

Rogue Flyfishers

AUGUST 2024

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.

MEETING

No Club Meeting this Month

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Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 9/18

Board Meeting 9/04

SOFT meeting 9/10

Outings:

Umpqua River 07/13

Sky Lakes 8/03 (**CANCELED**)

Events:

Auction 10/12

Check the Club Calendar for more information



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Presidents Message August 2024

Summer Heat, Big Fish, and Fellow Members

As I write this, I'm in the sweltering humidity and heat of Oklahoma. If my sisters weren't here, I'd go somewhere else for a vacation. Before I left, I spent a week over by Chiloquin fishing. It wasn't any cooler there, but at least the humidity was low.

The fishing at Rocky Point was slow, but the fishing at Agency made up for it. It was by no means red hot for Agency, but some big fish were caught. Yamsi ranch was fishing good, and I ran into one of our members there. He took the time out of his day to point us in the direction of some of the better spots and how to fish them effectively. The next day we did a drift on the Williamson, which also produced some big fish. Not a lot but a few made it to the net. Once again there was a drift boat of guys passing by and one looked very familiar. When we got to the takeout, I realized it was another Rogue Fly Fisher. The next day we headed over to Diamond Lake to finish out the week. Well, yes of course I ran into some of our members there too.

I'm so glad that members are getting out there and doing what we love to do. I know it's hot outside, but the fishing has been hot too. If you do go out, take plenty of water and cover up or use good sunblock. Most of all have fun and be on the lookout for our members. If you see someone who is a member, or not, and they could use some help, give them some help. If it's a fellow member who doesn't need help say hi. Oh, and if you need some help don't be afraid to ask someone on the water what they are using. Most of us fly fisher people are more than happy to assist one another.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer,

John Pogue



Rogue Flyfishers Live Auction!

October 12, 2024

Doors open at 4:00 P.M.

Centennial Golf Club

1900 N. Phoenix Road

Medford

Dinner catered by Back Porch Bar & Grill

*Marinated Tri-Tip, Lime Grilled Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna plus
sides, salad, and bread*

Tickets - \$ 45.00 each

Rffishers90@gmail.com for reservations

P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501

Auction Update

Your Auction team has been hard at it. On board are many high quality items. Don't hesitate though to look over your "stuff" and decide if you can part with anything in new or gently used condition and with some fair market value, fishy or otherwise. Last call will be the September club meeting the 18th, but sooner is better for those organizing the event.

There will be a bucket raffle, silent auction and live auction. Over 100 plus items to choose from. Hosted trips, rods, reels, flies by our members, restaurants, wine, auto services, lodging and local merchants with actual items or gift certificates. Also art work, quilts, and specialty items. Reservations available shortly and get a table! This is both a party and a fundraiser for the many good causes the club supports. And non-members are very much welcome. More is better.

The team will meet at the Lion's Center August 21 (usually a club meeting time) from 6:15 until 7:30. Anyone is welcome and bring items.

Contact Steve Haskell at 541 840 6608 for questions, more information, or to log in a donation.

SKY LAKES OUTING

THIS OUTING HAS BEEN CANCELED



August 3, 2024

Sky Lakes Basin lakes, top row Heavenly Twin Lakes, South Twin; Lake Notasha;
bottom row, Isherwood Lake, Lake Elizabeth

Come join us for an adventure into the Sky Lakes Wilderness August 3. The Sky Lakes Wilderness is a 1½ hour drive from Medford and is home to dozens of alpine lakes, most of which are teeming with trout. You can't drive to these lakes, but you can easily hike into many of them.

We will be entering the Sky Lakes Wilderness at the Cold Springs Trailhead. From there we will hike into the Sky Lakes Basin on a level well-graded trail to access a half dozen lakes all about an hour's hike in. You can hike in and out and fish just for the day. Or like me you can car-camp at the trail head campground and hike in and out to fish. Or you can go old-school and backpack in and camp at one of the lakes. A float tube or other PFD would be useful but there will be opportunities to wade fish as well.

If you are interested in attending, please email Jerry Haynes at jerry.haynes2021@gmail.com to get on the list. Updates and additional information will be emailed to those on the list as we get closer to the outing date.

Umpqua River Outing

Seven anglers from the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers attended the outing to the Umpqua River. We floated from Umpqua Landing to James Wood in three driftboats. The day was warm, but not bad compared to the heat we were experiencing here in the Rogue Valley, and the river conditions were good. Fishing for smallmouth bass was great. We caught a lot of fish, including some decent-sized ones, and we all had a fun time. The first two photos include Phil Lange and Bob Fanelli, and the last two show Lane Case.

Dave Haight



Project Healing Waters Outing June 14, 2024

As you may know we support PHW with manpower, volunteers, and money to help with supplies and food for the outings. Both Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Fly Fishers help with volunteers to train the vets with their fly fishing and rowers come outing day.

On June 14 th we met at the boat ramp in Shady Cover and got everyone situated with a vet , his equipment, food and with a rower. We had 7 vets and 7 boats, an ideal ration of one vet per boats. Each rower can give all their attention to the one vet and it is also safer as the vet and the river are all in front of the rower.

The weather was great and most of the boats launched from the hatchery and a couple from Shady cove and got out at Robertson Bridge. We normally meet up at Miguel's for dinner at 5 PM however the flow was a little higher than usual for this time of year and most of the rowers were off the water well before 5 so most of met up early.

When we were sitting around the dinner table telling fishing tales all the vet had bites and most landed fish with one batting zero but still had a smile on his face and one caught a minnow. Again with a big grin on his face. Our fisher of the day caught a whopping 13.

We had a great meal and comradery. Our biggest reward was the smile on the vet's faces. That made all the work worth it.

Here are a few pictures of the day and dinner.



Financial Report – Tim Bolling

Earlier this year the Board approved spending up to \$ 600.00 for expenses related to the Project Healing Waters program. For those of you who are not familiar with this program, locally it involves holding an introduction to flyfishing for veterans at the White City VA Rehabilitation Center. The sessions are held once per week for 4 weeks total, after which the vets are taken on a fishing trip (usually a Rogue River float trip). The Spring session this year was completed in June and we contributed \$ 265.50 towards lunch and dinner for the participants and the instructors and guides along with flies and leaders. The total cost was split between the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a notice about our Auction and Dinner that will be held in October. The cost, including dinner, is \$ 45.00 per person. That is more than previous years and the increase is due to a number of factors. In the past the amount we charged barely covered the cost of the dinner itself and the Club absorbed the cost of everything else such as facility charges, the cost of the auctioneer, printing, and supplies. As this event is supposed to be a fundraiser for the Club, it was felt that all costs should be considered when deciding what to charge. That coupled with inflation since the 2022 auction is the primary reason for the increase. Even \$ 45.00 doesn't cover all our costs. For comparison, a seat at the Celebrate the Rogue dinner for the Rogue River Watershed Council cost \$ 75.00 and the upcoming WaterWatch fundraiser costs \$ 125.00 each for the early bird! So, \$ 45.00 is a bargain. This event is the major fundraiser for the Club so please come out and support us!

Hot August Bucket Lists

Most of us do our bucket list dreaming during the cold of winter, visioning distant, warm places filled with streams holding large, wary trout. In Harry Middleton's memoir *The Earth is Enough : Growing Up in a World of Trout and Old Men*, hot August days working a hard scrabble farm in the Ozarks provided the context for dreaming. Harry spent his teen years there with aging grandfather Emerson, and granduncle Albert, a place of refuge and learning where he developed a reverence for trout, the natural world, and his place in it. Neither old man had traveled more than 500 miles from their Ozark home. Nor would they ever.

On those hot days, during lunch and over cold root beer, Emerson would open a large atlas, seeking "some place cool. A chilly latitude laced with swift rivers and ornery trout." They then described their imaginary fishing adventures at each place as if reliving them. Albert's choice never varied from the rivers of Montana, imagining a tiny dry fly on the water, and "sleeping near them at night, under skies as immense as a sea, and the air cold against the skin."

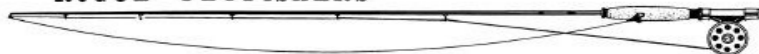
Each day the atlas provided a different river, but on the last day of August, Emerson always decided the final destination, and it was always New Zealand. He described fishing the magnificent streams, seeking rainbows and browns on tiny dry flies, and his catches were always memorable, if imaginary.

The mountainous hardscrabble farm had not changed for a century, so Starlight Creek, which ran through it had a richly undisturbed habitat, and held a thriving population of rainbows. To that creek the men would repair in the evenings, and there young Harry learned to fly fish, an avocation that stayed with him until his death at age 43.

So Starlight Creek is on my bucket list, fishing it with the ghosts of Harry, Emerson and Albert. Though I may never fish it in real life, I'll fish it as Emerson and Albert fished their dream places, and that places no limit on the number times I will go there.

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Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

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| The Ashland Fly Shop | 399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland | 541-488-6454 |
| The Fishin' Hole | 21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove | 541-878-4000 |
| Rogue Fly Shop | 941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass | 541-476-0552 |
| Rogue Valley Anglers | 218 E. Main St., Medford | 541-973-2988 |
| Sportsman's Warehouse | 1710 Delta Waters Road Medford | 541-732-3700 |

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

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.
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,

List Family Member's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

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

(2nd best) **Number** _____

E-mail Address: _____

If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ___

Member Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ___ No ___

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** ___ or by **US Mail** ___?

Amount enclosed _____. Mail completed form and payment to:

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