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PROGRAM

Time for the Hank Rogers Memorial Picnic

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Come out and Join your friends for a day of fun at Emigrant Lake

July 17, 2013

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President's Message

Summer is here. Wow, just yesterday it was rainy and today it is over 90 degrees. Do you think the mosquito populations have awakened up in the lake areas? I'll let you know next week. I had such a great time at Lemolo Lake on our club outing; I just have to go back. So tomorrow I'm packing up the boat and heading back. I want to thank Gary Llewellyn for hosting the event. You did very well Gary. I know for a fact that this trip was so exciting that we really tuckered out Jim Ulm.

Don't forget that the Hank Rogers' Memorial Picnic will be held in place of our regular club meeting. This will be at Emigrant Lake. We are providing the chicken dinner and lemonade & tea. Just bring your own place settings and a dish to pass amongst our hungry members.

If any of you have experience in fishing around Estes Park, CO. please feel free to share some information with me. I will be there for 7 days in late July and early August. I know the Big Thompson River is there, but are there small streams and other place you might recommend?

The heat is getting to me so I need to complete packing up the camper and boat. Best wishes to all of you and I hope you are able to get your line wet.

Mike M.

Jim Ulm hard at it fishing
Lemolo Lake.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul Doty

Harry Foster

John & Mary Ann Polus

Theresa Schumacher

John Ferris

Letter to the Editor:

River suction dredge mining creates pockets of extinction, one square foot of river bottom at a time. Even the smallest aquatic life that gets sucked through such dredges becomes puree.

They may be small creatures, but all food chains depend inordinately upon these smallest members.

Take, for example, the krill of the ocean: very small shrimp-like crustaceans, they sustain everything above them in the food chain, and directly and immediately the whales.

The Rogue River's aquatic life must be protected from the devastation caused by suction gold dredge mining.

Destroying one square foot of river bottom at a time is like a cancer to the river. Start small, just as a pin-point lump for some women, or a hardly noticeable discoloration of tissue for some men, but lethal in their cumulative effect.

I wholeheartedly support Oregon Senate Bill 838, which sets a moratorium on suction dredge mining in Oregon's rivers.

Otis D. Swisher
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Belize Trip

Wally Ramsey and his wife are travelling to Belize next winter. He is looking for information about the area. If you can share any information or suggestions please contact him at:

roseandwally@jeffnet.org

thank you, Wally Ramsay

Conquering Chronomids

Phil Rowley & Brian Chan have a new DVD "Conquering Chronomids" at their on line store \$19.95

www.stillwaterflyfishingstore.com/index.php?

This should be of interest to members who like to fish lakes

Larry Bressler

HANK ROGERS MEMORIAL PICNIC IS THIS MONTH ON JULY 17TH!

It's time for our annual picnic at Emigrant Lake and we are looking forward to getting together and sharing some good food and camaraderie in the great outdoors.

Here's what you need to remember:

First of all, you need to bring your own set of eating utensils, plate and any beverage that you prefer. The club will furnish iced tea and lemon-ade. Secondly, since this is a potluck, please bring the following according to the first letter of your last name:

"A" to "H" - please bring a salad or vegetable dish

"I" to "M" - please bring a carbohydrate (bread, potatoes, corn etc.)

"N" to "Z" - please bring fruit or a dessert of some kind.

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We hope to see you there!

The Old Saw Needs Sharpening

By Otis D. Swisher

On a date in late October or early November, 2011 I stumbled onto an easy test of that old saw “A steelhead is the fish of a thousand casts.” I have heard it bandied about for 50 years or so. And, early on when I compared it with the paucity of the catches from my own fishing days, it seemed reasonable and plausible.

Things changed when, with my friend Vince Zauskey, we put on the river for one of our favorite drifts. Sort of without any prepared purpose a-forehand, I put my mind on idle and started counting Vince’s casts. One, two, three, four, five, six....There my idleness was interrupted as a 22-inch fish took Vince’s large nymph. From that trip on, I took notes, counted casts, and tallied the results. If you are interested in these results, read on. If not, oh well,.... do your own experimentation. But, I’d like to know your results.

November 11, 2011 10:00 - 15: 10 VZ only

17th Cast 25-inch (H) hooked, landed
85th C later 23-inch (W) hooked, landed
116 C’s later, to the end of the day at take-out, 0 fish
So, I felt, “That’s a start to my experiment.”

November 26, 2011 10:00-15:45 VZ only

39th Cast 25 inch (W) on trailer
100th C later 16+ inch fish hooked/lost
81st C later 17 inch (H)
135TH C later 25 inch (W)
112 Casts to take out, 0 fish

December 11, 2011 10:00- 15:10 VZ only

12th Cast 18 inch (W) on lead fly
77th C later 26 inch (H)
16th C later lost at hook-up
13th C later lost at hook-up
69th C later 20 inch (H) male
25th C later 29 inch (W) male
77 Casts to take-out, 0 fish

January 16, 2012 10:00-15:30 VZ only

119th Cast 9-min fight; almost into backing twice; 30-inch fish lost
21st Cast later 15 inch (W)
27th C later 20+ inch fish lost
3d C later 16 inch CUTTHROAT
13th C later 19 inch (W)
38th C later 21 inch (W) on trailer
72nd C later 23 inch (W)
30 Casts to take-out, 0 fish

November 20, 2011 10:00 to15:30 VZ only

34th Cast 20-inch (W) on trailer
89th C later 22 inch (W) with 3 J’s (Jumps), on trailer
23d C later 16 inch (W) with 1 J, on trailer
38th C later 20 inch fish hooked/ lost
100th C later 19 inch (W) on trailer, football shape like lake fish
80 C’s to take out –no fish

December 26, 2011 10:00-15:30 VZ only

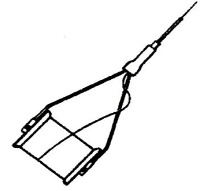
101st Cast 20+inch fish lost after 5 min
29th C later Fish lost
16th C later 16" CUTTHROAT
4th C later 16 inch (W)
(In the next 20 casts, 5 fish of 14-16 inches landed)
30th C later steelhead lost
2nd C later 16 inch (W)
100Casts to take-out, 0 fish

I’m sure that the large ratio of fish-to-casts is due in large measure to two things: 1) we were in a boat and covered about three river-miles on each trip; and, 2) Vince’s skills at covering the water, casting ability, and weird ability to sense the “subtle takes”, and his experience at playing big fish even on a 6-weight rod make all the difference in the world.

I’m finished with my work of writing this. I’ll let you go back over the raw data and count the number of casts, and the number of fish involved. Now where is that file? I must do a bit of work on that dull, old saw: How many casts does it take to catch a steelhead? Let me know the next time we meet, please.

On The Fly

July 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 September 10, 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.

SOFT is closed for the summer. **Go fishing!!** We will commence meetings again this fall. We will start up again in September.

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.

PATTERN OF THE MONTH –

The Delaware Adams 10-16 as tied by Walt Dette

Hook: Mustad 94840 (I use Daiichi 1330 or 1310 depending if you want up eye or down)
Thread: White, finish head with black
Wing: Hen grizzly tips
Body: Med Olive wool yarn or dubbing (I still get original wool from the Dette's Fly Shop that has been open since 1935 in the same location, family owned) grizzly palmered thru wool
Tail: Grizzly barbs



As always, there are a lot of ways to “skin a cat”, but this is the easiest way for me:

I start with white or primrose (pale yellow) 16/0 thread. 2 eye lengths back from the eye I set my wing there measure on a gauge for that size of hook. I go to rear and set tail with same gauge tie in hackle and body material. I twist wool to make segmented body the palmer hackle forward. I set up my wings then hackle with brown and grizzly hackle. You can switch to black thread or mark about 3in of white w/black magic marker. Oh, you say, that is cheating. If you read enough old books you'll discover that 98% black lacquered the heads made w/white thread.

I have studied the styles of past masters since I could read. Actually I was being taught these styles of both Irish, Scots, Welsh and American tyers, both US and Canada. My grandfather, an Irish master in his own right, loved to study the style of all tyers. He could see a tyers work and tell you who this tyer really admired. The pattern I chose for this month is not only historic, it was the last fly Walt Dette developed in the late 30's to early 40's. But when the green drakes come off around here at the end of this salmon fly season (right now!) it starts picking up fish. Also on the Metolious, Henry's Fork, etc.

David E. Roberts

Howard Prairie Outing

The heat of the summer can be one of the slower times for fishing here in Southwest Oregon. Summer steelhead are arriving in the Rogue, but the fishing is nowhere near what it will be like in the fall. The low to mid-elevation lakes are warm and the trout are in their summer doldrums. The high elevation lakes and streams can offer some decent trout fishing, but the mosquitoes may eat you alive. Fishing for the smallmouth bass in the Umpqua River can be good, but that is a long drive. One alternative closer to home is the smallmouth bass fishery in Howard Prairie. Howard Prairie produces some very nice-sized smallmouth bass, as well as the occasional largemouth bass, and this fishery holds up well all summer long.

Our club outing will be on July 27. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Klum Landing boat ramp at the south end of the lake for a brief orientation. Bring your five to seven-weight rod; floating, intermediate, and sinking lines, and eight to ten-pound tippet. A variety of flies will work, with woolly buggers in olive, brown, black, and white being solid choices. Streamers and damsel and dragonfly imitations can work well also. If conditions are right, surface poppers can be a lot of fun. You can fish from the bank or use a float tube, but a boat will let you cover more water. Don't forget your lunch, plenty of water, a hat, and sun screen.

For those that want to spend the night, Jackson County Parks Department maintains several campgrounds around the lake. The Howard Prairie Resort has boat rentals, a restaurant, campground, and a few over-night accommodations. Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced into Howard Prairie, and the members that have been around for a while can tell you they really messed up a great trout fishery; however, as long as they are there, we might as well take advantage of the great fishing opportunity they provide during our slow season.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Fishing Trespass Permit

Gary Graham

Here is the information for a Fishing Trespass Permit for the J-Spears Ranch area; which is located on the upper end of the Chewaucan River. Our club hosts an outing in August for the last 4-5 years and this permit allows you to fish more of the river, without worrying about some of the No Trespassing Signs. This permit does not include the M-Ranch Areas.

Club members planning on attending the Club Outing on the Chewaucan River during the summer of 2013 may wish to apply for a Fishing Trespass Permit from the J-Spears Ranch CO. Their office is located at 404 S 4th Street, K Falls, OR 97601-6168. The permit is free, good for a year and renewable.

Your request should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope and a copy of your driver's license.

The following are Prohibited Activities:

- * off road Vehicles
- * dogs, camping, fires
- * artifact hunting, shooting
- * littering, obstructing gates

Catch and release, fly fishing with barbless hooks only.

Chewaucan River Outing

August 6 - 9 (Tuesday - Friday) Chewaucan River-Hosted by John Ward

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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. There is also a \$10 new member processing fee.) **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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Address _____ - _____

Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code _____ **Number** _____ - _____

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