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MARCH, 2009

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— PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE —

March promises to continue our recent string of excellent programs. Our featured speaker will be Jon Hazlett doing his presentation on spey fishing local waters, principally the Rogue, Applegate, and Trinity Rivers.

He is giving us a guide trip for two for our raffle. Also, during the wet fly he will tie his new fly that is just coming on the market.

Jon is a most athletic and impressive spey caster and a true talent in the sport. He tests rods and lines for the very best in the world and is a gentle and nice young man. Jon is a local guy with great knowledge on local waters in which our club is most interested. He started his guiding career with a season at Rainbow King Lodge in Alaska, followed by three seasons at Elk Creek Lodge in Colorado. He then settled in his native state of

Oregon and launched his “Jonny on the Spot” guide service in 2001. In the fall of 2006 Jon became one of the founders of Confluence Outfitters. He is an excellent spey caster and he loves to introduce clients to the joy of hooking a steelhead on the swing. He fishes the Rogue River from his jet boat or raft, and also guides the Applegate and Klamath Rivers as well as the Fall and Trinity Rivers.

In addition, during the wet fly Mark Parker will be showing his handmade, wood, stillwater skiffs for all of us to gawk at. And, finally but not leastly, Phil Hager will have a demonstration of his custom rods. All things considered, this will be one of our premier meetings of 2009.

See you there!

- Lee Wedberg

ROGUE FLYFISHERS’ MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 • Red Lion Hotel, 200 N. Riverside, Medford

Wet Fly 6 to 7 p.m. • Meeting, Raffle & Program from 7 to 9 p.m.

Buffet Dinner (Entrée: Chef’s Choice)

Buffet Tickets are \$18 each (purchase at door) --- Raffle Tickets \$1 each (purchase at door)

Special Offer: dinner ticket & eight raffle tickets for \$25.

THE PROGRAM

Jon Hazlett, local guide and one of the founders of Confluence Outfitters, will present his program on spey fishing local waters, principally the Rogue, Applegate, and Trinity Rivers. Jon is one of the most athletic and impressive spey casters around.

See Jon’s websites www.jonnyonthespot.org and confluenceoutfitters.com.

Don’t miss this program! Be sure to buy EXTRA raffle tickets because Jon has donated a guide trip for two.

REMEMBER TO INVITE A GUEST TO THE MAY 20th FUNDRAISER!

— UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Please visit the conservation table at the March meeting.** Volunteer opportunities are available that you can sign up for. For example, volunteers are needed to help remove blackberry bushes and to plant trees along Wrights Creek in Ashland.
- **Posters advertising our May 20th auction dinner and fundraiser are now available.** Members are urged to take posters and distribute them at their offices and other businesses. See Kellie Christensen who will have the posters at the March meeting. A smaller-sized sample of the poster is shown elsewhere in this newsletter.
- **Jim Harleman needs your catch results from your fishing trips at the Holy Water.** Survey forms should be submitted electronically via the club's website, ROGUEFLYFISHERS.ORG. Survey results link directly to Jim Harleman who is tabulating the data as part of the Holy Water Taskforce-ODFW effort to improve the fish catch at the Holy Water. *Be sure to check each fish you catch to see if it has been tagged or fin-clipped and report this information.* Jim mentioned that he is receiving few survey forms, so if you really want to help improve the Holy Water productivity, please remember to send in your catch results using the survey form on our website. There will be a special drawing at the March meeting for those anglers who have submitted survey forms the past year. We will draw two names from this pool of anglers who have submitted surveys, and each winner will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate.
- **Need help with your fishing knots?** Bill Childress suggests looking at www.netknots.com. This web site has instructions for tying many useful fishing knots and has excellent visuals.
- **Volunteers needed to support the April 25th Kids & Bugs program at Bear Creek Park, Medford.** Our club has supported this program since its inception. The program, sponsored by the Natural Resource and Watershed Education branch of the OSU Extension, Jackson County, brings together about 50 to 70 kids who are divided into manageable-sized groups that proceed through various stations. These stations provide hands-on educational experience through exposure to riparian-zone related components. RFF members man two stations that cover the recreation activities of tying and casting flies. The club provides all of the equipment. We need six to eight volunteers to instruct eager groups of kids. This is a fun experience and the kids appreciate your help. Can you help? Call or e-mail Bill Rittenhouse to volunteer. Bill can be reached at 541-858-5981 or writtenho@clearwire.net.
- **Optional name badges available at \$10 each.** Club cost is \$7.50, with the remaining \$2.50 to be earmarked for the Reed Ryan Memorial Conservation Fund. Contact Bill Rittenhouse at 858-5981 to order this optional name badge. See example below...
- **Replacement name badges will no longer be provided free of charge.** Beginning next month, a fee of \$5.00 will be charged to members for each replacement name badge. Five dollars is the cost the club pays for each name badge.



— SOUTHERN OREGON FISHING REPORT —

Lee Wedberg

So Many Fish, So Little Time – March

With sincere regrets I must report that I have not been on the river for several weeks. That situation is expected to change soon, but in the mean time I can only report what is shown for previous years in my angling log. The March Brown hatch should be going strong and later in March a caddis hatch should begin, so surface action for trout could be good if you are lucky enough to be at the right place at the right time. In any case, nymphs are always a good bet. For example, my log notes one trout taken on a dry March Brown, and the trout's stomach contained three big salmonfly nymphs plus several other smaller bottom dwellers but no evidence of mature surface bugs (no wings mixed up in there, for example).

In late March, winter steelhead should be as abundant as they are going to get in the upper river, but it is a gamble whether we'll be catching any. In 2004, for example, I scored on almost every drift, and on one day hooked 10 big fish, but three years ago I struck out for the entire month of March. As they say, that's fishing. Watch for big winter steelhead to be on their redds the first week of April.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – ROGUE FLYFISHERS

(If you have questions or would like to host or volunteer, call Kellie Christensen @ 779-5038)

- Saturday, March 21st** - "MIGUEL'S CUP" STEELHEAD OUTING – Meet at Miguel's (on the west side of Hwy 62 near the bridge in Shady Cove) at 9 a.m. Please bring coffee or donuts to share. A short meeting will commence and fishing will start between 9:30 - 10 a.m. If you have a boat, BRING IT! We will meet for dinner at 4 p.m. at Miguel's. For additional details, call Chick Parsons at 541-772-2716.
- Saturday, March 28th** - APPLGATE "LAST GRAB" STEELHEAD FISHING (closing weekend!) Don't miss this last opportunity to land one of these beauties! Hosted by Chick Parsons
- Saturday, April 11th** - Joint Venture with SOFF - MCKENZIE RIVER "FISH ON" This is a beautiful river/don't miss this outing! Host: ASHLAND FLY SHOP
- Saturday, April 18th** - "AGATE LAKE OUTING" Hosted by Bruce McGregor & Ron Metzger
- Saturday, May 9th** - HAT CREEK- "CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE" (Hats NOT required!) Host: Dennis Remick
- Wednesday May 20TH** - ANNUAL RFF BENEFIT AND AUCTION - Donations are needed for this event. Volunteers are needed for set-up. PLEASE plan on attending this "NEW AND IMPROVED" event! Lots of GREAT items will be offered! RFF depends on your support!
- Saturday, May 30th** - Joint Venture with SOFF "WALK THE UPPER WILLIAMSON" aka "HOPE TO BE HITTING THE DRAKE HATCH!" *Need a host for this event
- Saturday, June 6th** - KLAMATH LAKE "MONSTER TROUT" Hosted by Chick Parsons
- Saturday, June 13th** - "HOLY WATER SALMON FLY HATCH and BBQ" Hosted by Tom Bettencourt
- Saturday, June 27th** - DIAMOND LAKE DERBY "The fish in this lake are real gems!" Hosted by Tom Collette
- Saturday, July 11th - Sunday July 12th** – Joint Venture with SOFF "TIPTOE THROUGH THE TROUT"
UPPER SACRAMENTO (Sat) and DUNSMUIR SECTION (Sun) **CAMP TRIP**
Host: ASHLAND FLY SHOP (Space is limited) Guided trips available for Sunday
- Wednesday JULY 15th** - EMIGRANT LAKE ANNUAL RFF PICNIC/BBQ 'YOU HOOK 'UM, WE'LL COOK 'UM!' Chief Cook: Gary Graham 2nd Cook: Dale Heath *Will need volunteers for organization committee
- Saturday, JULY 18th & Sunday, JULY 19th** - Lonesome Duck Resort overnight stay & fishing on the Williamson River. Contact Kellie Christensen for cost and other details. Reservations required, so get on the signup list. If enough Club members attend, they will all receive a discounted lodging rate. You don't have to fish to enjoy this outing!
- Saturday, July 25th** - SMALL STREAMS – "FISH DREAMS." This is the stuff John Gierach writes about, so go "stand in the water and wave your stick!" Hosted by Lee Wedberg
- Saturday, August 1st** - POOR "BIRD'S" FISH TOURNEY "Cheap, Cheap" entry fees and cool prizes!! (Hyatt or Fish Lake – location pending)
*Need host for this event
- Saturday, August 8th (CLASS)** - "IMPROVE YOUR STEELHEAD SKILLS" Instructors: Rich Fiebelkorn/Lee Wedberg
- Saturday, August 15th** - SMALLMOUTH BASS on the UMPQUA "Variety is the spice of life!" Hosted by ASHLAND FLY SHOP
- Saturday, August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd** - SKY LAKES WILDERNESS CAMP/FISH TRIP. Joint Venture with SOFF. Day fishing or overnight camping. Hosted by David Haight
- Tuesday, Sept. 8th through Sunday Sept. 13th** - CENTRAL OREGON "LOT O LAKES" OUTING. Begins day after Labor Day – Weeklong camp trip with fishing at several different and beautiful lakes! Bring your cameras! Hosted by Phil Hager
- September 2008** (Date not set) **ROGUE RIVER ANNUAL STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT** (Your chance for a great "Fish Story!")
*Need Hosts for this event *Need drift boats and oarsmen
- AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT** - To be conducted at the monthly RFF dinner (Wed, Sept 16th)
*Need volunteers to assist
- Saturday, October 10th** - "HALF-POUNDERS HAUL" ON THE LOWER ROGUE *Need a host for this event *Need drift boats and oarsmen
- Saturday, October 17th** - HOLY WATER "WALK AND STALK" *Need a host for this event
- Saturday, November 14th** - KLAMATH RIVER "SALMON FRENZY" – Joint Venture with SOFF *Need a host for this event *Need drift boats and oarsmen
- Saturday, November 21st** - "UPPER ROGUE COHO HUNT" *Need a host for this event

— CONSERVATION REPORT — LNG TERMINALS & PIPELINES

It's time to get in the letter-writing mode if you want to voice your opposition to having liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipelines in Oregon. **Please tell your state legislator that we need to help protect Oregon from LNG pipelines and terminals by supporting HB 2015.** Although HB 2015 does not ban LNG, it would significantly strengthen the state's ability to protect Oregon's rivers, farms and forests by helping to stop the irresponsible LNG projects currently proposed for Oregon.

If you agree that LNG pipelines are undesirable, please tell your state legislator. An LNG terminal and pipelines are not just a southern Oregon issue. There are three proposed LNG terminals and hundreds of miles of pipelines that would cut a destructive path across farms, forests, rivers and public lands! If you need additional information regarding LNG issues, please contact club member John Ward, our Conservation Committee Chairman, at 541-482-2859, or by e-mail at e_john_ward@msn.com.

— A GOOD CAST —

John MacDiarmid

How do you define a good cast? Some would say if the cast produces a hook-up it is a good one but in fact you can catch fish with just an adequate cast. If you add distance and pinpoint accuracy requirements under overhanging brush -- then the correctly placed fly will require a good cast. Practice casting on the grass develops a feel for the rod and how the line will respond to various casting components such as power, tempo and the casting arc. With some direction and a lot of practice the caster can become one with the rod and the increased ability should result in more hook-ups. At the very least, one learns to love the sheer joy of making the fly rod perform. Think of it as the fly tier that doesn't fish...he just enjoys the creative aspect of the activity.

Technically, a good cast is one in which the line of the fly leg (the leg attached to the fly) is parallel to the rod leg (the line attached to the rod) and the two parallel legs are within three feet of each other. Think of it as a candy cane on its side with the vertical rod attached to the bottom of the cane and the fly attached to the other leg. The fly leg should not dip, fall or "tail" as it rolls out. When you can achieve this cast at various speeds and line lengths, you have mastered the basic cast.

Last summer some of us began to gather for casting practice at Hawthorne Park (Medford) on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., except for the third Wednesday of the month, club-meeting night. We will start again on April 1 and it is open to all. If it is cold or rainy we will not meet. We will emphasize the basic cast for a few weeks before we move on to specialty casts. All those interested in casting are encouraged to attend...especially beginners.

— FISHING FOR MIGRATORY & RESIDENT TARPON, TROPHY SNOOK & REDFISH —

Mike Ireland

I'll be hosting a group of six Rogue Flyfishers to Marco Island, Florida, for a humdinger of a fishing trip, May 31 to June 6, 2009. That's six nights with five full days of fishing for BIG tarpon, redfish and trophy-sized snook all in one! The guides are really nice, patient guys that know Marco like the back of their hands and promise a trip you won't forget. And that's a good thing because guides in Florida can be really expensive and not always the easiest to get along with.

As always, we'll have several meetings to go over what you should expect and what equipment, gear, flies, etc. you need to bring. I'll do everything I can to have you ready before we go so you can have a ball while you're there.

The big show is migratory tarpon that run from 50 to over 150 pounds. And if you haven't hooked a big tarpon before then you've come to the right place... Florida! And when your arms fall off, or you need a change of pace, then you fish for redfish, snook or big barracudas...can you live with that?

I've got a couple spots left so give me a call or e-mail me if you are interested in joining us for a wonderful time in sunny Florida. My phone number is 541-664-8622 and my e-mail address is misterblues541@yahoo.com.

Six nights with five full days of fishing: \$2450.

DEATH NOTICES

It's never a pleasant task to have to report deaths amongst our greater family of fly fishers, but two deaths have occurred in the mid-February to early-March period of this year.

Club members Vern Patterson and Jack Patterson (father, Vern and son, Jack) have lost wife and mother Rosemary Patterson due to a sudden onset of a difficult to treat pneumonia. Rosemary Patterson died February 18, 2009. Club members and Directors offer their condolences to the Vern and Jack Patterson families.

Another sudden onset death occurred March 6, 2009, when Helen Bonamarte, wife of club member Dick Bonamarte, died as a result from suffering a severe stroke on February 22, 2009. Club members and Directors offer their condolences to the Dick Bonamarte family.

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

Otis Swisher

Run that one by me again, Otis. You have been fishing for nearly 80 years, and you've never caught anything like...What was that you said?

Yeah, I heard you say that it was at Takelma Park. Yeah, and it was at the end of a very unproductive afternoon of troutng. And, it was on a cast of about 20 feet, from the boat ramp. You were in street shoes. It was a #16 blue dun dry fly. It was on your 3-wgt rod.

Yeah, I got all that; but what was it?

Yeah, I heard you say that it was hooked in the nose; but, what was that you said about it using its right front paw to try to dislodge the fly.

It fought you, that I heard. You pulled it up onto the boat ramp and it just sat there in three-or-so inches of water looking at you and daring you to get your fingers close enough to remove the hook. That's when it swiped at the fly to try to dislodge it from its nose.

And it had a tail of 6" or more, and black eyes, and small ears, and dark pelage.

And I heard you say that you'd rather catch a 13" trout because the trout would have more fight in it. But I want to know what it was. And, don't tell me to ask Dave Hopfer or Phil Lang who saw the whole thing.

Are you kidding me? I'm not sure I believe you. You really did, on 20 February, 2009, on a dry fly, hook and land a muskrat?

THE ROGUE FLYFISHERS

(Dedicated to the improvement, preservation and promotion of Fly Fishing)
present:

THE RFF ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER and AUCTION



WEDNESDAY, May 20th

**6 to 9 PM at the Red Lion Hotel
200 North Riverside, Medford**

**This is your opportunity to enjoy a wonderful dinner, great local wines and bid on
FABULOUS ITEMS**

for you and the entire family!

We will have several master fly tiers working at their craft throughout the evening.

Items offered include:

VACATION PACKAGES,

**FISHING & HUNTING TRIPS, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT PACKAGES, GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR
SHOPPING,**

HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, GOLF, THEME PARKS, and too many others to mention!

GREAT FLY FISHING GEAR

WILL ALSO BE OFFERED

including custom built rods, reels, guide trips, private instruction and lots of fishing accessories.

Cost of dinner: \$25.00 Cost without dinner: \$5.00

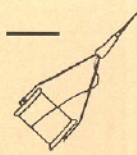
For more information, to RSVP or to purchase tickets, email us at:

kclmbr@msn.com or roquefishr@aol.com

or call us at: 541-776-4094 or 541-826-3718



"Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate."



PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Garcia's Mother's Day Caddis

Hook:	Daiichi 1170 or equivalent standard dry, size 14-18.
Bead:	Small green glass seed bead
Thread:	Olive 8/0 to secure the bead & Black 8/0 for the rest of the fly.
Abdomen:	Olive/brown Superfine dubbing.
Underwing:	Pearl Crystal Flash, Red Crystal Flash, Pearl Flashabou.
Overwing:	Bleached or blonde elk hair.
Hackle:	Dyed brown saddle or neck hackle.
Head:	Black thread.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Mash the hook barb and slide the bead onto the hook. Put the hook into your vise and slide the bead down the bend resting on the vise jaw. Start the thread above the point wrapping back to the bend. Slide the bead up to the thread and bind the bead in place with wraps behind and in front of the bead. Whip finish and clip the olive thread.
- 2) Start the black thread one eye width behind the eye, and lay down a thread base back to the bead.
- 3) Dub the thread and wind it forward forming a tapered body covering 2/3 of the hook shank. Let the thread hang at this position.
- 4) Now cut three strands of pearl crystal flash, one strand of red crystal flash, and one strand of pearl flashabou (cut each strand to 2-inches long). Tie these five strands in the middle at the front of the abdomen. You now have ten strand ends. Pull all of the strands back over the abdomen to form the underwing, and take a couple thread wraps back to secure them. Cut all ten of the strands even with the back of the hook bend.
- 5) Select a small bunch of elk hair, stack it, measure the clump so the tips reach just past the hook bend, and tie the elk hair on top just in front of the abdomen. Clip the butt ends at a taper towards the eye and secure the butt ends with thread wraps.
- 6) Select two correctly sized hackle feathers and prepare them by removing the fluff and web. Tie in the feathers by the butts at the base of the wing, and wind them forward 4 or 5 turns. Tie them off and trim the butts. Be sure to leave room for the head.
- 7) Form a small, smooth thread head, whip-finish the thread and apply cement.



Garcia's Mother's Day Caddis

Greg Garcia of Colorado developed this version of the Mother's Day Caddis (MDC). The green glass bead at the bend imitates the egg sac of a female coming back to deposit her eggs in the evening. Greg enjoys good success at all stages of the hatch cycle with this pattern. He believes that anytime is a good time for caddis.

TYING TIPS

The MDC is an easy tie using common materials. The concept should be effective for any caddis hatch at any time. Just vary the size, the body, the wing colors and the hackle to match the naturals. So tie some up, give them a test flight and let me know how you do.

**Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg**

(you can contact me at flyguy@eznorthwest.com)

The Southern Oregon Fly Tiers invite you to attend their next meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Tiers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Participants are asked to donate a fly to the free raffle held at the end of the meeting. 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. **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.

— BOARD MEETING NOTES - March 4, 2009 —

Bill Rittenhouse

Attendees: Directors Bill Ackermann, Dick Chambers, Bill Childress, Kellie Christensen, Pat Hurley, John Ward and Lee Wedberg.
Guests Jim Harleman and Bill Rittenhouse.

Treasurer's Report: As of 28 Feb 09-Checking account \$2,098.69 and Vanguard Money Market Fund \$13,834.05.

Communications: Not discussed

Reports:

- **Programs.** It is anticipated that Jon Hazlett will be a great presenter for our March program. The greeter for March will be Dick Chambers. Everyone seems in agreement that having a greeter for visitors-new members is working well.
- **Outings.** No changes in the outings schedule, but we have some scrambling to do to make arrangements for the March 21st outing (identified in the schedule as "Miguel's Cup" Steelhead Tournament. Kellie Christensen is working on this.
- **Holy Water Taskforce.** Guest Jim Harleman explained the process for handling Holy Water fishing surveys. Jim said that we are not receiving many surveys. Lots of RFF anglers are fishing there, but the survey response is low. We will have a drawing at the March meeting to give a \$50 gift certificate to each of two anglers selected from the pool of those who submitted survey forms. Also, at the March meeting, Jim will have hard-copy survey forms for anglers without computer access.
- **Conservation.** Conservation Chairman John Ward passed around a hard-copy report on the Conservation Committee activities. *Items of concern:* 1) Board requests (opposition to BLM "WOPR" per request from McKenzie Fly Fishers and approval for RFF members to assist in a blackberry removal-tree planting project in Ashland); 2) *Current Issues* (Jordan Cove LNG pipeline; Rogue River Basin Draft TMDL and Water Quality Management Plan; Removal of dams on the Klamath River; Oregon Solutions Applegate Sustainable Aggregate Project; and Reed Ryan Conservation Fund). Discussions followed on several of the topics mentioned above. John also presented a Declaration of Cooperation draft for the Board to review with regard to the Oregon Solutions Applegate Sustainable Aggregate Project, and the draft was regarded favorably.
- **Fundraising Committee.** Kellie Christensen led the discussions on the fundraising issues, along with inputs from Board members. Much time-discussion was spent on whether or not to have the auction dinner and fundraiser at the Red Lion Hotel or at the Rogue Valley Country Club (RVCC). Many opinions on the good and bad features of both locations were bantered about. Discussed, also, was whether or not to move the club dinner meetings to RVCC instead of the Red Lion Hotel (this was bantered about also). Pat Hurley, who is familiar with the Country Club, said it had all the benefits that the Red Lion Hotel is providing for our meetings plus some advantages. The Board discussed these issues, considered the pros and cons of the choice between the RVCC and the Red Lion Hotel, and a decision regarding where to hold the auction dinner and fundraiser will be made Friday, March 6th after holding conferences with RVCC and the Red Lion Hotel management. We will defer the decision regarding club-meeting change of venue until later. Kellie said that she has a source for purchasing good quality wine for the auction night dinner at a very low cost and that she will pursue this further. Kellie has, also, agreed to make all required changes to the auction poster and to provide to Bill Rittenhouse, for inclusion in the club newsletters, a newsletter-sized version of the poster.

Old Business:

- Regarding cost savings realized by labeling and processing club newsletters using volunteer help instead of having it done by Pronto Print, we will defer the decision until after the May fundraiser.
- President Lee talked to Chuck Closterman (Middle Rogue Steelheaders) regarding qualifying oarsmen for Tournament rowing, and Closterman said that he personally observed the abilities of the perspective candidates. Lee said that he would consider doing something similar to qualify oarsmen. On the same subject, Chick Parsons suggested, via written communication, using the Coast Guard Boaters Safety Checklist for this purpose.
- Treasurer Pat Hurley reported that we now have much improved liability insurance for our club outings and liability coverage for Directors and Officers. We have binding coverage effective 3-1-09.

New Business & Other Remarks:

- The Board agreed to support the opposition to BLM "WOPR" though signing on as supporting the litigation opposing WOPR via action to be taken by Western Environmental Law Center. Some other supporters include: Pacific Rivers Council, Steamboaters, and McKenzie Fly Fishers.
- The Board agreed to have a signup sheet put out at the March meeting for volunteers to help remove blackberry bushes and to plant trees along Wrights Creek in Ashland.

— WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS —

Roger Estey of Ashland (482-0319)
Robert & Linda Garnett of Ashland (708-0330)
Mark Parker of Eagle Point (761-7771)
Earl & Charlotte Peterson of Central Point
Alan & Aurora Kelly of Ashland (488-0410)
Brian Pindell of Gold Hill (840-0816)
The Dan Wayman Family of Medford (re-joined -- 773-5584)
The Robert Walters Family of Medford (re-joined -- 779-4621)
Greg Koenig of Medford (245-6000)

— VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY REPORT —

DATE	KEY CONTACTS	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	PARTICIPANTS
Various Dates in Month of February 2009	Chuck Fustish, ODFW (541-826-8774 extension 226)	ODFW small urban streams fish trapping and count survey conducted on Mystery Creek near Gold Hill	David & Catherine Keyser (RFF) Teresa Kelly (other) Gail Perrotti (other)

— FISHING GUIDES WHO ROWED IN TOURNAMENT —

If you need a guide for a drift-fishing trip on the Rogue or Umpqua Rivers, or California's Klamath River, please consider hiring a professional guide who rowed in the 9-13-08 Steelhead Tournament. By using their guiding services, you can show your appreciation for their giving up a paid outing in favor of supporting the club's fundraiser.

NAME OF GUIDE	ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER	FOR GUIDING
Keith Coddington	PO Box 102 / Medford, OR 97501 / 541-608-6045	Salmon • Steelhead on the Rogue River
Steve Haskell	622 Helman St / Ashland, OR 97520 / 541-840-6608	Specializing in Rogue Summer Steelhead
Mark McGinnis	2462 Edgemont Dr / Medford, OR 97504 / 541-772-8248	Steelhead • Trout Basically on the Upper Rogue
Mike Nelson	121 Max Loop / Talent, OR 97540 / 541-890-5545	Steelhead • Trout on the Rogue (Basi- cally) but Umpqua also
Jim Saunders	13210 Ager Rd / Hornbrook, CA 96044 / 530-475-3396	Steelhead • Trout • Salmon on the Klamath River

— ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - DONATIONS —

Bill Rittenhouse

Even though auction donations are starting to come in, we still need more donations. Please consider making a donation to our annual fundraiser. Cash is wonderful, of course, but most of you could likely find a new or nearly new item that would make a desirable item for others to bid on during the May 20th fundraiser auctions (we will have the usual silent auction and for high-ticket items, a live auction). No need to limit your donations to fishing items because other goods or services are just as desirable and sometimes bring more interest. We are looking for at least 50 to 70 items for the auctions. It's not too early to make your donations. Please start looking now and let us know what you can donate by filling out and sending the donation form below. RFF is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible per IRS rules-regulations.

REMEMBER TO INVITE A GUEST TO THE MAY 20th FUNDRAISER!

FUNDRAISER DONATION FORM

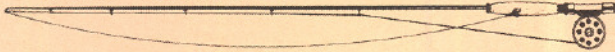
I would like to donate the following (cash /goods / or services)*

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Rogue Fly Shop	310 NW Morgan Lane, Grants Pass	476-0552
The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy 97 South, Klamath Falls	884-3825
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE Home _____ Work _____

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER _____

RETIRED _____

PRIOR OCCUPATION _____

DUES: All membership dues renewable on January 1 of each year. New members joining prior to June 30 will pay a full year's dues, while anyone joining after June 30 will pay one-half of the current rate.

I was introduced to Rogue Flyfishers by:

- Friend/Relative Name _____
- Media _____
- Other Explain _____

Applying for: Regular - \$30.00 / year Family - \$35.00/year

Youth (Under 18) - \$5.00 / year

Current member of Federation of Flyfishers

Dues must accompany application.

Signature _____ Date _____

email address _____

Drift Boat Owner: yes no