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 the natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.


## Come and Visit with John Gantner Bass Fishing Shasta Lake



This program gives you all the information you need to plan a successful fishing trip to Lake Shasta. John has been fly-fishing this lake for over 35 years and will divulge his techniques for catching Lake Shasta bass. John has been fly fishing for over 40 years and tying almost as long. He has had over 50 articles published in national fly fishing and fly tying magazines. He does demonstration fly tying at various venues including the FFF national conclaves and The Fly Fishing Show. John is a writer, photographer, and full-time fly fisher, and presents all of his programs as an angler and for anglers.

## President's Message - November 2011

We all love to scour the waterways in search of a fish who is hungrily awaiting our fly but there are many other creatures, large and small, that I love to hunt as well. I enjoy the challenge of locating them and new technology has enabled me to "shoot" them with much greater accuracy and results. Of course I am referring to shooting them through the lens of my camera.

Normally I set off on every trip, whether it is a day of fishing or just an easy walk through the woods, with my camera primed and ready, hanging from my neck.

Hunters tell me that game has been scarce this year so I was surprised, while on a short walk to the river, to come upon a large group of deer. There were seven of them, standing peacefully under a canopy of beautiful leaves, already golden and turning orange from the first night or two of frost. I stopped as soon as I saw them and stood perfectly still-admiring their sweet and gentle eyes, their graceful bodies and regal necklines. I was planning to photograph the river, nestled among autumn leaves, so I had yet not readied my camera. My opportunity for a photo would have scared these beauties away as I fumbled through the camera bag so I was content to remain still and watch them for a bit.

I had not stood there long before I noticed something else - something astounding that changed this encounter from "ordinary" to possibly "once in a lifetime" for me. A bird was sitting on the neck of one of the does pecking away. The deer seemed pleased with its presence, standing very still while the bird danced across her back. The bird would peck away and then pause - as if to swallow - sweeping back and forth across the head and neck. After a few minutes of dancing in this strange ballet the bird hopped onto the back of another deer and began the same ritual - searching, pecking and swallowing. Three of the deer stood motionless while the bird performed upon them. Then the bird flew away and the deer began moving toward the river. If it is possible for deer to smile, I swear they were! I was deeply moved to have witnessed this encounter between bird and mammal.

I have learned from my "Audubon" book that the bird was removing ticks or fleas from the deer - relieving the deer of discomfort while enjoying a fine dining experience. How extraordinary this circle of life is! Every day presents it own little miracles. If we are wise we stop to appreciate them and if we are lucky we see more than most.

Extreme Home Makeover - Medford described our little valley as "one of the prettiest places we have ever been." That, my friends, is an understatement.

## So Many Fish - So Little Time November

Steelheading has been slow up to now, but better times are coming. My fishing log shows about twice as many steelhead hooked per outing in November compared with October over the last five years. Mind you, and this is intended especially for newcomers to the game, the interval between hooking and landing a steelhead is considerable, and occasionally I recall the thought expressed when as an out-of-towner I inquired how to find a destination, and the local citizen gazed skyward for a moment, shook his head, and said, "You can't get there from here."

Sometimes there will be spells when you cannot land a fish, and this will go on for weeks before your luck turns and you start landing every fish you hook for a while. Be sure to check that your hooks are sharp, and you set the hook properly when the fish takes it. Dull hooks are the single most common cause for missing strikes, and the tough mouths of larger fish such as steelhead accentuate that problem. As for setting the hook properly, believe and I emphasize BELIEVE that every time that leader, line, or strike indicator hesitates even slightly it is a fish, a big one! Here again you will be wrong most of the time, but you will also hook a lot more fish.

Check your calendar and mark November 19 for our outing to the Klamath River. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

## Holy Water Stocking

The club received information from Dan Van Dyke, District Fish Biologist, in early September, that ODFW had stocked the Holy Water with 2,088 rainbow trout. All these fish had their adipose fin clipped and averaged about 4.5 inches in length. A few have a tag near their dorsal fin. This stocking is in line with the schedule worked out in cooperation with the Rogue Flyfishers.

The Holy Water committee and ODFW want to enlist the support of a few club members who fish the Holy Water on a regular basis to keep track of the fish they get to hand and note how many are fin clipped and also if any have the dorsal fin tag. Dan would like information about the tag recorded also as in color of tag and estimated length. If you can get a picture and e-mail it that works also.

The information can be phoned in at 541-826-8774 or e-mailed to Daniel.J.VanDyke@state.or.us We will have a sign up at the November meeting. Please consider making a commitment to do this and help do our part in the Holy Water project.

## See Our Salmon Event

RFF Volunteers provided Fly Casting and Fly Tying teaching at the See Our Salmon Event, Oct. 8, 2011 at Valley of the Rogue State Park.


The RFF volunteers, left to right, were Galen Deshon, Otis Swisher, Dick Chambers, John MacDiarmid, John Ward, and Mick Cuffe.

## Thanks, Milton Brooks

The Rogue Flyfishers would like to thank charter member Milton Brook for his generous donation of several boxes of magazines, books and assorting fishing gear to our club. We will all benefit from his generosity and we wish him all the best!

## Member of the Year

It is time once again to nominate someone that you think has contributed a lot of time and effort to further the ideals of our club. Please take time to fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter. The form is also available on our web site.
It will let the club officers know of someone that you think would be a good candidate for the Club Member of the Year.

## November Outing--Klamath River Steelhead

For our November outing, the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will join the Rogue Flyfishers on a trek to the Klamath River in Northern California. The Klamath River below Irongate Dam offers great fishing for steelhead and trout from late fall through winter, and is reasonably close to the Rogue Valley.

The outing, on November 19, will be hosted by Lee Wedberg. Lee is a Past President of the Rogue Flyfishers and is an experienced steelhead and trout angler. We will meet at the Hornbrook Chevron station, which is on Copco Road just east of Interstate 5 at the Henley/Hornbrook exit (Exit 789--the second exit past the pest control station ), at 9:00 AM. There, Lee will provide additional information about fishing the river and assist with final arrangements, including assigning any available boat space and planning vehicle shuttles.

To participate in this outing, California law requires both a California Fishing License and a Steelhead Report Card. You can purchase a one-day license (\$14.04) and the report card (\$6.48) on the California Department of Fish and Game website, but you must purchase the report card, if done on-line, at least 15 days in advance since the card must be mailed to you. Both the license and report card are available at the Black Bird and at WalMart (open 24 hrs) in Medford.

The Klamath River between Irongate Dam and Interstate 5 offers good opportunities for both bank and boat anglers. For people with a boat, the float from the fish hatchery to Klamathon Bridge makes a nice day trip without any technical rapids. The same fishing techniques and equipment that we employ here on the Rogue, work well on the Klamath. Since the chinook will be spawning, dead-drifting weighted nymph and egg patterns below the spawning beds should be effective. Side-drifting these offerings through long runs is a popular technique on the Klamath River. For those that like to swing flies, the Klamath offers plenty of good water for that as well. Take note that you must validate your Steelhead Report Card before you start fishing, barbless hooks are required, and the area immediately below the hatchery is closed to all fishing.

If you have questions or need additional information, you can contact Lee Wedberg at newroguefishr@gmail.com or at 541-826-3718.

## Sir Frank Moore

The legendary Frank Moore, keeper of the North Umpqua, is going to receive the French Legion of Honor Medal on November 9,2011 at 4 PM at the Roseburg Fairgrounds. The presentation will take place in the auditorium building.

He will officially be a French Knight. He will now be Sir Frank Moore.

## Fly Tying Classes

The RFF will again be offering fly tying classes starting Monday, January 9th and running for 6 weeks. We have openings for 6 people in the beginners group, 10 for the intermediate class, and 3 spots for the advanced. Contact Dan Kellogg at 541-210-0949 or by e-mail at flyguy@eznorthwest.com to reserve your seat How about getting some young people started. Ask a grandchild, a neighbor, or friend if they are interested.

## SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is November 8, 2011. 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.

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


## ROSTER CHANGES

Harry Piper's e-mail address is steeliepiper@gmail.com

## River Talk \#2

One Liners from a recent fishing trip.
By Otis Swisher

1. The water's more clear than last trip.
2. Yeah, but it's still high.
3. When are they supposed to drop it?
4. Middle of next week, I hear.
5. I like where your drift is, right along that seam.
6. Rats. The anchor broke loose so let's go down a boat length.
7. Oh boy, he really took the indicator under.
8. Three jumps. Great!
9. Isn't that a beautiful Cutt.
10. That's a hand shaker.
11. Look there. 25 Bushtits working through the tree tops, river Left.
12. I'll need to tie on some new tippet. Mine broke.
13. Well, well, lookee here, my salmon for the day.
14. Yeah, all 5 inches of him.
15. Cast out and I'll side drift the boat along with your indicator.
16. Can you reach where you want to fish from here?
17. Let me turn the boat to give you a better angle to cast.
18. I'm going through that white water and those haystacks ahead.
19. Please sit down.
20. (No speaking, just heavy breathing by the oarsman from the 30 strong pulls on the oars.)
21. This run has really produced fish in the past.
22. BUMP!
23. Drat. I bumped that same rock the last time I rowed up this side of the pool.
24. I am hung up on something which feels like heavy line. I may lose everything.
25. No. I'm loose. Got lucky.
26. What time did we get on the river?
27. 10:10
28. No fish count anymore at Gold Ray Dam.
29. I'll take the long term benefits to the fish by its removal..
30. I guess we'll have to become better fishers to make up for the lack of a count which didn't mean much, anyway.
31. I'll never forget that steelhead here three years ago.
32. Yeah, he took off across the river, then straight down and into my backing.
33. That looks like good water between here and the riffle.
34. I'm going to anchor here in the shade, if the anchor will hold.
35. Water's 6 -feet deep under the boat.
36. This is where Brian Sohl took several steelhead while wading deep.
37. He's an aggressive wader, alright.
38. Have you got a fish on?
39. What a powerful run!
40. Be steady. I'm going to have to pull hard to get us off to calm water to land this one.
41. A 22-incher, and a nice bright fish.
42. I wasn't sure you could bring back up, he was so far down into the riffle.
43. I have the net. You handle the fish, and the unhooking.
44. This is still pretty fast water for a release.
45. He's not ready yet.
46. There he goes.
47. That was a real nice fish, Vince. And, a tough release.
48. Is that good enough for a "Hand shake?"
49. Pretty good. That makes for at least one steelhead in each of the last four trips.
50. (To be filled in by the reader.)

# On The Fly <br> November 2011 

Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"

## PATTERN OF THE MONTH - Picket Pin

Hook: Daiichi 1720, 3X-Long Nymph, size 8-14.
Thread: 6-0 black.
Tail: Brown hackle barbs.
Rib: Fine gold wire.
Body: Peacock herl.
Hackle: Brown hackle palmered over body.
Wing: Grey squirrel tail.
Head: Peacock herl.

## Tying Instructions

Step 1 Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.
Step 2: Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the hook barb.
Step 3: Select a small bunch of brown hackle barbs, measure them one body length, and tie them on top of the shank above the barb. Tie down the tail butts on top of the shank with spiral thread turns forward towards the eye.
Step 4: Tie on a section of gold wire on top of the shank just behind the eye.
Step 5: Select 6-7 peacock herls and tie them in on top behind the eye. Secure them, along with the rib to the top of the shank with spiral thread wraps to the base of the tail. Leave the wire rib hang to the rear for use later.
Step 6: Grab the herl strands and make one wrap over the shank and then counter clockwise around the tying thread. Grasp the herl and thread together and wind the herl rope forward in touching turns covering the body. Leave a little over $1 / 8$ inch between the front of the body and the eye of the hook. Tie off the herl and trim the excess.
Step 7: Select a soft brown hackle feather with barbs just longer than the gape of the hook, tie it in by the butt at the front of the body, and palmer it rearward 5 turns to the base of the tail. Tie off with the rib wire and trim.
Step 8: Now take the ribbing wire and wrap it forward over the herl body and through the hackle in 5 evenly spaced turns. Tie off and trim.
Step 9: Select a small bunch of squirrel tail. Measure it $11 / 3$ the body length, and tie it on top of the front of the body. Tie off with several tight wraps and trim excess.
Step 10: Select two peacock herls, tie them on at the base of the wing, take one turn over the shank, wrap them around the hanging thread, and wrap forward 3-4 turns covering the thread wraps and forming a head. Tie off and trim excess. Leave a small amount of room before the eye for a whip finish and cement.

We have to go way back to the year 1915 to dig up the history of the Picket Pin pattern and the tier, Jack Boehme. Jack has been referred to as the founding father of Montana trout fishing with a fly. He also was a character of sorts and the owner a tavern in Missoula called "The Turf Bar \& Grill". In a cramped corner he ran a tackle and fly business where he developed other famous creations such as "Boehme's Fancy" for the Madison River and the "Cutthroat" and the "Big Trout" for the Rogue and Klamath Rivers. He tied commercially, on a home-made vise made from old gun parts, for the early Bob Wards Tackle Shop. Jack had a national reputation as a tournament fly caster.

Interestingly enough the fly pattern got its name from the material originally used for the wing. The cowboys of the area had nicknamed the gophers Picket Pin because when sitting upright on the prairie they looked like the pin used to picket out their horses. Since Jack used these gopher tails for his hair wing, the name was derived. Now, 96 years later the pattern is still famous and just as effective as ever. It can tied in wet, dry, and streamer variation by changing hook size and material selection. Lead wire or bead heads could be used for a faster and deeper sink. The Picket Pin is deadly throughout the seasons for trout and steelhead.

## Tying tips:

The method of palmering the hackle to the rear and using the rib to reinforce that hackle is a technique used in many wet fly patterns. The fragile herl body also benefits from the wire rib which adds extra segmentation. Note that the wing is tied on top of the body and not in front. This is vital to keep the wing at a low angle over the body in true wet fly fashion. For steelhead tie the pattern sparse on a steelhead hook. For a streamer style use a 4 X long hook.

So tie some up, give them a test flight, and let me know how you do.

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Tie One On,
Dan Kellogg, (you can contact me at: flyguy@eznorthwest.com) www.tyerstoolshop.com
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## OOPS!

I must apologize. Cascade Christian High School students presented our club with custom made fly rods. We neglected to acknowledge the rod builders efforts. Here is the article reprinted with proper recognition for the fine job that was done by the Cascade Christian students.


The rod builders are shown here from left to right Cascade Christian High Jordan Harrell, Josh Muswieck, Andrew Sha, Wyatt Sosey. Thanks again for a fine job on the rods that you built.

## Cascade Christian High

Cascade Christian High in Medford began a fly fishing elective class in 2005. It is a full-semester course where students learn to tie flies and knots, cast, and build their own custom fly rod. They graduate from the program with a rod, reel, line and many boxes of flies. We sell a couple of extra student- built rods at our school auction to cover our cost of fly tying material and supplies, so the class is self-supporting. SOFF, RFF and the ORCFFF have supported our efforts from the outset.

Bob Claypool ( a professional rod builder and volunteer for our program since we began ) and I were checking out our inventory and discovered that we had plenty of extra rod-building components. All we needed were a few blanks to allow us to build. Bob and I approached SOFF and RFF for the "princely sum" of \$100 each to purchase the blanks and begin the building process. We found some Cascade student fly fishers that had done a good job on their rod and were eager to build another for a good purpose.

SOFF and RFF both received five $8^{\prime} 6{ }^{\prime \prime}-5$ wt rods. Each club chose to offer one as a prize at the 1st Annual Medford Fly Fishing Expo held March 19, 2011. The remaining rods are for the clubs to „use as they choose. "Check out the fine wraps and trim on these rods and the epoxy finish from Bob Claypool. Cascade Christian High thanks SOFF and RFF for six years of support and encouragement and hopes to have the opportunity to serve the clubs again!

Gary Miller, Instructor
Dale Heath, Assistant Instructor
Bob Claypool, Volunteer

## ROGUE FLYFISHERS BOARD POSITIONS ARE OPEN!

We have three positions on the Board that need to be filled, and two "elected" positions as well. I have offered my services for one more year as President-if you will have me. We will also need to fill the position of Secretary, which will be vacated at year end.

If you would like to serve on the board, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Lion's club on Holly Street in Medford at 6 PM. Board meetings last from one to two hours. The secretary's duties are to take the "minutes" of the meeting and record them for approval the following month.

If you would like to help the club and be a part of the "decision making process" please contact Kellie at kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094 and let her know.
Positions must be filled by December 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$.

## I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN SERVING US FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS:

Lee Wedberg Dick Chambers
Bill Childress
Our club has benefitted greatly from their efforts and they will be missed!

## YOUR 5 Minutes of Fame is Waiting!

We desperately need speakers for our December dinner meeting on the 21st. Our annual holiday dinner is called "Reflections" and it is just that-a look back at what we have been up to for the past year. If you have an interesting or humorous story to tell we would like to hear from you! Please call Kellie at 541-776-4094 or email her at kclmbr@msn.com if you are willing to speak at the meeting. Thank you!

## Seven Basins Watershed Council,

This Winter, the RVCOG, the RBCC \& Seven Basins Watershed Council will continue with riparian planting in areas impacted by the removal of Gold Ray Dam. Come join in on the fun and help restore important habit in your watershed! Dates for Gold Ray plantings are:

November $19^{\text {th }}$ - Riparian planting at the mouth of Bear Creek
December $\mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }}-$ Riparian planting at Upper Kelly Slough
January $21{ }^{\text {st }}$ - Riparian Planting TBD (either Bear Creek or Upper Kelly Slough)

Please mark your calendars and come lend a hand at one or more of these events. We will send out more detailed information with directions and an opportunity to sign up as we approach the day of the event.


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Members of RFF should mention their affiliation for special consideration.

## YEAR 2011 OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

The Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award is given each January to a member (s) as recognition for significant contributions to The Rogue Flyfishers. If you know of a club member worthy of this award, please submit the candidates name and qualifications to the Board of Directors either by regular mail, email or telephone. This award is given to a paid member who has contributed to the achievement of the club as set forth in the RFF Bylaws, Article 1. You may use the form below and mail it to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford OR 97501
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| DATE | CONTACTS | VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY | PARTICIPANTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 8,2011 | Dick Chambers 541-608-9686 | RFF Volunteers provided Fly Casting and Fly Tying teaching at the See Our Salmon Event, at Valley of the Rogue State Park | Dick Chambers, Mick Cuffe, Galen Deshon, John MacDiarmid, Otis Swisher, and John Ward. |
| Various dates in October 2011 | John Ward, Conservation Chairman \& Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn .com | Activities Performed by Conservation Chairman: <br> Attended three Shady Cove City Council meetings or Study Sessions; two Shady Cove Planning Commission Workshops on Riparian Ordinance development where testimony was given on pesticide impact on salmonids and methods to regulate pesticide application. Attended a hearing on Klamath (Dam Removal) Settlement Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and participated in technical discussions with USGS, NMFS, and DEQ staff. Attended a DEQ meeting on the Rogue Basin Biomonitoring project. | John Ward |

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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. 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: $\qquad$ . If a family membership,

## List Family Member's Names

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Address $\qquad$ -

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