



# Rogue Flyfishers

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

### Leslie Ajari



Our speaker for January is Local guide Leslie Ajari. Leslie Ajari grew up fly fishing her home waters around Truckee, CA. She started her trout and steelhead guide career in 2014. Along with being a featured presenter for clubs and conclaves, she has competed in the World Spey Casting Championships twice. Her home base is Medford, Oregon with Marlee and Dax, and she teaches and guides the Rogue River, Southern Oregon coast, Grande Ronde River and Olympic Peninsula in Washington.

She will be presenting on the topic Spey Fishing for Winter Steelhead as well as discussing her personal journey to becoming one of the most sought after Female guides on the west coast.



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** from Steve Day

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

A few months ago there was some indication that I might be honored to assume the responsibilities of Club President. I was appreciative for the suggestion, however I also learned that the Club's, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auction Chairman and Raffle Chairman positions, would need to be filled. My initial speak to myself talk went something like, "Yea right! I'm not opposed to steering this ship but I'm not running it by myself?" After some thought, I decided to ignore the obvious, be hopeful for the needed help, and focus on LOOKING FORWARD.

In anticipation of potential future events, I thought I should attempt to author a President's Message with an emphasis on a personal mission. Please bear in mind that I'm really good at certain things. I've never thought writing was one of them. And besides, someone else might draw the short straw and in that case, this will never make it to print!

I digress. LOOKING FORWARD caused me to reflect back to those people, things and experiences that kept me in pursuit of fishing and fishing responsibly. What was it that propelled me forward to today?

One of my earliest memories of fishing was with my Father's Father. We went on a daytrip to Lake Hemet. Granddad was a stoic man of few words and when he spoke, you were expected to listen. I was likely five or six years old at the time. The boat was launched in the early light of dawn and we motored off. We soon slowed and anchored. Then to my amusement, Granddad opened several cans of corn and hurriedly flung the contents in every direction around the boat and then hid the cans in the paper sack from which they came. This corn tossing activity was followed shortly thereafter by a stern admonishment directed at me. Granddad stated "Don't ever let me catch you doing that!" I don't recall if we caught any fish but I never was much inclined to chum.

This experience and a host of others, combined with some good luck and my belief that God watches over idiots and children, allowed me to progress alive into my later years.

I was very fortunate through my childhood and adolescence. My family fished, a lot, and my best friend (whom I'll refer to as Goofy) and his family, fished a lot. Goofy and I fished at lakes, rivers, streams, gravel pits, the ocean, anywhere there was water. We were good fishermen and fairly well seasoned boatmen at an early age. The thought of turning two, ten year old kids loose on Lake Mojave, (Colorado River) in a twelve foot Starcraft boat with a 9.9 Johnson and told to be back by dark was trusting. Thirty mile round trips were routine. We caught a lot of fish but later wondered if our parents actually loved us all that much? If the truth were known, it's amazing we lived to talk about it. We've been best friends ever since.

Fly fishing began in our teens. The internet, Youtube and fish finders weren't even part of the equation. Trial and error, improvisation, paying attention and hanging out with people who knew what they were doing was the ticket to success. We were motivated young fishermen.

People have often asked me why young people are so hard to recruit into the Club. I'm not certain. It's likely many reasons. But I do know, that in this electronic age, information is only a keystroke away. Much can be learned by one who is resourceful. Kids, more likely young adults, might not think we have much to offer. I think there's nothing further from the truth.

Respect for the planet and passion for what we do, is not available on the internet. Experience and nuance, fellowship and effort create this passion. This is where we come in.

Those of us who actively participate in this adventure we call fly fishing, have learned that it's not just about catching the fish. It's about the people, the experience, the relationships, our lakes and rivers and the planet as a whole. Those folks that I know who are passionate about fly fishing, are some of the best advocates for the earth and the human race. I am grateful and blessed for the gifts that have been bestowed upon me as a result of fishing. This journey has been wonderful and I'm hoping it will continue for years to come.

"I am who I am and what I am, largely as the result, of someone taking me fishing."

**LOOKING FORWARD.**

My personal mission is to take people fishing. Maybe we all should.

# JORDAN COVE LNG OREGON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS REMOVAL FILL PERMIT, PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Rally and gathering 4:30 PM

Jackson County Expo

1 Peninger Road

Central Point, OR 97502

## **Conservation Options**

The club is considering its options for translating volunteer interest and our recent fundraising success into actions beneficial to local aquatic resources and fisheries. We have already developed a formal process for soliciting brief proposals and awarding small grants. The Board is now weighing the relative importance of investing raised funds and club member energy in small-scale habitat restoration projects, in resisting approval of an LNG pipeline through the upper Rogue River basin, and in challenging pollution control shortfalls by Medford's wastewater treatment facilities. Club members are encouraged to contact members of the Board or the Conservation Chair to express their opinions on these matters.

Chuck Huntington  
Conservation Chair  
cwbio7@gmail.com

## **RFF Needs a Treasurer!!**

Several years ago RFF was in a similar position - in dire need of a treasurer. After three phone calls to see what it would entail, I volunteered. The job wasn't that hard. And it was a great experience being on the Board. I got to see and participate in doling out the auction funds. In the process I discovered the great depth of knowledge the club has about conservation and how to get excellent leverage with our funds. That was an awakening for me as I knew nothing before and I remain impressed to this day.

The most bothersome part of the job description was attending the club meetings and taking money for dues and meals. It keeps you from commingling during the Wet Fly, telling fish tales and meeting other club members, etc.

GUESS WHAT?! The board changed that at the November meeting! It was agreed that other board members would sign up and rotate handling funds at the club meetings. So each board member (including the treasurer, of course) would be responsible for one meeting a year.

So those of you who have given thought to volunteering, I urge you to call Theresa or Steve Day. You will have training and support. The job is well organized now, not that burdensome and serving on the board would be a good experience!

Jon Iverson

# RAMBLINGS OF A FLY TIER

## BLUE WING OLIVE, SOFT HACKLE



**Hook** – Daiichi 1530, Daiichi 1480 or your favorite brand of hook in size 16 – 22

**Thread** – Veevus size 8 -10 or 16 or your favorite thread in a light olive (most of the time I use silk, just call me ‘old school’)

**Tail** – A few hackle barbs from a dun hen hackle

**Body** – A very sparse thin dubbed olive to match body color of BWO

**Thorax** – a small ball of olive dubbing

**Wing** – Medallion sheeting, clear scud back

**Hackle** – Dun hen or Valley quail

**Note #1** – Most baetis have rusty or brown eyes so when you finish the head, if you feel it’s important, switch thread colors at the head, or cheat, like me. I use a light brown permanent marker to color the 2-3in of thread I use to finish the head and whip finish.

**Note #2** – If you prefer a light wire hook use a Mustad 94845, 94859 or a Tiemco 101. For a fly that floats in or on the surface film, I like a straight eye or up eye hook. It keeps the gape open on small hooks. I haven’t seen it make that much difference on subsurface patterns.

The fly for this month is a BWO soft hackle emerger/stillborn. Why two names? Same fly tied on two different weight hooks. The heavier hook, Daiichi 1530, is to get the fly below the surface of the water and emerge to the top. The lighter hook, Daiichi 1480 allows the fly to stay in the surface film or on top to represent a cripple or still born.

The soft hackle/spider style of fly has been around since at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century. There are thousands of patterns from Ireland, Scotland, England and the United States.

Some authors to look for and read in relation to soft hackle spiders/flymphs:

Dave Hughes “Wet Flies”

Sylvester Nemes “The Soft-Hackle Fly”, “Soft Hackle Fly Imitations” and “The Soft Hackle Addict”

James E Leisenring and Vernon S Hidy “The Art of Tying the Wet Fly and Fishing the Flymph”

This list of books will give you more styles and ideas.

Keep a hook in your vise!

David Roberts

## **WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A FREE INTRODUCTORY SPEY CLASS!!!**

John Macdiarmid is holding an introductory spey class on Sat. Jan. 5 at 10:00a.m. He says:

In this introductory session we will talk about spey equipment and when to use what. How to fish with a spey rod will also be discussed. Then we will discuss spey books, DVDs and internet sites. I'll try to have some handouts but you may want to bring pen and paper for note taking.

Remember also Will Johnson of the Ashland Fly Shop has free spey lessons at the picnic area of the TouVelle State Park every third Sunday of the month at 9:00a.m. Will has generously done this for several years now and I encourage you to attend. He often has a few extra rods he can lend you for the class.

It is my hope that this group will consist of not just beginners but accomplished spey casters as well. Experienced casters will be encouraged to chime in and share there experiences with the class.

We have 4 club spey rods and will be glad to lend them to folks that have some experience and are ready to practice spey casting. It can be difficult to get out in the winter time but I find 30 mins. about right for a casting practice session. Most of us can tolerate the cold for a short period. I often practice at boat ramps with just knee boots, it is easy to wade out a short distance and there is no brush behind you.

Standing knee deep in a river methodically swinging the rod, fishing the swinging fly, stepping down to repeat the cast and swing is the most soothing, enjoyable activity I know. You are so in tune with the moving water and the natural surroundings, you become a participant with nature, not just an observer. I look forward to sharing the passion.

The gathering place will be the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park at 8401 Old Stage Road. To get there from Medford take I-5 N and exit at exit 40. Turn left back over the freeway and continue on the Old Stage Road south towards Jacksonville. The park has a stone entrance on the right just before the road crosses Kane Ck. and begins to climb the hill. There is a fountain in the front yard.

### **January Outing: Winter Steelhead on the Oregon Coast**

The Rogue Flyfishers will head to the Southern Oregon Coast for our January outing to fish for winter steelhead. January is a great time to head to the coast. While it is often cold and foggy here in the valley and the steelhead fishing in the upper Rogue is slow, the weather at the coast can be beautiful, and the winter steelhead fishery is in full swing.

The outing is scheduled for January 26 and 27. Due to the uncertainty of conditions on the coast during the winter, we will decide which streams to fish when we get closer to the date of the outing. The dates could even change if we get a storm that blows out all the streams. Consequently, anyone interested in attending the outing should send me (David Haight) an email or leave a phone message, and I will send out detailed information once a decision is made. I will provide equipment recommendations at that time as well.

We plan to fish streams in the vicinity of Gold Beach. Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds in the area. You can find more information at [www.goldbeach.org](http://www.goldbeach.org).

The Southern Oregon Coast offers a variety of fishing opportunities from nymphing pockets in small streams to swinging flies through long runs on the big river. Plus, the steelhead are big and chrome bright, with a lot of energy. This should make for a fun outing.

David Haight, Outing Chair, [tmdrhaight@infostructure.net](mailto:tmdrhaight@infostructure.net), 541-855-9043



## 2019 AUCTION – SATURDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – CENTENNIAL GOLF CLUB



It's that time again! Our annual fundraiser will be coming up in a few months and we need your help! After serving as Auction Chair for a number of years, Mike Masters has "retired". He did a terrific job and to come anywhere near to matching his success, I'm going to need some help, lots of it as a matter of fact! As I have only lived in southern Oregon for just over one year, there are many contacts, both businesses and personal, that I do not know that may be willing to donate an item or items to our auction. As the funds we raise during this auction are used for our numerous conservation projects, educational efforts including college scholarships, and community support such as Casting for Recovery, it is critical that that this event continues to be a success!

Please start thinking about people or businesses that you could contact to see if they would be willing to support our efforts. And if you have any special talents or items that you'd be willing to donate, they would be most welcome too. We have a list of businesses that we've contacted in the past but additions can always be accommodated.

We will have a preliminary organizing meeting at my house (443 Stanford Ave in Medford) from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you could help with soliciting donations, organizing donating items, and/or setting things up for the auction, please let me know.

In the meantime, save the date. May 18, 2018 and plan on attending!

Email me at either [ntny773tcb@aol.com](mailto:ntny773tcb@aol.com) or [timbolling328@gmail.com](mailto:timbolling328@gmail.com) or call 541-500-1976 to join our team.

Tim Bolling  
2019 Auction Chairman

### Hwy 62 Cleanup Needed

Unfortunately, due to another commitment that offers no other options, I am not going to be able to continue coordinating the Hwy 62 garbage pick up. When a replacement comes forward I will assist that person with where to pick up/return the ODOT SIGNS, obtaining waivers, etc

We have been at it for two years and I want to thank everyone who has come out to help make that area significantly cleaner than it has been.

Greg Hart



Lavro 14' drift-boat with trailer, anchor system, oars, and laife jackets. Two fishing seats. Excellent entry level boat for the Rogue. \$1950. call John at 530 340-2391.

## Fundraising Raffle

We are starting a raffle for a bamboo fly rod graciously donated by Dr. Joel Tobias. The rod was built by local rebound rod builder, Bruce Howell. The rod is a new 8 foot, 5 wt. with two tips, and aluminum rod tube. The rod is valued at \$1,800. The tickets will be \$20 each. We are only selling 200 tickets. The tickets will be available at the club dinners, or contact Keith Hardcastle 541-878-1471. The drawing will be held at the RFF auction in May. Winner does not need to be present.

## 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 December:

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

## NEW Club Members

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

Ashley Hammond

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.

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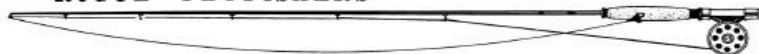
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Type your email address in that box and click “Submit”

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.

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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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