



DECEMBER 2018

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



## “REFLECTIONS”

Our annual Christmas Dinner

on December 19th at  
**The Centennial Golf Club**  
**1900 N. Phoenix Rd.**  
**Medford, 97504**  
**5:45 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. This is a wonderful festive evening of comradery and sharing. Club Members will share highlights of the past year and there will be goodies for everyone.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR SPOUSES/FAMILY MEMBERS**

Hope to see you there



In partnership with  
**Temple Fork Outfitters**

## **Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting**

The next club meeting is **Wednesday December 19th** at

Centennial Golf Club  
1900 N. Phoenix Rd.  
Medford, 97504  
Wet fly 5:45 – 6:45 pm  
Dinner and meeting at 6:45 pm  
Raffle to follow  
Program 7:45 – 8:45

**BUFFET DINNER is \$22 per person**

### **Menu:**

Prime Rib, garlic Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Veggies, Rolls, Desert

### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

**RSVP'S need to be in by Friday December 14th preceding the meeting.**

Please email your RSVP to [icrsrd303@gmail.com](mailto:icrsrd303@gmail.com) (give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Theresa at [tms1910@icloud.com](mailto:tms1910@icloud.com) or call (541)702-2153 by Tuesday preceding the meeting.

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## **Fire and Smoke: Rivers at Risk**

By Jack Williams and Brian Barr

There is no doubt that this summer's fire and smoke in the Rogue River Valley is something we all would like to avoid in the future. How to do so is the focus of many serious discussions; there are no easy solutions. One aspect of the conversation that we believe is not receiving the attention it deserves is the health of our rivers.

Here in the Rogue Valley we are blessed to have world-class rivers and streams. Not only does the valley provide exceptional water-based recreation and fisheries, it also provides outstanding water quality, which means local communities enjoy some of the best drinking water found anywhere.

Maintaining and restoring these values is not free. State and federal agencies, along with watershed councils and non-profit conservation groups, continually repair damaged stream channels and their associated wetlands and riparian areas, and remove or retrofit dams, fix failed culverts, and address other problems for fish passage. We also must protect those portions of our streams and rivers that remain healthy, and which provide numerous benefits to our society at virtually no cost.

Over the past two years, Rogue River Watershed Council and its many partners implemented six projects specifically addressing water quality. Seventeen acres of streamside forest were restored along Gilbert, Sugarpine, and Wagner Creeks. The wide variety of planted trees and shrubs will grow to provide heavy shade over the streams. This shade will help keep water temperatures cool, which is necessary to support salmon and trout. The 25- to 75-foot-wide planting areas will also filter sediment and other pollutants out of surface runoff, keeping the quality of water in the stream high during rainstorms and snow melt. We also worked directly with streamside agricultural operations to improve their infrastructure (roads, livestock manure facilities, and fencing) along Wagner and Neil Creeks, again to reduce the likelihood of pollutants reaching these streams.

Healthy rivers and streams are characterized by clean water, riffles and deep pools free from large amounts of fine silt and clay, large woody material that provides cover for fish, and adjacent streamside habitats that shade streams and filter out sediment and pollutants before they enter the stream channel. Too much fire threatens such streams.

One recent study looked at the impacts of the growing number of wildfires in various regions of the country and found damage to streams that included ash flows, increased sedimentation, and degraded aquatic life. That should not be a surprise. Scientists remind us that moderate amounts of wildfire can be beneficial to stream systems but that larger, more intense, and more frequent wildfires overwhelm the resiliency of watersheds to these disturbances and cause harm to fish and aquatic insect populations and water supplies.

Fire suppression can be harmful to streams as well. Constructed fire lines can increase erosion and stream sedimentation. Many aerially applied fire retardants are toxic to aquatic life. An increased dependence on aerial retardant not only is incredibly expensive, it comes at considerable ecological cost. Ammonia and nitrates in fire retardants can enter streams with quick and lethal effect. Fish kills from retardant drops are an increasing problem throughout the West.

Long-term data show that our air and water are getting warmer, snow is melting more quickly, and forests are drying sooner. Across most of the West, we also are seeing reductions in our already meager summer rains.

The problem of addressing increased fire and smoke risk is multi-faceted, and the solution must be devised with all resources in mind.

There are solutions that reduce wildfire potential with limited or no risk to our rivers and streams. Tactics such as prescribed fire, improved wildfire management, selective forest thinning, and improved defensible space practices address a variety of problems without causing harm to other values. As we continue to search for the best approaches, we must not lose sight of the many pieces in the puzzle including our rivers.

*Jack Williams is on the Board of Directors of the Rogue River Watershed Council, Emeritus Scientist for Trout Unlimited, and former Supervisor of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest; Brian Barr is the Executive Director of the Rogue River Watershed Council.*

## NEW Club Members

We would like to recognize and welcome the following **new** members who joined in November:

Daniel Everhart & China Rose  
Diane Greer

Welcome! Thanks for being a part of the Rogue Flyfishers!! Your support and participation is appreciated. We hope to meet you and see you at our monthly dinner meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except May, July & Aug).

Be sure and sign up on our BLOG so you can receive our **email notifications**.  
To sign up for the Blog, go to our website [www.rogueflyfishers.org](http://www.rogueflyfishers.org) , scroll down the page.

Click on **Rogue Flyfishers Blog** on the bottom right corner.  
On the right-hand column you will see a box that says:  
*“Enter your email and the newest post will automatically appear in your email”*  
Type your email address in that box and click “Submit”

You will now be kept up to date with the latest announcements, changes, and reminders that take place through-out the month that you need to be aware of.

Thank you to those who keep renewing your membership! Your loyalty is appreciated.

## Where Does Our Money Go?

Throughout the year, the club makes donations to various causes and advocacy groups who strive to help with the conservation, preservation, protection, education and enhancement of our natural resources and fishing conditions in the Rogue Valley.

Donations for the month of November:

Waterwatch of Oregon - \$50

The Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (except July & August). We are open to your suggestions if you would like to bring your ideas or comments to the table. Please let one of us know if you would like to attend.

Your Treasurer,  
Theresa Schumacher





Meet Maxine's  
Coach Chris Korich  
12x World Casting  
Champion

Meet Maxine McCormick  
15 year old World Champion  
of Fly Casting



**March 8 - 9, 2019**  
**Linn County Expo Center**  
**Albany, Oregon**



- 200 Fly Tyer Demonstrations
- All-Day Casting Demonstrations
- 85+ Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Classes
- 62 Vendors & 90+ Casting Classes



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## **Spey Club**

Steve Day worked some magic with Temple Fork Outfitters and got some rods at below wholesale for us to ck out. Included in the first order were two 7wt and two 5w spey rods and 4 TFO reels. The reels are getting lined up for the rods now and the four sets will be available for club members to try and fish with soon. We are also forming up a very informal spey group within the club and will be meeting some Saturday in December for an introductory lesson. This will be a coffee or breakfast meeting to discuss what lines we got for these rods and what spey rods are the most appropriate for the Rogue. We sent around a signup at the last club meet and some 20 folks signed up. Between this introductory “skull” lesson and the free spey casting classes that Will of the Ashland Fly Shop has every third Sunday of the month, you have an opportunity to take up a new way to fish. If you would like to join us, send John MacDiarmid an email at [johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com](mailto:johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com).

## **Fish Eggs to Fry Program – Raising Juvenile Salmon and Steelhead in the Classroom**

This is one of ODFW’s flagship education programs and is administered through the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). Students participating in the program observe the early life history of juvenile salmon or steelhead in the classroom; Gaining through hands-on experience a better appreciation and resource stewardship mentality. This program brings to life and reinforces what they’re learning in their lessons. Apart from a hands-on experience in biology, the program also lends itself to a broad variety of additional subject areas including math, chemistry, writing and art! The developed curriculum is best suited for grades 3-5, but can be applied to grades k-12. ODFW’s STEP program has additional resources available online at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/STEP/>

One of many goals of participation is to serve as a spring board into outdoor education programs including lessons from ODFW’s Stream Scene or Salmon Watch Activities, and even participation in Angler Education. For the past two years, the Rogue Fly Fishers have generously donated funds (~\$2,600) for the purchase of additional aquaria and chiller units to help schools participate in the program. They have also assisted in the delivery of eggs to classrooms and in material set-up. For the fall 2018 program, 6 volunteers contributed over 40 hours of time and over 120 miles of driving to deliver eggs to 35 schools in the Southern Oregon with 51 teachers participating! Over 1500 students will be directly participating in this program this fall! Volunteers are always welcome and should contact their local STEP biologist to find out about more volunteer opportunities (541.826.8774 ext.226 / [ryan.d.battleson@state.or.us](mailto:ryan.d.battleson@state.or.us))

## **New Year’s Day Chili Feed**

As 2018 draws to a close, we all start looking forward to that most special of holiday traditions—the New Year’s Day Chili Feed at the Holy Water. The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Rogue Flyfishers have joined together for this event for over two decades now.


As usual, we will gather at the picnic shelter in River’s Edge Park on the south bank of the Holy Water. We should have a fire going by 10 AM and will eat around noon. We need people to bring chili, and will again have a contest where participants will select their favorite pot of chili. The competition has become intense in recent years, and we have enjoyed some very good chili as a result. Those not bringing chili can help out by bringing cornbread, salads, desserts or other items to share. The clubs will provide coffee and tableware.

The Holy Water can offer good trout fishing during the winter, and there will be opportunities to fish both before and after we eat. Swinging or drifting small marabou leeches, wooly buggers, micro intruders, or nymphs along the bottom can be productive. If conditions are favorable, we could even have a blue-winged olive or midge hatch. If you are going to fish, remember to get your 2019 fishing license.

We always have a great time no matter the weather, so make up a pot of your favorite chili, break out your trout rod, and come help us celebrate the new year and the joy of fly fishing!

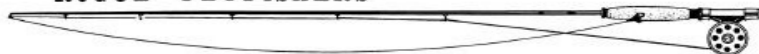
David Haight, Outings Chair





We wish all our  
members a safe  
and happy  
Christmas and  
a wonderful  
New year

## ROGUE FLYFISHERS



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# SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FLY SHOP

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Gary Anderson Custom Rods	1976 Foots Creek Road, Gold Hill	541-582-4318
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	310 NW Morgan Lane, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
The Flyway Shop	9349 Hwy. 97 South, Klamath Falls	541-884-3825
Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shastatrout.com	(530) 926-5763

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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.  
**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**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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