



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

Keith Lyon



Keith Lyon owns and operates a local business called Jefferson Rod Company. He also works with Jefferson Flywater, a guide service that operates on the Klamath River. Having grown up in the Rogue Valley, Keith loves the rivers and the fish in the area and is passionate about designing and building quality local fly rods.

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Message from the President

Where did the summer go? Labor Day has already passed, kids are back in school, there is definitely the feel of fall in the early morning air, and, if you are like most of us, you did about half of things you had planned on doing during the summer. The pattern continues. Personally, I would not want to live anywhere that does not have 4 distinct seasons because each new season brings back old memories, new activities and good feelings. Fall is always a favorite with the summer heat moderating, the opening of the various hunting seasons, football and, of course, fish starting to become more active as they prepare for winter. It is a great time to go fishing.

For the first time in many years there were no general Rogue Flyfishers meetings in July or August. That changes this month with the resumption of meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Point Pub and Grill in downtown Central Point. The board would be interested in hearing whether members thought the summer suspension of meetings was a good thing to do or not. If you have an opinion either way, let us know.

In August, a Dinner and Wine Social was held at Daisy Creek Winery in Jacksonville. This was the second year the event was held and while the turn-out was less than expected, it was most an enjoyable evening for the 38 ladies and gentlemen who attended. Both the food (catered by Rosario's Italian Restaurant) and the Daisy Creek wine were excellent. Theresa Schumacher and Jerry Haynes are to be thanked for organizing this event.

We had a very productive Board meeting this month with lots of topics being dealt with. One of the most important was the formation of a nominating committee to find replacements for several of the current officers and board members whose terms are expiring and who are exiting the Board. According to the bylaws, candidates for the Board are to be announced at the September meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Relating to the current Board, we received and accepted the resignation of Richard Philips at last night's meeting. Richard indicated that he has required work related travel that often happens on days that Board meeting occur and it does not allow him to participate as he would like. The Board thanks Richard for the time and effort he was able to give to the club. A replacement will be sought to fill the remaining time on his term which expires at the end of this year. If you have a desire to serve on the Board to fill the remaining term and, hopefully, stand for election for a two year term, please inform any member of the Board.

Once again, I am encouraging every member who uses a computer to check the club's website often and to sign up for the club's blog. Both provide the easiest way to keep up with the most current club activities and to receive important, up to the minute announcements.

Please be reminded that the Annual Steelhead Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 8th. Chairman Mike Masters could use a few more boats with rowers. This is one of the clubs two main fund raisers during the year, so if you would like to participate, please sign up.

Please mark your calendars for September 21st and our general meeting at The Point.

Jack Patterson

Wild and Scenic North Fork Sprague River

Where to fish dry flies without crowds in a cold, clear, freestone river in mid-July? Try the first dozen miles of Sprague's North Fork, the National Wild and Scenic part. This wraps east to west over the North Point of Gearhart Mountain Wilderness, a 22,809 acre public "arrowhead" about 20 miles northeast of Bly, Oregon on Hiway 140. 8,364-foot high Gearhart Mtn. provides important snow and spring feed west to Klamath River via the Sprague River and to east to Chewaucan River. We fished each river and everybody caught fish.

We rendezvoused at Bly Ranger Station at 10am and were comfortably setting up camp at Sandhill Crossing by noon. Richard Thomas and Gary Graham headed up-stream into the Wild and Scenic section and John Ward went down-stream right away to test the water. Everybody caught fish! A fine dinner of shrimp and scallops over pasta brought the day to a delightful close .



(Richard and Gary fishing the Sprague)



Next morning, we decided to explore Head of the River Spring and reported Beaver Ponds. We found delightful wild flower meadows at the headwaters spring but alas, no beaver ponds so we returned to Sandhill Crossing after lunch for more fishing where flows were higher. More fishing success here.



(Gary fishing solo on the Sprague)

(Richard and Gary fishing the Chewaucan)

Morning fishing in Sandhill area, then over the saddle to Happy Camp and Dairy Creek lowing east from high in Gearhart Wilderness. Good flow but few fish. Had a nice sleep in the CCC-built Adirondack-style shelter, then up early to visit Jack Patterson's favored spot on the Chewaucan River. Both Richard and Gary caught fish here, and by early afternoon John and Richard each motored off in different directions. Gary stayed to fish other spots on his beloved Chewaucan River. Great memory trip. Definitely a keeper.

Dr. Alan Bates

I lost my friend, my Doctor, my fishing partner and protector of the river. Dr. Alan Bates died on Friday August 5. He was my doctor and friend for more than 30 years. He was fishing with his son. At least he was doing something he enjoyed. He and I often talked about fishing together, but didn't get to very often. He was usually too busy. He spent so much time taking care of everyone else.

Dr Bates spent much of his time in the Senate trying to protect the fish and the waters of Oregon. The club awarded him the Golden Demon Award for his efforts. He loved to fish. The last time I saw him, he showed me his schedule. He was only going to work 2 days a week. He asked me to call him when I got back from Alaska, so we could start fishing more..... I guess I will have to wait until I get to the other side.

Steve Ostrander

STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT SIGN UPS ARE GOING ON NOW!!!!!!!

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MORE INFO WILL BE ON THE BLOG REEL SOON

September Outing--North Umpqua Steelhead

The North Umpqua is one of the most beautiful rivers in our area, and its steelhead tend to be larger and more challenging than those on the Rogue. The river has a long history of fly fishing, and there is a strong tradition for swinging flies. It is truly one of the great rivers for fly anglers with a passion for steelhead.

Our outing will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. We will meet in the Susan Creek Day Use Area (on the south side of the highway about a mile downstream of the campground) at 10:00 AM. We will start off with a discussion about the basic techniques, equipment, flies, and appropriate times and places to swing flies for steelhead. Then we will tour the lower section of the fly water to identify places to fish. If anyone is interested, we can work on basic Spey casting as well. During the summer, the best fishing will be in the evenings and mornings, so we will maximize our efforts during those periods.

Bring your 7 or 8-weight Spey rod, switch rod, and/or single-handed rod, a floating line, leaders with 2X or 3X tippets, and some traditional steelhead patterns. Flies like the Skunk, Purple Peril, or Umpqua Special in sizes 4 to 6 would be good choices. The North Umpqua can be difficult to wade, so bring your waders, wading boots with good traction, a wading belt, and a wading staff. An inflatable PFD would add an extra level of safety. Be sure to pack your polarized glasses, sun screen, food, water, and the rest of your normal fishing accessories.

For those that plan to camp, Susan Creek Campground is nice and has the most amenities. There are also several Forest Service campgrounds scattered along the river. If you prefer a motel, the Dogwood Motel (dogwoodmotel.com, 541-496-3403) near the lower end of the fly water is a good place to stay for those on a budget. If you're on a more generous budget, the Steamboat Inn (thesteamboatinn.com, 800-840-8825) is a great place to stay, and it overlooks some of the best water on the river. There are also numerous lodging and dining options in Roseburg.

Although the Rogue provides fly fishers with plenty of great opportunities for summer steelhead, the North Umpqua offers a nice change of pace. With its beautiful scenery, clear water, and big fish, it is certainly a river worth visiting.

David Haight, Outings Chair

PS: The North Umpqua Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Festival will be held at the Glide Community Center on September 9th and 10th, so club members can check out the festival and participate in the outing all in one trip.





Umpqua Valley Festival

Hello Tyers, summer is here, that means I need to get serious about planning the Fall Festival. Please let me know if this will fit into your schedules. Same time/place, doors will open to the public at 9, but you can get in the Community Center at 7am. There will be coffee (free) and breakfast burritos (\$2 OR \$3) and I'm sure something for those of us who like sweets. Tyers are scheduled from 9am-12noon or 1-4pm Tables around the perimeter are 6 feet those in the middle of the room will be longer, and you may have to share. There will be access to power for you lights. Please let me know if you have a preference for time and or place. We also need to know if you will be arriving in time for the BBQ/Potluck on Friday.

I'm looking forward to seeing those who were able to come last year and hope that this schedule will give others the chance to spend time with us in Glide. Please call or mail if you have questions.

Last year I was able to meet some of you either at the festival in Reedsport or in Albany, I could not make the trip to the coast, and will miss the festival coming up next weekend. That said, we are planning the Umpqua Valley Festival scheduled for September 10, 2016. We would like to invite you to be a guest tyer at our 8th Annual Fall Festival at the Glide Community Center on the North Umpqua Highway. Many of you have participated in the past; we appreciate your support, and want to continue the tradition but there is always room for new faces and ideas. We hope those of you who have not been able come or who did not know about our festival will be able to join us for a couple of days. Our festival is for the tyers, a smaller more informal venue will give you the opportunity to relax and visit with friends.

We can set up Friday afternoon September 9th, or if you prefer on Saturday morning. Doors will be open at 7am for Coffee and, Breakfast Burritos plus give you time to visit with friends. Advertised time is 9am-4pm but we did have some early birds last year. Morning sessions will run from 9- noon, with afternoon sessions from 1-4:00 pm. Details are still in the works, but we will have a casting pond, some individual presentations, and vendors.

Elsie Marchando has space for 10 self-contained RV's, her place is just down the road from the Community Center and we can accommodate a couple (we live on Cavitt Creek Road). Please contact Chuck Scott at chucks@canby.com if you want space at Elsie's. There are a couple of motels in the area, and it is about 20 miles east of Roseburg. I'll send you more information about them if you are interested. We have a BBQ-Potluck for tyers, vendors and volunteers on Friday evening after getting set up, UVFF will provide the meat, and possibly entertainment, guests are asked to bring a side dish and some great stories.

This event is open to the public, turn-out varies, but this is an opportunity to introduce folks to the art of tying, to encourage the beginner tyer in a relaxed atmosphere and help the more experienced tyers learn new techniques. In addition to hosting a day for the tyers we are using this as an opportunity to raise funds for member and public education, service projects like tying and casting clinics for Vets and youth groups. Throughout the day there will be raffle and silent auction items. Last year we had about 10 vendors- Fishing rods, flies, tying supplies, vintage equipment, art, jewelry, wood carvings, and other handmade items.

This is a great way to end the summer and begin fall- please share the weekend with us. Call or e-mail if you have questions, to confirm attendance (or not) or even just for the heck of it.

Thanks so much for your interest,
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Howard Prairie Outing



Here is the photo of Tanya Haight with the largemouth bass she caught during the club's August outing to Howard Prairie Reservoir. She caught the fish by casting a Woolly Bugger up against a rocky shoreline.

Cascade Christian Fly Fishing Class

Dale Heath

Cascade Christian High School is going to begin teaching their Fly Fishing Class again in September, 2016, after taking a year off to complete a major building project. The school will have only one staff teacher running this class. The rest of the "teachers" will have to be volunteers from our community. If you have a heart for teaching 10th, 11th, and 12th grade boys and girls how to fish, cast, build rods, build leaders, tie flies, appreciate our wonderful resources, conserve our legacy, and enjoy the art, science, and joy of fly fishing, I'd like to talk with you. The major part of this class is fly fishing, which includes 50% casting & fishing, and 10% in each of these categories: rod building, fly tying, lines, leaders & knots, conservation, and life and it's risks and rewards. The one hour class will be held daily, M-F, about in the middle of the afternoon. If you can contribute an hour a week or a couple of hours a month, it would sure be appreciated. Many hands make light work.

I can no longer spend the amount of time I used to because of my health, age, hearing problems, and other time commitments. If you'd like to participate in one or more of these activities please email me at deheath504@gmail.com or call me at 541-973-3490. Gary Miller started this class and ran it for many years. You can call him at 541-840-3426 to get his input.

Cascade Christian High School is a 501(c)(3) multi-denominational non-public school for grades 9 through 12. They also have a middle school for grades 6-8 housed in the same building, but is partitioned off and completely separate. The school is located near the Medford International Airport and their website is:

<http://www.gracechristian.org/our-schools/cascade-christian-school/>

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Renew in December for the following year.

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