experience hosting at Slough Creek. I enjoy the hopper patterns as they are larger and with a white parachute tied on they’re easier for me to see. Also, trout seem to hit terrestrials harder.

I walked down to the creek as the other fisherman was hooking his first fish. He lands it and moves down stream. I think to myself he mustn’t have noticed all the rises up in the shadows under the over-hanging fir trees. I found a small area in amongst the trees and realized that my roll cast had better work today as there was no way I was going to have any room for a back cast. My roll cast was rusty but I managed after several cast to get a little distance and hooked a nice 14 inch cutthroat just downstream of a leaning snag. My next fish came in a back eddy area off a large tree stump along the shoreline.

It was a rainbow, about 10 inches. The fish in Slough Creek aren’t stocked so these are what I call wild fish, the cutthroat being a native species and the rainbow non-native having been introduced decades ago.

By now the fish closest to me have either been caught or stung by my fly after I missed setting the hook. My roll cast was getting sloppier the harder I tried to get more distance to reach the feeding trout. I finally managed a decent cast into the feeding lane of a cutbow. So after landing this one I found myself at my outer limit of my roll casting ability with several fish still feeding. Maybe in a few days the creek will drop and I can approach this area from the other side I thought to myself.

A week later the creek had dropped several more inches so I thought I’d cross over and try the same spot from a few days earlier. Good luck was with me. A fisherman beat me to that spot. So I decided to drop a hopper into the slot along the stream bank on my side of the creek and let it drift down to where I was going to cross over. A 16” cutthroat took it on my first “cast” of the day. Thank you for being late this morning I said to myself. The fisherman upstream forced me to cross and start fishing downstream. I made my way over to a side channel and saw a large trout in a narrow slot about 24” deep and maybe 5 foot wide. He came up to check my hopper but no go. I moved down this channel a hundred or so feet and saw another nice cut’. This one took my hopper, he was about 17” and fat. I sure liked the feel of this Sage 4 wt. on these trout.

Onto the next pool in the main stem of the creek I went. My hopper started losing favor with the trout so I switched to a Spruce Moth, even though they hadn’t hatched yet. The pattern I use closely replicates the Elk Hair Caddis but with a flat solid wing tied in along the shank under the elk hair and without the body hackle wrap. This wing is mostly white to cream in color. A 12” trout took it on the second cast. Now I said to myself, “let’s go back after that big one in the side channel, he’ll like this fly”. I walked back and got the “cast” I wanted, just dropping the fly and leader in the water and “high sticking” it so the line doesn’t sit on the faster water causing the fly to drag. All I got was just another look from this guy.

So back to the main stem I go but this time a little farther downstream. Now the Spruce Moth doesn’t seem to be working so I switched to a darker green bodied parachute Pale Morning Dun, size 16. The parachute was made of a tiny bulb of white foam. Again, on the third cast I tied into a 13” rainbow. Okay now this fly might catch that bigger cut’ back upstream. I walked back upstream and on the first “drop in” the trout takes a look but decided not to eat it. So I tried again but this time started the drift several more feet up the channel. I see the cutthroat set up to take the fly and I hold my breath until the fly disappears in its mouth and he starts to turn his head. I set the hook and the bend in the rod is almost doubled back to the rod handle. I let the fish walk me downstream to a larger pool where we set up to do battle. It pulled and tugged and made short strong runs as cutthroat do in Slough Creek and I would give and take line as it would let me. I was hoping my 6x tippet would hold and fortunately the creek bottom was clean of debris in this pool. After a few minutes I got the net under this 19 -20 inch cutthroat, a truly beautiful fish. The real bout however began 2 hours earlier when I first saw this fish and kept enticing it with different flies until I figured out what it wanted, and how lucky I was not to be first in line this morning for the pool I was originally going to fish. This was my lucky day, 7-4-2012.

WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN!

ANNOUNCING:

THE STEELIE WHEEL RAFFLE

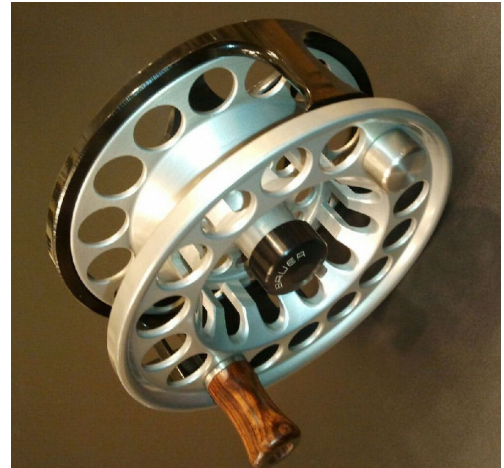
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GET TO WALK OUT WITH IT. IF THE WHEEL
STOPS ON ANOTHER AREA, YOU WILL WIN
SOMETHING. THE COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE
AND ANNOUNCE THE TWIST OR TURN DURING
THE SOCIAL HOUR. EVERY DINNER COULD
HAVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THE BAUER
REEL WILL REMAIN UNTIL SOME LUCKY
MEMBER TAKES IT HOME.

WHEN THE REEL IS WON, WE WILL ADD
ANOTHER GREAT GIFT. WHAT A WONDERFUL
IDEA FOR A GIFT FOR SOMEONE. YOU MAY
ALREADY POSSESS ONE OF THESE, IN THAT
CASE YOU COULD BUY A TICKET AND THEN
GIVE IT AS A GIFT TO A GRANDCHILD, YOUR
CHILD, A VERY GOOD FRIEND, OR EVEN YOUR
CLUB PRESIDENT.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BAUER REELS ARE EXCEPTIONAL. I TRIED IT OUT.

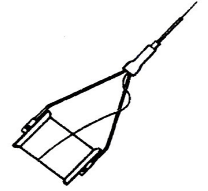
FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE REEL = \$415.00

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On The Fly

February 2013

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”



Tying News

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is February 12, 2013. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

Our February meeting will feature two guest tyers for the tie-along session. Dick Bonamarte will be demonstrating the Polar Shrimp, a popular steelhead fly. This one features a innovative method of securing the wing. And Mark Teeters will show off two of his favorite patterns, the Mole and the E/C caddis. So bring along your tools and the materials listed below to learn some new patterns and techniques.

DIRECTIONS: Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd. Please park your vehicle on the bare dirt in the parking lot to avoid the wooden septic covers in the grass.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH – “Close To”

Hook: 1760 Daiichi – 1260 Daiichi for lighter wire hook 10-20
Bead Head: Pearl white to match hook size
Thread: Red
Weight: Lead (where permitted)
Tail: Red pheasant tail
Abdomen: Red dyed turkey biot (ribbed w/red thread, lacquer under & on top)
Wing case: Pearl Mylar and red goose shoulder, coated when done w/UV wader patch
Thorax: Light shade rainbow scud dub (Hare Line) or rainbow warrior dub (Wapsi)
Legs: Pheasant tail tied in A.P. (Andre Puyans) style



The fly that I've chosen for this month is the “Close To”. OK, that is a stupid name, but I had to call it something and “Near Enough” is already taken. I came up with it when my fishing partner & fellow guide, Jim Ulm, started catching steelhead and trout on Red Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Rainbow Warriors and a lake fly, the Red Ice Cream Cone. So what would happen if I combined all three? Well, I have since taken Rainbows, Cuttys, Steelhead and even the choosy bows on Hat Creek on my concoction. Most tyers feel they have to tweak patterns. This is fun and sometimes it even works!

Come to the next club meeting and watch Dave tie this one.

Tying Tips:

Learn to use the smallest thread you can. Smaller thread eliminates build up and makes neater heads. When I started tying, we only had Nymo A silk thread. Now we have down to 16/0 that is stronger than some 6/0.

When I use lead I want it to be slid inside of the bead head to keep it from moving.

After tying in tail and biot, I will loop thread and after wrapping biot forward 2/3 of hook shank, I will rib with thread to strengthen. I like to use the smallest thread I can get away with, then lacquer over the thread and biot. The rest is fairly straight forward.

As for the coating of the wing case, you can use 5 min. epoxy, but I have found that epoxy will yellow and sometimes chip off. With the UV wader patch, you can assemble a whole box of flies, take them out in the sun and in 10sec the shell back is done. If the sun hasn't been shining, you can use a black light bulb (available from Grover's) in a covered fixture and it may take 20sec to harden.

CAUTION: DO NOT LOOK AT THE BLUB, BAD FOR YOU EYES!

Dave Roberts

Outstanding Member of the Year 2012.



Curt Schlosser, our very own Librarian received the Outstanding Member of the Year Award at the January Dinner Meeting. Curt came to the board a couple of years ago and asked if he could take on the task of building a library for the club. With the board's approval, he has built quite a large information center. Curt was also very helpful in setting up the auction last year. He donated his trailer to deliver the auction items to the Red Lion. He and Jim Hardy took on the task of putting together the pontoon boats that were auctioned off that night. Curt is full of fishing knowledge himself and very willing to share his passion with others. Be sure to congratulate him the next time you see him. He really does a lot for our organization.
Great job, Curt

Honorary Life Membership Award

This was bestowed on a very surprised **John MacDiarmid** during our Jan. Dinner Meeting. John has served the club in many facets since he joined the club in the 80's. He is a Past President, a Casting Instructor, he heads the Speaker's Committee, and he has helped in numerous other ventures on the Conservation side of our club. It is only fitting that a man of this magnitude be acknowledged with a prestigious award such as this. His list of accomplishments goes on and on. John is truly a get it done type of guy and he loves to fish on top of it. John is a real blessing to have involved in our club. The list is very small of those in our club that has done as much or more as John has done and continues to do.

Here is to the standing ovation, John! Thank you for all you stand for. We should all strive to accomplish just some of what you have.



Outstanding Service

Outgoing President **Kellie Christensen** received a beautiful shadow box of flies, tied by club members, with an attached plaque for her outstanding service as club President.

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Welcome New Members

Charlie Costner Richard Fletcher Fred Hayes
David Hoffman Robert & Noriko Lee Kevin & Stormy Lee
David Mathewson John Rogers Carl Schneiderman
Michael Smith

DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in January 2013	John Ward, Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	<i>Activities Performed by Conservation member:</i> 1) Participated in two Coalition Phone Conferences to Expand Oregon’s State Scenic Waterway system on critical fish spawning streams state-wide, both private and public lands. RFF, working with a broad group of Oregon conservation and fishing groups, has pledged financial support for the project, and is soliciting support and funding from other fly fishing organizations. 2) Continued to participate in WISE Project (Water for Irrigation, Streams & Economy) , as a member of the In-stream Workgroup. Focus is a pilot project to remove a Talent Irrigation District diversion dam from Ashland Creek to improve passage and habitat for steelhead and other species. Water not diverted would be replaced by conserved water saved by piping Talent Canal to reduce current leakage. Discussion continues and a Water Rights sub-committee was formed to study Water Banking and other approaches to satisfy priority water rights from 1856 to 1895. 3) Attended Bear Creek Watershed Council and Upper Rogue Watershed Association meetings. 4) Participated in a Conference Phone meeting on status of Liquefied Natural Gas pipeline EIS; FERC is not meeting expected timelines for release of draft Environmental Impact Statement. RFF will follow up on pipeline alignment changes with Medford staff.	John Ward



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Renew in December for the following year.

Name: _____ . If a family membership,

List Family Member's Names _____ - _____

Address _____ - _____

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Are you **retired?** Yes __ No __ **Do you have a drift boat?** Yes __ No __ **lake boat?** Yes __ No __

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