

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**

# **Rogue Restoration Group**

This month's presentation will be from the Rogue Restoration Group, a group of local conservation and natural resource entities, that are collaborating to build on the momentum created by removal of the mainstem dams on the Rogue River in order to continue to implement ecologically important river restoration projects and address key threats facing the resource. With funding from the Laird Norton Family Foundation, in 2011, the Geos Institute, Rogue River Keeper, the natural resource team from the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, and WaterWatch of Oregon, began working together to identify, facilitate, fund and implement ecologically significant restoration work in the Rogue Basin. The combined group has years of scientific and technical experience in fish biology, climate change, water quality, monitoring, water resources, dam removals, restoration work, grass roots organizing, grant writing, and contract and project management. This year the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy has joined the group adding expertise in conservation easements and land acquisitions. Speakers Brian Barr (Geos Institute), Forrest English (Rogue Riverkeeper), Craig Tuss (Rogue Valley Council of Governments), Craig Harper Southern region Land Conservancy) and Bob Hunter (WaterWatch), will discuss the exciting projects and work of the group. Much of the Rogue Restoration Group's work has been supported by generous financial and volunteer contributions from the Rogue Flyfishers.

# **Good Morning Southern Oregon:**

I've just finished reading an article on float/fishing trips down the Wild & Scenic Section of the Rogue River. I really would like to do that again. However, it is only January and the dry conditions this winter so far might change my mind. Perhaps I will backpack the trek instead of floating it. In my younger days I backpacked a lot. I've done many parts of the PCT and John Muir Trails in California, so it makes me wonder if I'm up for a week long trek to the coast. I know some of you can do it at a faster pace but I would like to fish more than hike each day.

We truly have a very special place here in Southern Oregon.

I am scheduled to host the Applegate River outing on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully we get so rain soon or I might just change it to a backpacking trip or even bird watching. I met a younger man the other day that is part Cherokee Indian and he was demonstrating his cultures art of rain dancing. Boy do I hope it can work. My neighbors think I look a little silly while practicing in the yard. Maybe some of you would like to join me?

In the fall, I'm going to host a trip to the Owyhee River. It looks to be the last full weekend in September. I had a great time this last year and plan on spending 3-4 days on the river while my wife and daughter complete the wedding details for the following weekend in Boise. Dave Haight has put together some pretty interesting outings this year again, so keep an eye on the website and newsletter.

Thank you all for making our first Dinner Meeting at the Rogue Regency a most memorable affair. It was a great way to start off the New Year.

### The Rogue Flyfishers <u>monthly dinner location</u> HAS CHANGED! Effective January 1, 2014, the club will be meeting at the ROGUE REGENCY just off HWY 62 in Medford.

Meeting rooms are through the main lobby door, make a right, and take the elevator down to the first (press 1 button) floor. Make a right and proceed down hallway. The meeting room is on the right.

From I-5, get off at exit 30 (Hwy 62) and head to Biddle Road. Rogue Regency is on Biddle Road just north of the I-5 overpass.

Dinners will be served individually at the tables and Vegetarian meals are available. Children may dine off the kid's menu or order half portion of the adult meal. Prices will remain the same and may be lowered (in a month or two) after club reviews the financial feasibility of doing so. Dinner include entrée, side dishes, beverages (non alcoholic) and dessert.

A full bar will be available for those wishing to purchase alcohol.

QUESTIONS?? Call Kellie at 541-776-4094 or kclmbr@msn.com

(Monthly dinner menus have been preselected by your Rogue Flyfishers Events Coordinator and approved by your Board of Directors.)

MONTHLY MEETINGS REMAIN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. First meeting is January 15th. Wet Fly 6–7. Dinners and speaker follows. Rogue Regency 2300 Biddle Road Medford OR 97504



# **GOLDEN DEMON AWARD**

The Rogue Flyfishers Club of Medford honored Senator Alan Bates as the recipient of the prestigious "Golden Demon Award.

This award, named after a unique fishing fly, is given to a non-club member for his or her achievements in conservation, preservation and habitat improvement of rivers, streams, and fisheries and for education and support of water issues in the Rogue Valley area. We would like to thank Senator Bates for his dedication to preserving our local waterways and the creation and successful passage of Senate Bill 838. Senator Alan Bates now joins Rose Marie Davis (2000), Governor John Kitzhaber (2002), E Frank Schnitzer (2004), and Janelle Dunlevy (2006) as a recipient of this distinctive award.





# I Learned Something Today

by Otis D. Swisher

I learned something today. While fishing dry flies, during a prolific hatch, with rising fish in close, out medium, and way out at the mid-river seam; and after catching two nice fish on successive casts, and then missing SEVEN fish in a row; and having to leave to go home for supper; and after winding in my line and putting the fly on the guide and finding out that the fly had no point; as a slow learner, I said "Dummy, check the fly once in a while. You don't have to have a fishing trip that is pointless."

# **OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER(S) OF THE YEAR AWARDED**

This year the Board thought so highly of 2 of our members, it was decided that we should have both members receive the Honors. Both have received this award in the past and still they go far and beyond in helping our club be at its best.

John MacDiarmid – We all know John as a "get it done type man". For many months/years John has worked most diligently in providing us with great speakers. He has spear headed the Medford Outfall Study and seems to never tire out on all the other projects he is associated with.

Steve Ostrander - Web Master and Newsletter Editor, Steve is our working behind the scenes guy. <u>Every month</u> you can see his work at – www.rogueflyfishers.org website and then embedded in the website is the Newsletter section. He does an outstanding job each month.

Please stand with me and congratulate and thank each of them at our meetings at the ROGUE REGENCY!

You are both highly cherished by our Organization.





On May 17 and 18, 2014, Atlantic Salmon Fly enthusiasts will experience an event like no other. Hosted by Seattle's Northwest Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild, Atlantic Salmon Fly International (ASFI) is a first-of-its-kind event strictly celebrating the Art and Passion of the Atlantic Salmon Fly. None of us would be tying these flies were it not for zealous salmon fly tiers sharing their knowledge face-to-face over the eras. The robust tradition can only continue so long as we continue to make new friends and share our passion with fellow enthusiasts.

While the Internet has made sharing knowledge easy, and making new friends in other countries possible, there is no substitute for tangible camaraderie and learning in person. ASFI aims to take virtual reality into the flesh for and old-time learning experience. Long- distance friends will have a chance to meet, new relationships will

be forged, and tiers of all generations can share their knowledge.

Currently, no less than ten countries will be representing, from Japan to Germany, and we have only just begun! The best Atlantic Salmon fly tiers from hairwings to the most complex, gaudiest Victorian featherwings will demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge on tying and fishing these storied patterns. ASFI will not only feature fly tiers, but also have hook maker demonstrations, dyemasters teaching the craft of colors, and seminars on history, design, and methods are to be had.

We look forward to your participation in maintaining the momentum of the tradition, and making the first ASFI a success!

#### www.asfi-expo.com

35611 SE David Powell Road • Fall City, WA 98024 www.nwsalmonflyguild.org

# Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi". Come to the Expo and be part of the crowd of fly tyers and fly fishers building their knowledge and seeing old friends. At the Expo you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn from 194 Fly Tyers
- Explore 50 Exhibitors
- Observe Daily Casting Demonstrations
- Choose from over 116 Classes on Tying, Casting, & Fly Fishing
- Attend the Daily FREE Fly Fishing Education Program
- Participate in Raffles & Silent Auctions daily
- Attend the Banquet & Auction Saturday night

General Admission: \$7.00 FFF Members, Veterans and Youth 18 & Under: **FREE** Parking is also **FREE www.nwexpo.com** for more information



#### Menu for RFF February 19th, 2014 Dinner Meeting at The Rogue Regency



House Made Vegetarian Lasagna (Award Winning Recipe!) Tossed Green Salad with Dressing Seasonal Vegetable Sautee Garlic Bread Choice of Freshly Baked Cookies Coffee, Decaf Coffee or Tea

#### IF YOU DESIRE A VEGAN MEAL, PLEASE CALL KELLIE at 541-776-4094 BY MONDAY 2/17

## YOUR DUES ARE DUE!!

In the FYI Column....Your club membership dues are now due....ASAP. For those of you who do need reminders we actually start collecting dues each December. It is our hope to put out a printed copy of a Full club Membership Directory this coming April. This takes time to put together and it really helps us get it done. You don't want to be placed in the "F Troup" category in April do you?

#### In the" OOPS" column:

Our announcement at the January meeting at the "ROGUE REGENCY" of bestowing the Honorary Life Membership award to Otis Swisher was a little incorrect. It seems that this Honor had already been given to Otis a few years back. We did not have this information at hand at the Board meeting and we think so highly of Otis we now think he should take it with him in his next lifetime, hopefully that is not for a very long time. We do cherish you a lot OTIS! By the way, you could consider this as a belated Happy Birthday wish as well.

### **Rogue Flyfishers' Outings for 2014**

The RFF outings schedule for 2014 is out, and we have some great outings planned. We will return to some of our favorite places: Mike Masters will lead us to the Applegate River to fish for steelhead. John Ward will host outings to the Upper Williamson and the Chewaucan Rivers. We also have outings planned to several new places. For example, Jon Iverson will take us to Miller Lake, a beautiful waterbody on the northeast side of Mt. Theilsen, and Mike Masters will introduce us to the Owyhee River over near the Idaho boarder. The Owyhee will be a long drive, but the incredible brown trout fishery there will make the trip worthwhile, especially with Mike, who knows this fishery well, to show us around. We have a couple additional outings we are still trying to get on the schedule, so watch for those. For those that need to learn, or brush up on, the basics, John MacDiarmid will teach a beginning fly fishing class again this year. Last but not least, club members should plan to participate in the Rogue Flyfishers Steelhead Tournament on October 11. Not only is this event a lot fun, it is one of our major fund raising events for the year.

David Haight, Outings Chair

Date	Outing	Host/Contact
January 1	Holy Water Chili Feed	Mike Masters
January 18	Coquille Steelhead	David Haight
March 1	Applegate Steelhead	Mike Masters
April 5	North Umpqua Steelhead	David Haight
April 30 - May 3	Upper Williamson River	John Ward
May 3	Beginning Fly Fishing Class	John MacDiarmid
June 27 - 29	Miller Lake	Jon Iverson
July 26	Umpqua Smallmouth Bass	David Haight
July 29 - August 2	Chewaucan River	John Ward
September 27 - 28	Owyhee River	Mike Masters
October 11	Steelhead Tournament	Will Johnson
November 22	Sixes River Chinook	David Haight
January 1, 2015	Holy Water Chili Feed	David Haight

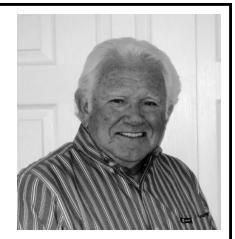
# **RFF Outings Schedule for 2014**

# ADC DENTAL AND DENTURE CLINIC 541-772-8280

720 Bennett Avenue, Medford (East of Tinseltown Theaters) Gary Lewellyn, DMD (over 50 years of experience)

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Call today and mention your affiliation with The Rogue Flyfishers for a member discount.

#### Welcome New Members

Keith Hardcastle John Labrum Ron Metzger Adam Wright



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Shasta Trout Guide Service	www.shastatrout.com	(530) 926-5763

#### 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; <u>new</u> 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.

Name:	. If a family membership,
List Family Member's Names	·
Address	
Best Contact Telephone Numbers: Area Code Number _	
(2nd best) <b>Number</b>	
E-mail Address:	
If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, ch Are you <b>retired</b> ? Yes No <b>Do you have a drift boat</b> ? Yes No	

Prefer using the **Online Newsletter** \_\_\_\_(quickest receipt and saves the club money for other activities and uses, or by US Mail \_\_\_? Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_. Mail completed form and payment to:

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