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**President's Message—October 2012 by Kellie Christensen**

Fall is here fellow club members and in addition to the usual changing leaves and cooler temperatures, this autumn is also the time for our annual fundraising auction “Catcher on the Fly.” We moved it from May to October this year and are holding it on a Saturday to give more people the opportunity to attend.

Do you know why this event is so important to the club? Ever wonder what happened to the money we raised last year?

The annual auction is critical to the continuation of our club and its many conservation projects because it provides us with the largest portion of revenue each year. The only other money that the club receives comes from our Steelhead Tournament and any personal contributions made by club members. We make NO profit from our monthly dinners.

Last year's auction profits helped to build the meander off of Little Butte Creek where it joins the mighty Rogue at Denman. This area had been destroyed by years of gravel mining and neglect and the native fish had no place to spawn. Thanks to YOU and YOUR support at our auction, the spawning beds we helped to create are full of fingerling fish—a breathtakingly beautiful sight to behold!

In addition, we participated in several riparian plantings and river cleanups and also continue our work in other important areas relating to fish habitat. We also gave a deserving “fisheries” student a small scholarship.  
**NONE IF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT A SUCCESSFUL AUCTION!**

Want to know what this auction will provide for you? You will be rewarded with a fun-filled evening of camaraderie and entertainment and for only \$25, you get your choice of Prime Rib Roast, Tillamook Cheese Encrusted Chicken, A Vegetarian Ravioli with Pesto (contains cheese) or a Vegan platter. All meals include a selection of fine wines at no additional charge and your choice of desserts. This is a most affordable night out!

In addition, you will be able to procure a variety of wonderful items at bargain prices. We have 4 pontoon boats at this year's event, a ton of gear and a variety of other items in every category imaginable—entertainment, dining, travel, recreation etc. There are many guided fishing trips to bid on. There is something for everyone and these items will make GREAT Christmas gifts as well.

We have implemented a new streamlined payment system that will allow you pay and leave without a long wait and credit cards will be happily accepted!

PLEASE support your club by reserving your place at the auction.  
You can call me at 541-776-4094, or email me at [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) to make your reservation.  
You may also call or email Mike Masters at 541-261-2243, [mmasters2243@charter.net](mailto:mmasters2243@charter.net).  
Spouses and guests are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO DINNER MEETING ON OCTOBER 17TH!**

**So Many Fish, So Little Time—September**

It is steelhead season. The river is low and getting lower, Chinook are on their spawning gravel, and the weather says loud and clear “Hey, get out here and enjoy a day on the river!” Reports are variable. A couple of guides who fish the upper Rogue have reported some very good days, along with some slower ones. I have been busy with the steelhead tournament but on the few drifts I have had in the last two weeks since the worst of the heat subsided I or my companion landed or hooked one steelhead per drift, plus a bunch of trout. Swinging a Carey Special is a good thing to do, and of course nymphs are always good. While salmon are spawning you can't go wrong with nymphs or an egg pattern cast below the active redds.

The first two weeks after the river comes down to maintenance level about the third week of September is usually considered the best time for steelhead action on the upper Rogue. But steelheading can remain good right through until the river rises owing to winter rains, clear into March or April on some years. In any case, here's wishing you tight lines and bent rods!

Speaking of the tournament, we have one cancellation which allows for a late comer to sign up. Please call if you are interested.

# SOFT

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is September 11, 2012. 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

## **Dennis Dedrick on Fishing The Upper Sacramento**

Sunday I stood at the same spot that I stood 54 years ago and cast my flies to the rising rainbows in the Castle Hole on the upper Sacramento River. Matthew stood nearby and cast his flies to another pod of rising rainbows. I was sure that fifty years of honing my fly fishing skills was about to pay off. I have never had a fish take my fly in this hole, fishing it many times in the late evening all those years ago. Was this year to be any different? Matthew was the first to hook up with a 14 inch rainbow on a rubber legs fly, only to have the fish spit the hook after two seconds. Ten minutes later another 14 inch fish hit my fly and I did have him on for two seconds. And this was the best that we could do, even after years of perfecting fly fishing skills. The water in this hole runs slowly and smoothly. Many fish were rising in the tail-out, but they were no dumber than 54 years ago.

## **RFF Commits to Oregon Solutions-WISE Project**

RFF's Board recently voted long term commitment and participation in the Oregon Solutions - Water for Irrigation Streams and Economy (OS-WISE) project. The system would pipe 250-miles of open irrigation canals, save 30-percent of the irrigation water now leaking from the canals, and use gravity to give farmers pressure irrigation without electrical expense in the Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek watersheds.

Fish benefits won Board support:

- No canal leakage means more water in-stream
- Pressure irrigation saves more water for streams
- Removes Oak Street Dam and other fish barriers
- mixing irrigation return flows with natural flows
- Significantly improves water quality
- Natural channels, natural hydrograph helps habitat improve

President Kellie Christensen signed a ten item Declaration of Cooperation listing activities RFF will contribute to a detailed Action Plan during the next four years at a signing ceremony held September 26, 2012. Thirty six other partner organizations; irrigation districts; businesses; elected officials and administrators representing city, county, state and federal jurisdictions and agencies also pledged support at the event.

The Action Plan would create a collaborative effort to staff and fund Environmental Impact Statement development, review, and Record of Decision by July, 2016. The phased construction of the system might take 10 to 20 years, with cost in the range of \$200 million. Revenue from hydropower sales would substantially offset construction expense, and cost of system operation and maintenance.



Group signing of the OS-WISE agreement



Club President Kellie Christensen with Representative Peter Buckley with Logos of the partner organizations in the OS-WISE project.

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# On The Fly

## October 2012

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

### PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Leisenring Spider

Hook: Daiichi 1550, Standard wet, size 12-16.  
Thread: 8-0 Yellow.  
Ribbing: Fine gold wire.  
Body: Hare's mask.  
Hackle: Natural brown partridge.



### Tying Instructions

Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread just behind the eye and lay down a thread base reward to the point just above the hook barb

Step 3: Form a dubbing loop on the hook shank above the barb and advance the working thread forward to the front of the shank. Select a small amount of hare's mask dubbing form it into a noodle and insert it evenly between the two threads. Twist the loop with the dubbing captured between the threads until fairly tight. Grab the end of the loop with your hackle pliers and wind the dubbing loop forward in touching turns to within 1/8" of the hook eye. Tie off and trim the excess.

Step 4 Select a brown partridge feather with barbs long enough to reach the bend of the hook. Prepare the feather and tie on by the tip at the front of the body. Wind the feather forward two turns, tie off and trim excess.

Step 5: Form a neat tapered thread head, whip finish and cement.

This month's pattern, The Leisenring Spider, is part of my favorite category of flies, the soft hackles, spiders and flymphs. They are also referred to by many as wingless wets. I first became intrigued with them after receiving the classic little book, *The Art of Tying The Wet-Fly and Fishing The Flymph* by James E. Leisenring and Vernon S. Hidy. The book was given to me as a gift from my friend and tying mentor, Dick Bonamarte. It was a natural step to then acquire the more contemporary books of Sylvester Nemes and Dave Hughes. Now I am proud to have joined the ranks of the soft hackle fly addicts.

Even though I teach and tie many other patterns, I rely upon the wingless wets as my flies of choice. I recognize that more and more fly fishermen are coming around to the same conclusion. The nice thing about these flies is that they can and do represent many different insect forms like caddis as adults, larva, and pupa, mayfly nymphs, emergers, and adults. I also rely on this fly form to help me imitate aquatic insects I could not find an adequate likeness for in my fly box. Many of my Steelhead flies are tied in the soft hackle style incorporating soft feathers from different birds dyed in the bright neon colors. The soft hackle encourages movement which I believe is the key factor to their success.

### Tying Tips

Color variations are possible on both the body and hackle. Dyed hare's mask and partridge feathers are available. You can also vary the stiffness of the hackle for current speed and water conditions. Two elements are important, sparse hackle and a buggy looking body. A couple turns of hackle are sufficient and don't trim the long guard hairs off the dubbed body. You can tie this pattern on any number of hook styles and sizes, dries, curved, light and heavy. You will find this fly to be quite easy to tie, using very common inexpensive materials. If you would like to tie and try other wingless wets, go online and search for Soft Hackles, Flymphs, or North Country Spiders for amazing information and tying ideas. 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](mailto:flyguy@eznorthwest.com))  
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## And so, I was able to....

By Otis D. Swisher

Fishing my favorite boat ramp, at Takelma Park, for the first time in a long time, and just after I had hooked a 195 pound buck, I got lucky. The buck got away, and so did I. ( How do I know he weighed 195 lbs? I read the scale when the nurse weighed me in on my last office visit at Providence Plaza. You see, I had hooked myself. Right in the fleshy part under the point of my chin. Ouch!!)

And, after I tried unsuccessfully several times to release the hook ... first this way, then the other way, and then just giving a tug feeling it would release easily since it was a barbless hook, I reeled in and started up the boat ramp, rod in hand and line dangling off the chin.

My luck changed as out of her car came a young lady who had arrived to shuttle for her family who were about to arrive at the end of their drift. "I could sure use some help" I said sheepishly. "You sure look like it", was her immediate answer. And, so she went to work.

And, again, first this way, then the other way' just as I had done. The hook didn't budge. I thought to myself, "No wonder we can catch four and five pound fish with size 22-hooks, even when they are barbless. Nobody's going to convince me we have to have "barbed" hooks for bigger fish; 'cause there aren't a lot of fish in the river over 195 pounds, that I know of.

When she said "This may hurt", I wasn't a bit scared. And so, with one last effort, and a not so awful much more effort than with previous tries, the hook slipped out nice and easy. I was freed. But all did not end there. "I have a first aid kit in the car. I'll get it". And off she went for it. When she returned, she commented "I'll apply some of this antiseptic to it. Hooks in the water can pick up some pretty nasty germs". And so she did.

I looked at her, noted her green-colored blouse, and asked "Are you in the nursing profession?" "Yes" she said. Boy, did I feel lucky.

And so I was able to keep on fishing.

PS If you aren't already, please go barbless on your flies...if not for the fish's benefit, for yours.

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## John Ward at the Small Streams Outing

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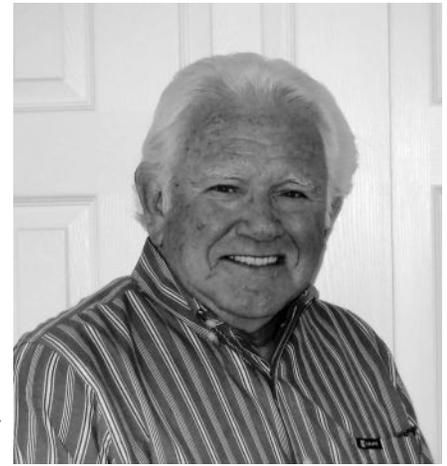
Nine flyfishers met at Union Creek Campground Saturday, September 8. Many tried some of the recommended streams, others fished their old and tried streams, while some used the opportunity to explore for new waters. A ten inch and an eleven inch small stream trophies were reported. Most of us were glad to be able to land a few 6 and 7 inch rainbows, cuts, brookies, or browns in a beautiful mountain setting.

Wonderful fall weather; folks spread out to lots of varied water and met success. Bob Shuck caught lots of fish in 3 or 4 hours of skillful fishing familiar Flat Creek. Even Ward caught two fish after changing to a purple parachute Adams Bob suggested. It was a memorable outing.

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**The November Dinner meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 14th!**

**This is due to Thanksgiving falling on the day after what would have been our 8regular dinner meeting.**

**LAST CALL!**

**Please get your auction donation items to Mike Masters immediately! Call him at 541-261-2243 to arrange for pickup or to make delivery arrangements. Our auction is Saturday, October 20th so we need to get ONE ITEM FROM EVERY CLUB MEMBER PLEASE!**

**Thank you for your support!**



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(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.**

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here  **Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes  No   
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