



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

Just Drifting Down the River
2019 Rogue Fly Fishers Auction & Dinner

When: Saturday May 18, 2019

Where: Centennial Golf Club

Dinner menu: Roasted tri-tip and chicken quarters, potatoes, vegetables, house salad, rolls and desert

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person

Our main auction item this year is a new Clackacraft Drift Boat and Trailer but look at some these other items:

- Stillwater fishing trips with Steve Day and Keith Hardcastle
- Float trips with Dave Haight, John Pogue and others
- More float trips with Alex and Logan of Rogue Valley Anglers
- Overnight lodging at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge
- Hand tied flies from Jack Patterson, Dave McCants and others
- Fly rods from TFO, Orvis, Scott, Reddington and others
- Fly reels from Hatch, Ross, Orvis and others
- Custom oars from Sawyer Paddles and Oars
- Fly tying equipment and material galore
- Restaurant gift cards, golf packages, wine baskets

Plus much, much, more including another Rocking Trout!

Email Tim Bolling at timbolling328@gmail.com with reservations and then mail at check made out to Rogue Flyfishers at PO Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501. All those who reserve a place and pay by 4/6 will be entered into a special Early Bird Drawing for a TFO rod and reel.

Seating is limited so get your reservations in soon!

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Agenda

4:00* - Doors open. Silent Auction & Bucket Raffle begin. Fly Tiers Bin opens

5:15 - Silent Auction closes

5:30 - Bucket Raffle & Fly Tiers Bin Closes

5:35 - Welcome and Early Bird Raffle Drawing

5:40 - Dinner Buffet Starts

6:30 - Steelie 50/50 Raffle Begins

6:45 - 8:30 - Live Auction

8:45 - Bruce Howell Bamboo Rod Raffle Drawing

* NOTE: This is 30 minutes earlier than previously announced

Yes we have a new Clackacraft Drift Boat and Trailer, but we also have 15 float, wade, or stillwater fishing trips, individual casting and fly tying lessons, 5 fly rod and reel combinations plus additional rods and reels, flies galore, resort and B&B lodging, rounds and rounds of golf, wine and food baskets, jewelry, and many, many gift certificates to restaurants, entertainment venues, and even a massage! Plus a unique weather vane, art, automotive services, and yes, another Rockin' Trout!

Bucket Raffle, 50-50 Raffle, and the Bamboo Rod Raffle are CASH ONLY

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RESERVATIONS CLOSE ON MAY 8TH

WINE DINNER – Coming up soon!

Save the date! Our next annual Wine Dinner will be Saturday August 17th at Daisy Creek Vineyard in Jacksonville. As some of you know, we had to cancel this event last year due to the smoke. We will attempt this again with hopes it will be a smoke-free summer.

The Wine Dinner is a catered event outside on the patio at the vineyard. Reservations are required. The cost is \$25 per person, paid in advance, which includes a buffet dinner and complimentary wine with dinner. We will begin taking reservations in June. No reservation will be accepted unless accompanied by payment.

There will not be any club meetings in July or August. So save the date and keep this in mind for a fun enjoyable summer evening. More details will follow in the June newsletter.

RAMBLINGS OF A FLY TYER

Clark's Rogue Stone



The fly this month is a salmon fly that I call the 'Clark's Rogue Stone'. It's a 'Clark Stone' that I've tweaked over the last 8 years. I use orange macramé cord to wrap the body. I wasn't happy with the elk hair wing so I finally settled on moose body hair. The next change came with a foam body, making it float better and giving it more durability. After actually observing the live flies on the water, I found that the females that fell in (or were blown in) with their egg sacks intact were taken much faster than the males or the females with no egg sacks, so then I added the black egg sack. After much use by clients and friends, I found that the fly worked quite well, BUT, it was too dark to see in the riparian zone. So came the added white strike indicator (for lack of a better term).

Hook: #4-#6, 4xlong. My preference is Daichi 2220. Use whatever brand of dry fly hook you like, just don't use too heavy of wire. That said, lots of folks have caught steelhead and quite large trout on dry flies. Don't have your heart broken by weak hooks or leaders.

Thread: 6/0 – 8/0 orange

Egg sack: Black 1/8" evazote foam

Body: Orange 1/8" evazote foam

Rib: Better said, a segmentation & strengthening of the same tying thread

Underwing: Macramé cord, orange or rust, separated into single sections. Or you can get Lee Clark's yarn.

It doesn't need to be separated and I can help your favorite fly shop get it, if needed, as Lee is a very close friend of mine. This is the cheapest and best way to buy it if you are going to only tie a couple dozen a year. Same material

Overwing: Moose body hair

Strike indicator: Same material as underwing, but in white

Hackle: Brown & grizzly saddle hackle

Head: Orange thread.

***Note** – I would love to work with anyone wanting some help with this fly. I will be available after I return from the Ellensburg, WA show the 1st weekend of May. Just get 2-4 people together and we'll work out a day and time to get together. As always, it's a free class for members, \$35 for non-members, which pays for your RFF membership.

NEW Club Members

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

Catherine Keys
Valerie Keys
Coreen Crowley
Mike LeTourneau
Doug Kosty

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 3rd 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 , 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.

CASTING CASTING CASTING

John MacDiarmid, Casting Chair

For the 12th year in a row we will resume our Monday casting clinics on May 6. We meet at the Hedrick Middle School athletic field on Jackson St. At 6:00pm. The casting program is open to the public and advertised in the newspaper so we get a lot of walk ons early in the season. For this first session, a roll cast lesson will be offered to club members at 5:30pm. If you fish still water, you need a good roll cast. Are you going on the East Lake outing in July? This should be a prerequisite! This lesson takes some extra equipment we do not always bring out so it is not offered every time. If 2 or more members email me (johnmmacdiarmid@gmail.com) indicating they want to take advantage of the roll cast lesson, we will have the class. As always if you just want to show up and practice your casting, that is always welcomed!

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Supreme Court Won't Allow Suction Dredging Operations in Oregon's Essential Salmonid Habitat

US Supreme Court allowed suction dredge miners to continue their operations on 86,000 miles of Oregon's rivers and stream in an action last week. The Court declined to allow miners to **begin** operation on 24,000 miles Oregon has designated as Essential Salmonid Habitat (ESH). This action leaves in place Senate Bill 3 which protects other values: water quality, state scenic waterways, federal wild and scenic rivers, tribal and federal land management plans and rules.

Principal benefits are for many species of wild salmon, steelhead, some bull trout, lamprey, freshwater mussels, and many orders of macroinvertebrates which are key food for fish.

Take home message to fishermen and fisherwomen: Be alert for dredging violators. Oregon State Police can not cover as much ground as you do. RFF's website has an interactive MAP (Upper Right Corner} covering all of Oregon showing where miners are allowed to operate, and all streams where suction dredge mining is prohibited. Tell OSP if you see mining in prohibited water; look for updated map in June, 2019 RFF Newsletter.

RFF has actively opposed suction dredge mining for years due to our member Dr. Alan Bates, State Senator from Medford. Bates was ahead of us in advocating for Senate Bill 838, a 5-year moratorium on dredging operations that passed and signed into law in 2016. After Bates early death, legislative buddies honored him by improving SB 838 and making the SB-3 restrictions permanent law in the next session. Miners challenged Oregon Law in the 9th Circuit Federal Court and lost, so they appealed to the Supreme Court who upheld 9th Circuit ruling.

June Outing: Surfperch and Coastal Cutthroat

Several members requested we hold an outing to the coast to fish for surfperch and others requested an outing to target coastal cutthroat trout, so on June 3rd and 4th, the Rogue Flyfishers will host an outing to the Brookings area where we can fish for both. We will meet at 9:00 AM on the 3rd in the parking lot at Crissey Field State Park, which is just north of the Oregon/California state line and just south of the Winchuck River. There we will discuss where to go and when to fish for each of the species.

Surfperch can be found feeding in the surf where the wave action dislodges food items from the sand. They tend to travel in schools, so fishing can be boom or bust. The key is to find a school of fish and stay with them as they move along the beach. Early June is the prime time to target these fish since the fish congregate along the shore at that time of year, and the surf is generally not as rough. The best fishing usually occurs during the first two hours after low tide the two hours before the high tide.

Six to eight weight rods are typically used for surfperch—the lighter rods are preferable under calm conditions, and the heavier rods make it easier to fish if the wind or waves are strong. Sink-tip lines are preferable, but floating lines will work. A section of 10 lb. monofilament is all that is necessary for a leader. If the waves are strong and visibility is low, bright orange, red, and yellow flies like John Shewey's Surfpercher Red or Redtail Runner work well. If the ocean is relatively calm, smaller more somber imitations of mole crabs (a favorite of surfperch) can be effective. Typical bonefish flies and small Clouser Minnows will also work.

The Chetco and Winchuck Rivers both have good populations of searun and resident cutthroat trout. Low in the systems, the searun trout can be target with small streamers or small steelhead flies by casting and retrieving around cover in tide-water and pools or by swinging the flies through slow runs. Like the surfperch, searun cutthroat seem to like orange, red, and yellow flies. As you move further up the streams, you can fish for the coastal cutthroat like you would for trout in most any stream—drifting dry flies or nymphs—except coastal cutthroat tend to be in slower water and gravitate toward cover. Five or six-weight rods are ideal, and floating, sink-tip, and slow sinking lines can all be useful depending on the situation. Though not necessary, a pontoon boat or driftboat would allow better access to good water on the lower Chetco River.

For those wanting to spend both days, the Brookings area has plenty of motels, RV parks, and restaurants. Plus, there are nice campgrounds at Harris Beach State Park just north of Brookings and at Loeb state Park up the Chetco River.

David Haight, Outings Chair

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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,

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