



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.

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## PROGRAM

**DON'T MISS THIS!**  
**Our "REFLECTIONS"**  
**annual Christmas**  
**Dinner is on December**  
**19th at the Red Lion from**  
**6 to 9 PM**

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our annual "end of the year" dinner. Club members will share some of their personal stories and anecdotes and our festively decorated room will help to make your holiday season warm and bright. Spouses and guests will help to make the evening special so please be sure to invite them to attend.

**Hope to see you there!**



### **My Last President's Message—December 2012 by Kellie Christensen**

When I joined the Rogue Flyfishers over 6 years ago, I was a stranger to all and walked into their dinner meeting not knowing a soul. Chick Parsons was one of the first members that I met and I was cordially introduced to several others. On the evening of my third dinner attendance, I was asked to join the Board. I must admit to feeling a little intimidated by the request but decided to give it a try. Not long after that, I was performing a myriad of duties and learning a lot! When Chick resigned from his post as Vice President, I unofficially began doing the tasks assigned to this position and the following year was officially given the title. After that the ascension to President was awarded to me. At that time, a club member with a lot of volunteering experience under his belt, told me that many of the “old timers” in our club would not take kindly to having a woman as president. His statement sat in the back of my mind and came to the forefront of it whenever I ran a board meeting, wrote a President's message or “did my thing” at the dinner meetings. It soon became apparent that the man who made this statement grossly underestimated the congeniality and awareness of the long term club members who weren't supposed to accept me. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the club in this capacity and a large part of this is do to you, the club members, who took the time to acknowledge my work or pay me a compliment. We have some terrific people in this club and it is their recognition and gratitude that makes the job of the board members and officers easier to do.

I am proud of the conservation work that we have been involved in and leave this office with satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment for a job done as well as I could have done it, and also with regret, as I had many more goals that were not achieved in two years.

With so much to do the time just passed too quickly.

No President of anything would amount to much without the input and wisdom of the people that assist in their capacity as cabinet or board members. That is certainly true for me. We have an outstanding group of people who serve on the board. They are warm, open, forthright, dedicated, opinionated and logical and without them our club would be nothing but a group of fly fishers getting together for a social hour or two once a month. The founding members of our club began this group with the goal of improving fish habitat, protecting our waterways, giving accurate and timely educational information to the public and creating a legacy of protection and improvement to anything and everything pertaining to native fish and their environment. It has always been my goal to stay true to their vision and I am proud of the work we have done and continue to do in this area. Mike Masters will continue this important work and will be an outstanding President.

My sadness about leaving this “job” is lessened tremendously by knowing that my vision of continuing our founder's goals is also his.

It has been an honor to serve you.

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A hearty round of thanks to our fly tiers who give so much of their time and talents  
to our club at all of our dinner meetings!

We especially want to recognize and thank Otis Swisher, Dan Kellogg and Dick Bonamarte.

You guys are SO GOOD!

### ***What would we do without him?***

Our website and monthly newsletters are created and maintained by our computer guru and club member Steve Ostrander. A HUGE “thank you” to Steve for the many hours he puts in every month keeping us informed and interested. We would be at a loss without you!

### **So Many Fish - So Little Time December**

Steelheading on the upper Rogue is good. Bankies and drifters alike are reporting success, and some days are quite good. Mixed in among the goose eggs are some days that are truly memorable, both wading from the bank and drifting, either swinging or nymphing. No need to verify that with numbers here because you wouldn't believe some of them anyway. The outlook is for continuing success until the river rises owing to heavy seasonal rains, which might not be until early spring. However it is good to check the condition of the river before going out because it can rise quickly and become discolored temporarily with a downpour in the high country where tributaries begin.

Also, I had one good report from fishing Agate Lake. A nice 15 inch trout was mixed in with a number of crappie, making the day well worth the trip. Agate Lake and the ponds can turn on surprisingly quickly if the sun shines and temperatures rise.

## Steelhead Tournament 2012

Steelhead Tournament 2012 was a great success. Following breakfast at TouVelle State Park 6:30-8:00 Saturday morning October 6, 25 anglers in 13 boats were on the upper Rogue chasing the coveted and wily steelhead. Like, is there any better way to start a day than with a hot cup of coffee or chocolate and breakfast on the bank of the Rogue River, prepared by our own John Ward with his team of chefs and assistants, Ken Bonsi, Dick Chambers, Dave Haight, Jack and Jan Rowe, and Curt Schlosser? If you can think of one please let me know and we will get you on next year's committee. The river was in excellent shape, flowing at about 1200 c.f.s. at TouVelle and clear, and the weather cooperated as if following the wishes of our anglers and oarsmen. TouVelle Park was also our venue for a wonderful bratwurst barbecue dinner prepared under the supervision of our own Vice President Mike Masters and his competent crew, wife Pam and Tanya Haight, complete with never ending beverages and camaraderie for everyone, thanks in part to Will Johnson (Ashland Fly Shop) for the keg!

All anglers were winners this year. Each contestant received a fly box embossed, "RFF Steelhead Tournament 2012," and containing a dozen proven steelhead flies tied by some of our better tiers including Dave Roberts, Dan Kellogg, Dick Bonamarte, and Otis Swisher, among others. Steelhead action was modest, with six steelies reported landed by day's end. The prize for largest fish was went to Jon Iverson who reported one measuring 26 inches. Jeff Keyser caught two steelhead and took home the prize for most fish landed. Jeff also reported one of his to be 26 inches (same as Jon Iverson), but it was ruled that only one prize was to be awarded to any one angler. Both Jon and Jeff won a rod custom built by Bob Claypool according to their specifications. Incidentally, a rumor making the rounds says that one of the two winners also lost a rod that day, so we are pleased that he at least broke even in that department.

While those of us involved with planning and executing the tournament were pleased with the result, we are interested in learning what the participants think. In addition to the views of anglers, we are also interested in hearing from the thirteen oarsmen almost half of whom are professional guides who gave up the opportunity for taking paying clients that day. Please remember these names if you need a guide on the middle or upper Rogue, or upper Klamath River, listed below. The non-professional oarsmen at the least surrendered the opportunity for a day of fishing themselves in order to participate in the tournament. We are deeply and sincerely grateful for your participation, anglers and oarsmen alike. Your comments will help to improve next year's tournament. Send them to Lee Wedberg, newroguetfishr@gmail.com, or phone 541-826-3718, or even drop a note to 2780 Rogue River Dr., Eagle Point, OR 97524.

Well done participants one and all!

Guides who served in Steelhead Tournament 2012:

**Tony Brauner**, contact Ashland Fly Shop

**Jack Jermain**, contact Fishin' Hole in Shady Cove

**Dave Roberts**, contact Fishin Hole in Shady Cove

**Jim Saunders**, contact at (530)475-3396

**Alex Schrumm**, contact Ashland Fly Shop

**Jim Ulm**, contact Ashland Fly Shop

### Board Positions Update:

Dave Roberts and Richard Phillips have offered to serve on the Board of our club. Jon Iverson has also graciously agreed to fill the Treasurer vacancy and we are grateful to all of these guys for volunteering to help. Mike Masters is amenable to being voted in as President and Kellie has offered to serve as Vice President.

**Let's all work together to make 2013 a great year for our club!**

### **"Outstanding Club Member of the Year" and other awards update:**

Thank you for all of your suggestions and recommendations about honoring club members. Your board will review them at the December board meeting and vote accordingly. Your input is greatly appreciated

## THANK YOU FROM CASTING FOR RECOVERY

The Casting for Recovery volunteers would like to thank the members of the Rogue Fly Fishers for your support of our rod and quilt raffle. The rod ticket sales this past year raised over \$1000, which will go towards our annual retreat for breast cancer survivors. Tickets are still being sold for the quilt, and that drawing will be held in April. The winning ticket for the rod was drawn on Nov. 14th. The winner was Barbara Hansen who gave the rod to her son-in-law Jeffrey Bernard (a RFF member) as an early Christmas gift. Congratulations Jeff! Thank you again for the support you have shown the Casting for Recovery program.

Tanya Haight



# Fly Tying Classes

Presented by Rogue Flyfishers

Where: Medford Main Library

When: Starting January 10, 2012 6:00 – 9:00pm

For 6 consecutive Thursdays

## **Featuring: Introduction to Fly Tying.**

Learn the basics and tie flies that can and do catch fish.

## **Featuring: Tying with a purpose.**

Dry flies and emergers.

## **Featuring: The Art of Fly Tying.**

Classic wet flies.

When the classes are full we will have a standby list. The classes are offered gratis so they fill very quickly. For more information contact Tom Collett at 541-244 8030 or [thomascollett@yahoo.com](mailto:thomascollett@yahoo.com)



## **New Years Day Chili Feed**

Our next outing will be the New Years Day chili feed at the Holy Water. This annual event for the Rogue Flyfishers and Southern Oregon Fly Fishers began as a celebration of the fly fishing only rule for the Holy Water over 20 years ago, and has become one of our clubs strongest traditions.

We will meet at the picnic shelter near the parking lot on the south side of the Holy Water. The fire should be going by 10 AM, and the chili will be served about noon. There will be opportunities to fish both before and after we eat.

It's difficult to predict what the weather and river flow will be like come January 1, but if conditions are favorable, we should enjoy some good fishing. Stripping or drifting small marabou leeches, woolly buggers, or nymphs along the bottom can be productive during the colder months. If the weather and flows cooperate, we could have a blue-winged olive or midge hatch. If you are going to fish, remember to get your **2013 fishing license**.

We need a few volunteers to make pots of chili, and a person or two to bring some fire wood. If you can help with either of these items, please contact David Haight. Others can help out by bringing cornbread, salads, desserts, or other items to share. The clubs will provide hot drinks and table service.

In past years, we have experienced warm, sunny weather and cold, snowy weather; we have enjoyed great fishing and challenging fishing; however, one thing has been consistent, we always have a great time at this event.

David Haight

# On The Fly

## December 2012

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

### PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Paint Brush

Hook: Daiichi 2161, Curved shank salmon/steelhead, 1-6.  
Thread: 6-0 red.  
Body: Wide gold flat tinsel  
Body Hackle: Red-orange hackle palmered over tinsel.  
Hackle: Purple, veiled by turquoise blue.



### Tying Instructions

**Step 1:** Mash the barb, mount the hook in the vise, start the thread behind the hook eye, and lay down a smooth thread base to a point just above the hook point.

**Step 2:** Select a hot orange hackle feather with barbs at the tip end a bit longer than the hook gape. Prepare the feather and tie in by the tip, just above the hook point, with the shiny side facing you. The tip of the feather should be pointed toward the hook eye and the rest hanging over the back of the hook.

**Step 3:** Advance the thread in smooth spiral wraps forward to the starting point. Tie in the flat tinsel making sure that when you start your turns, the gold side is up. Wrap the tinsel in touching turns rearward to the end of the thread base, then reverse directions and wrap forward to the tie in point. Tie off and clip the excess.

**Step 4:** Lift the hot orange feather and fold the barbs to the rear. Wrap the hackle forward over the tinsel body in 5 equally spaced spiral turns to the front of the body. Tie off and clip the excess.

**Step 5:** Select a purple hackle feather with barb a bit longer than the body hackle. Prepare and tie in by the tip, shiny side facing you, fold the barbs rearward and take two turn while stroking the barbs rearward on each half turn. Tie off and trim excess.

**Step 6:** Select a blue hackle feather with barbs a bit shorter than the purple feather. Tie in and wind two turns using the same method as step 5. Tie off and trim.

**Step 7:** Tie back slightly on the blue and purple hackle forcing the rearward at a slight angle. Form a neat tapered thread head, whip finish and cement.

The Paint Brush is one of Bill McMillan's signature flies along with his Winter's Hope and the Steelhead Caddis. The fly was developed in 1973 and has proven itself as a very productive Winter Steelhead pattern. It's an elegant creation using only two materials, tinsel and hackle. In his words McMillan says "I always prefer simple patterns that use a minimum of materials because: 1) they sink better: 2) I am a very slow tier; 3) I don't like to pretend that a fish is more complicated than the rather primitive animal it is; and 4) intricate fly patterns are for the human mind, not the fish's." Its basic shape is reminiscent of Stewart's Spiders and old time wet flies. The Paint Brush is tied with the hackles gradually tapering longer toward the hook eye, and uses hackles that are soft and very webby. It is best dressed on heavier irons and fished using a floating line and strictly on a deep natural drift. McMillan named the fly for its resemblance to the Indian Paintbrush mountain flower.

Bill Mcmillan believes that being a celebrated fly fisherman is his life's work. He is not only a great and innovative steelhead angler, but has created flies that are an important part of Northwest steelheading tradition. He has also written a classic fly fishing book and is one of the sport's most passionate and articulate advocates for wild fish. In recent years, Bill's work has been focused on ensuring the survival of wild steelhead and other native Pacific Northwest fish.

### A Final Note

This will be my last installment to the "On The Fly" newsletter column. I have greatly enjoyed writing about the numerous fly patterns and techniques that I find interesting, and hope that these monthly mini-classes over the last 8 years have inspired a continued interest in the unending lessons to be learned about fly tying. My friend, Dave Roberts has agreed to continue the column. He's a great writer and a "bottomless pit" of fly tying lore and knowledge. 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))**

Because of a “brain fade”, I neglected to print this thank you last month. Please accept my apologies....Your editor, Steve

## “Auction Thank You”



Yes, it is now October 23, 2012 and I’m still not out fishing yet, perhaps tomorrow. The auction is over and was a pretty good event. All in all, it was a very good evening. Ten seconds could not have elapsed after I took the last remaining item out of our living room, when I heard the vacuum cleaner running. My wife was reclaiming her space already. I want to publically thank her for allowing me to destroy her space 2 yrs in a row now. She has really been a great support to me during the times that I spend working to help better our club. She gets my number one thank you.

This year the FFA students from Crater High were not able to assist in the silent auction due the fact they were leaving for Indianapolis the next morning for the FFA National Convention. Some of you know that I first got them involved a couple of years ago and they performed outstandingly. This year had a big challenge, what do I do to replace them? I tried a couple of different avenues without much success. At the very end I tried asking 2 of my closest friends and their wives to help Pam and I in the silent auction. Surprisingly they both said yes, Craig and Jennifer Sweet, Scott and Joyce Eason, and my wife Pam all put on their sprinting shoes and did a great job filling the void.

President Kellie did another great job with the decorations and getting us to where we needed to be. All should thank her the next time you see her. She worked very hard for this success. Thank you Kelly!

Sonya Nissan was a great addition to our team this year. She did leave one of our meetings early, but it was to go fishing, so we all agreed that was the only reason we would accept. She deserves a big thank you as well.

The committee of Sonya, Jim Hardy, Bob Shuck, Mike LeTourneau, and Kellie were gigantic workers for you and our club. Julie MacDiarmid was a tremendous help while we were in the setup mode on Saturday. Thank you, thank you, and thank you Julie. Curt Schlosser was a great help with providing his trailer. Thank you to Curt, Sonya, Jim Hardy & Bob Shuck for helping setup for the auction. Mark Teeters pitched in and helped with the take down activities towards the end of the evening.

Jan and Jack Rowe and Dale Heath were great assistants with the check in and payment tables. Thank you so much.

And lastly a thank you to all of you donated auction items. Your spirit is what keeps us going.

I humbly apologize if I have missed someone as I’m sure I might have. Forgive me as my mind transfers now to the chase for Steelhead, not the auction

There are plenty of things and needs for others to join this great committee. Please feel free to jump right in and join us. The committee will be having an Alaskan Halibut dinner at my house during our recap meeting. See what you are missing???

You might ask why you would want to help out. One thing is that we need help and also it is a great way to help our club get better and to help us provide more for our conservation funds. We need to consistently do all we can to keep our waters and area as good as we can. Don’t you agree? If we are to do the most we can to help our areas, why not start with our auction! It is our fund raiser to keep us on tract. If you can’t help physically, come to the auction and purchase Christmas and birthday gifts for loved ones, they don’t have to be for you. Keep this in mind for the next auction. You can perhaps, on two fronts help our club and your loved ones.

So, I’ll leave you with a GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU

**Mike Masters – RFF VP**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Betsy Byers, 503 S. Rose St., Phoenix, OR 97535**  
**George Lewis, 2381 Brownsboro-Meridian Rd., Eagle Point, OR 97524**



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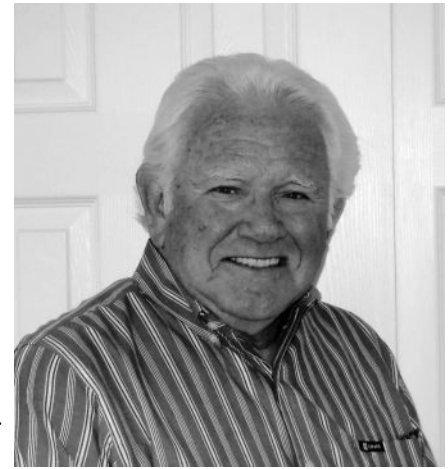
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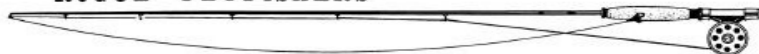
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DATE	CONTACTS	VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
Various dates in November 2012	John Ward, Conservation Chairman & Board Member, 541-482-2859, e_john_ward@msn.com	<i>Activities performed by Conservation Chair:</i>  1) Attended Rogue Basin Coordinating Council <b>Celebrate the Rogue Competition</b> where local high school students presented their <b>video films</b> about <b>“Love the Rogue, Keep it Clean”</b> . RFF was a sponsor of this successful event.  2) Continued participation in meeting and phone conference focusing on <b>Legislated Reform of Suction Dredger Regulation</b> on designated critical spawning streams, both private and public lands. RFF is working with a broad coalition of Oregon conservation and fishing groups including WaterWatch, Rogue Riverkeeper, Oregon Trout, Oregon Wild, Klamath Siskiyou Wild, and Western Environmental Law Center. RFF is soliciting funds from other fly fishing organizations.  3) Participated in discussion of <b>Alternative Financing of Natural Resource Protection and Restoration</b> in the Rogue Basin; and <b>Wetland, Riparian and Floodplain Protection and Regulatory Compliance</b> . Presenters included DLCD on State Planning Goal 5; DEQ on TMDLs and Municipal Stormwater; and Central Point on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program and Endangered Species Act Coho Recovery and Regulations.  4) Working with Army Corps of Engineers, USFS, BLM, and Upper Rogue Watershed Association for <b>Restoration Plan for Elk Creek Basin above Notched Dam</b> .  5) Attended two Shady Cove City Council Meetings or Study Sessions following defeat of <b>Municipal Water System for Shady Cove</b> in Nov. 6 election, and followed legal action after <b>Shady Cove City Council reversed their denial of residential zoning and Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Flywater LLC</b> on LUBA Remand. Release of draft Findings are scheduled for Council action at Dec. 6 meeting which would open a 21-day period for appeals to be filed with LUBA. RFF has standing to appeal as an Intervener on this matter.	John Ward  John Ward and Tom Collett  John Ward  John Ward  John Ward

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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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