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## PROGRAM

Continuing with our "Fall Steelhead" series of speakers for November we have local guide  
**Scott Howell**

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There is a no more dynamic or effective Steelhead guide working today than Medford's own Scott Howell. Guiding for Steelhead in our region 12 months out of the year is no small feat to make a career of but Scott has done just that. Scott spends much of the summer & winter months guiding the fabled waters of the North Umpqua and has pioneered some modern techniques for raising Steelhead to a dry fly that he will share with the club.

Scott's credits include a guiding career that has taken him from Russia's Kamchatka peninsula to the fabled waters of British Columbia. He is one of 3 personalities featured in the popular Skagit Master video series by Jeff Mishler. He is a passionate conservationist and one of the reasons wild Steelhead must be released in the Umpqua watershed.

### Committee Heads

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## President's Message – November 2014

It is truly fall time on the Rogue. Leaves are changing and the winds to blow them down stream are on their way. We've just concluded our Annual Steelhead Tournament and it was a great success. I want to thank every one of the oarsmen – without you we couldn't have done it. We had a great breakfast thanks to John Ward, Theresa Schumacher, Stephen Day, and all those who helped with it.

We had 12 boats and 23 anglers; the big fish award went to Brandon Francis landing a nice 24" fish and the Most Inches Award went to Jeff Keyser with a combined total of 45", both won a new custom fly rod from the Bob Claypool group. A total of 17 fish were recorded and lots of hook ups reported, just not landed. The weather was great with some cloud cover and very nice temperatures even at dinner time. The dinner was a catered meal of BBQ ribs & chicken, baked beans, and coleslaw. Will Johnson connected us up with the caterer and a keg of liquid refreshment. Some of us really needed a cold beverage upon our return to TouVelle.

We did have some excitement and drama on the water this year as well as a great time.

Many of you may have seen the article by Harry Piper in the newspaper. His boat was swamped just above the old Paddington's Lodge. VP Kellie Christensen (THE WOMAN) and Stephen Day were the anglers in the boat. Richard Phillips boat with Larry Garrison and me had just gone through the run and had pulled into the back eddie to stretch our legs. After a couple of minutes we looked up to see Harry's boat in trouble with the anchor down and pulling the stern down. We jumped in our boat and rowed out immediately and then Richard took over. He is a very accomplished oarsman and has lots of experience in water rescues. He assessed the situation and instructed every one of just what to do. The boat came to rest in about 3 feet of water. Our biggest challenge was not letting it drift any further into the depths of the big salmon hole next to Paddington's Lodge. We secured a long line to the bow and Larry and I did our best to hold that bowline. Stephen, Richard, and Harry did their best to move the stern downstream. This movement caused the bow to lift. About that time Chuck Huntington's boat with Larry and Jeff Bressler came down to assist us. Shortly after came Dave Haight's boat with Kurt Engstrom and Randy Perkins and they also pitched in. As we swung the boat around and it did lift slightly, those who were not helping hold the long line started bailing out the boat and inch by inch it rose up in the water. Richard was terrific in his instructions. It was like a water safety and rescue class right there in front of my eyes. All in all, everyone was safe and we did find many of the lost items in an eddie downstream. We stayed with Harry's courageous group the rest of the float to the TouVelle ramp. I think we all looked toward the heavens at the end of the day, just before that first cold one went down. Kellie mentioned later that she wants to ride with Harry again next year.

Thanks to the Steelhead Committee, Will Johnson and Jon Iverson.

Our club has some very special members.

Mike Masters



**Lee Wedberg agreed to row in lieu of Dave Roberts in the Steelhead Tournament after Dave had a minor injury. Lee's entrant, Michael Smith, had such a delightful time and caught a fish that he gave Lee a tip of \$50. Lee was flattered but couldn't accept it, so Michael said it should go to the club. Thank you both!!**

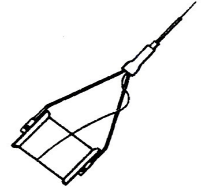
### **We would like to hear from club member R. Bittner**

It appears that we don't have your membership information . We apologize and would like to correct the situation. Can you please contact our membership chairman, John Bjorkholm?

He can be reached at 541-857-6147 or jebjorkholm@gmail.com

# On The Fly

## November 2014



“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

### Tying News

The Southern Oregon Fly Tyers invite you to attend their meetings the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is November 11, 2014. The meetings start at 6:00 PM, at the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park community building near Gold Hill. Bring a friend, come early so you don't miss anything, and stay late. Tyers need not be experienced, and those with all levels of skill are welcome. Each meeting a member is encouraged to demonstrate a new or different skill, from simple to difficult. For more information, call Dan Kellogg at 773-4724.

Dave Hamilton will be our guest tyer for the night.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Gold Hill Exit #40, off of I-5 and go west, toward Jacksonville, 1.3 miles, until you reach the brick entrance way to the Madrone Hill Mobile Home Park on the right. You'll pass a golf course parking lot on your left shortly after leaving the freeway. After you turn right into the mobile home park, proceed to the community building which is located about 100 yards ahead on the left. The address is 8401 Old Stage Rd.

### PATTERN OF THE MONTH –

John Larison's Hot Green Fly Tied by Mark Teeters

**Hook :** TMC 7989/Dai Ichi 2421/Mustad 90240 ( stub of return loop on 90240 may need to be filed to allow bead to fit to eye) Size 4, 6, 8

**Thread:** 6/0 or 8/0 Claret Thread

**Bead :** 4mm Hot Orange larger beads for larger sized hooks but don't get carried away

**Tail :** Select Black Marabou 1 1/2x Shank Length (sparse) Tie in and post above hook point

**Body :** Butt Ends of Marabou (Tail) Wrapped Forward (or just bind ends down to wing set position)

**Wing :** Soft Black Bear Hair (or mix of black squirrel tail and pine squirrel tail) John says the bear should be from a 2 year old, bow hunted female cinnamon bear. I say Pish and likewise Tosh!

**Veil :** Fluorescent Chartreuse Synthetic Ice Dubbing tied long as overwing (Eneirco Pugugly Chartreuse Anadromous Brush was called for, But I ain't-a-gonna' rush out and search for that when I have something else just as good already) any fine long staple chartreuse fluorescent dubbing should work just fine

**Hackle:** Highlander Green Dyed Guinea or Strongly Barred Highlander Green Teal Flank to hook point



1. De-barb hook and slide Bead to eye of hook
2. Wrap thread from bead back to above hook point
3. Tie in and post Marabou above hook point
4. Wrap forward over Marabou Butts to wing set position and trim Marabou butts (or wrap butts forward from tie in to wing set and tie off and trim and cement butts)
5. Tie in Sparse hair wing, trim butts and cement
6. Tie chartreuse veiling over top
7. Tie in hackle by tip and wrap 1 or 2 turns
8. Whip finish behind Bead

**You are done!**



## November Outing: Coastal Fall Chinook

As fall rains increase the flows in streams along the coast, fall Chinook enter these streams on their annual spawning migration. Chinook are the largest and most popular salmon in Oregon, and many fly fishers consider them to be the state's ultimate trophy gamefish. The Rogue Flyfishers and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will join up at Cape Blanco State Park for an outing on November 22 and 23 to target these spectacular fish.

We will meet for an orientation at 9:00 am on Saturday at the boat ramp on the Sixes River Estuary, which is located near the Hughes House. Participants will have a choice of several fishing options: The State Park includes the lower three miles of the Sixes River, giving bank anglers access to several good spots. Three launch sites give those with driftboats access to additional sections of the river. Anglers can also walk or drive down the beach to the mouth of the Elk River to fish that popular spot.

As far as equipment, a ten-weight outfit is ideal. Most people like a shooting-head system with heads ranging from intermediate to fast sinking to cover a variety of water and conditions. Bring 15 to 20-pound leader material. Clouser minnows and comets ranging in size from about one to two inches long are generally effective patterns. For the Clousers, black over chartreuse, green over chartreuse, chartreuse over white, brown over orange, and orange over white are popular colors combinations. For the comets, green, chartreuse, and orange work well.

Cape Blanco State Park offers campsites as well as a few cabins. The cabins can be reserved at [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com). For those that don't want to camp. Bandon is about 30 minutes to the north and Port Orford is about 15 minutes to the south. Both have a variety of motels and restaurants.

The Sixes and Elk Rivers provide fly anglers with one of the best opportunities to catch a Chinook salmon on a fly, and the last half of November is considered to be the prime time. If the weather and the river flows cooperate, this should be a great trip. Since the weather on the Oregon coast in the late fall is unpredictable, check the club's website for any updates.

David Haight, Outings Chair

## Casting for Recovery will be at the November Meeting:

Casting for Recovery appreciates Rogue Fly Fishers' support of our program, which provides a 2 ½ day all inclusive retreat to 14 breast cancer survivors each year. The retreat, held at the Big K Ranch on the Umpqua River, provides counseling and support to the women as well as introduces them to therapeutic art of fly fishing. In November, we will have our display again at the RFF meeting. We will sell raffle tickets for a display box with dozens of flies, a switch rod, and a four-weight fly rod, all generously donated in support of our program. The display box was designed and hand etched especially for Casting for Recovery and is filled with a wide variety of hand-tied flies. The 11 ft, 7-wt, 4-piece, switch rod was custom built on a C.F. Burkheimer blank for and donated to Casting for Recovery by Tony Overstake of True West Custom Fly Rods in Eugene. The four-weight fly rod was built on an 8.5-foot, four-piece Winston blank by Randy Beard and Tim Wagner of the Cascade Family Fly Fishers. Raffle tickets for those three items will be sold for the next 5 months with the drawing to be held on March 19th. We also have a number of donated items that we will be selling that evening including a Nautilus Reel with line, three Guideline rods, a custom made CfR fly rod, and a wooden trout net. We also accept donations if you don't need any more fly fishing gear. Please come on out for a fun evening with your fellow fly fishers and a chance to support our program. Thank you!

Tanya Haight

## IMPORTANT MEETING REMINDER

At the November 19th dinner meeting, the membership will be voting in new board members for the 2015/2016 term.  
If you wish to have a voice in the election process please plan on attending to cast your vote. Thank you.

### **DINNER MENU—November Meeting—November 19, 2014**

Baked Ham	Potatoes Au Gratin	Sauteed Vegetables
Tossed Green Salad with Dressing		Warm Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert		Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Please remember that if you wish to have a Vegan, Gluten Free or Lactose Free meal, you must contact Kellie at [kclmbr@msn.com](mailto:kclmbr@msn.com) or 541-776-4094 before Monday November 17th.

## Owyhee River Outing

First of all, the trip was worth the drive. I must admit that I was not expecting much due to the low water levels being announced. I did get a little glimmer of hope with a phone call from Jim Harleman and Clint Brumitt. They had just concluded a trip there just a week and a half before I arrived. I set up camp just below the tunnel. I had a great spot on a big bend on a lower shelf. I pulled the truck/camper down and stretched up my 20'x30' tarp between two big trees. My name for this tarp is the "Hotel". Under it I placed a 4 man tent, carpet, table & chairs, and it also serves as a clothes hanger for my waders. Sounds like a lot of room just for one guy. As I was driving to the river I started wondering what I'd forget on this trip. Once camp was almost complete I realized it was our club banner that I had left behind. So I made a cardboard sign "ROGUE FLY FISHERS" and placed it out by the road. Just in case any members should happen along. As fate would have it, it only lasted till dark. The winds came up and I have no idea where in Idaho it ended up.

I fished for 2 hours on Saturday evening and brought to hand 5 browns all on hopper patterns. I had picked a great area of the river where I could wade to the middle and cast to both shorelines. Darkness came quickly once the sun went behind the big sheer cliffs across the river from me. Sunday morning was more challenging. I tried almost everything in my fly boxes, nothing that I had tied from last year's trip worked at all. I was started to feel my time running out as I was wanting to find the "go to fly" because on Monday my son Greg and son in law Denver were going to arrive from Indianapolis and I really wanted them to have a great fly fishing experience. The threat of just a few fish pushed me to keep trying different methods and flies. Sunday evening proved difficult also as the hoppers didn't work either.

Monday morning I just sat and thought about how the river was acting. My coffee pot was only half gone, when a stranger came down from the road and asked if I was the one with the RFF sign on Saturday. He was from Boise and we chatted for awhile and finished off the coffee. He told me he had been there for a week and what worked for him was swinging a small pheasant tail nymph. So I tried his method about 9am and I caught fish after fish with sizes 16 & 18's. I was ready for the boys to arrive.

The biggest gift for me was that the boys also brought my 6 year old grandson, Andrew. I'm pretty sure he had a great time. With 3 adults in the river, Andrew came running when one of us hooked up on a brown. We would hand the rods over to him and he would bring them in for us. We stayed on the river until Wednesday afternoon. I'm pretty sure I'll be going back many more times and just maybe my boys will come along as well. I'm sure that I will need Andrew to roast my hot dogs again.

Mike Masters



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Al Francis  
Art Mills  
Eric Weisberg



## Fishing with John

As the program person for the club I sometimes get to know the monthly speakers a little better. Often they stay in our home now that the kids are gone and there is room and occasionally they are open to fishing the Rogue. John Larison was the October program for the Rogue Fly Fishers on Wednesday and the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers on Thursday. The Rogue was in perfect shape for a float so John, Ray McClenathan, the program person for the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and I took a drift in my boat from TouVelle to Fisher's Ferry. I was anxious to see John actually fish the grease line method first espoused by Jock Scott 150 years ago in his *Greased Line Fishing for Salmon [and Steelhead]* (Reprinted by Frank Amato in 1982). John wrote about it in his book, *The Complete Steelheader* (Stackpole Books 2008). But reading about it and seeing it are two different things.

The conventional mantra of most folks that fish the swinging fly is "slow the swing, let the fish get a good look at it." They strive always to swing the fly uniformly and slowly. It is accomplished by manipulating the line and rod tip. Almost always the first move is a pullback mend immediately after the cast and the fly hits the water. This straightens the line and, followed by a drop of the rod tip, puts a little slack in the line so the fly will sink a little deeper before the swing begins. The pullback is more upstream than across. I first noticed it at the Sandy River Spey Clave held each May. At that clave spectators sit on the sandy/gravel bar and the presenters stand knee deep in the river complete with a mike and demonstrate some type of Spey cast. Virtually every cast is followed by a thrust of the rod tip up and back followed by a slacking of the system; the fly sinks (soaks) a few seconds before the swing begins. It is so uniform, it is automatic in most casters as demonstrated at the Spey Clave. Those folks were presenting a certain cast to deliver a fly but in their fishing they always automatically do the pull back mend so they did it there as well. Fly-swinging anglers that are in the "Greased Line Tribe" do not mend after the cast. They want that belly to pull the fly around so the fly is presented in more of a silhouette to the fish, thus presenting a larger profile that is more likely to catch the fish's attention. They accept a faster swing for the more silhouette presentation. The difference is simple and subtle.

John demonstrated the greased line method to Ray and me. He was able to lay his line out with a small hook in the line so the belly was close to the fly. This produced a slow swing AND a more silhouetted presentation for the first part of the swing. His casts were spot on with just the right amount of power to gently put the line and fly in place for the swing. It was an education on what the spey rod can do in the hands of a skilled caster. That day John hooked 5 while Ray and I each had 2. Did the greased line method produce more fish than the conventional slow swing method? Or was John's success that day due more to his expert casting? Who knows. I did resolve to continue to work on my casting and try the greased line method more often.

John fished with a 7 wt. spey rod loaded with a 450 grain airflow Skagit, 10 feet of T-11, and a short 8 lb. Maxima Evergreen tippet. His fly was a lightly dressed #8 with a hot orange bead. See Fly of the Month in this newsletter.

## Take the Challenge!

### TAKE THE CHALLENGE FOR A SHOT AT A FREE FLY FISHING SESSION ON THE CHOICE OF 4 FISHERIES

**Diamond Lake - Float Tube, Klamath River - Below John C. Boyle or Keno section, Rogue River, and Sacramento River - Dunsmuir.**

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**Adam Wright is an avid fly fisherman, husband, and father of two. He is an MBA graduate from Southern Oregon University. Adam can be found on local waters almost every weekend as he enjoys introducing others in the area to this sport. He teaches fly fishing for the city of Medford Parks and Recreation. He also teaches Dave Ramsey's Core Financial Wellness for Medford which teaches investments and other financial concepts.**



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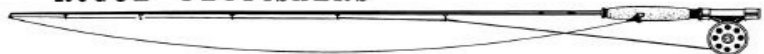
The boat is probably 30 years old but it is in very good condition: it was built by Larry Westfall, a local boat builder (who died several yrs ago) and is heavier gauge aluminum than new boats are built of. We bought it from Steve Godshall, who bought it from The Fishin' Hole in Shade Cove when he guided for them.

It is 15 1/2 feet long, 48" bottom width and 76" wide at the gunnels. It has 3 wooden Sawyer oars, 2 of which were re-finished with new Kevlar edges by Sawyer last year. Jack put new epoxy bottom paint on it this spring, put in a new rower's seat, bought 2 new tires, had the wheel bearings repacked and put in new carpeting. It has space for 2 seats in front and one in back with stand up stanchions front and back. Of course, sale includes life jackets, anchor and roping, a small ice chest. The boat is easy to row, easy to handle---I became very comfortable rowing it with Jack and even a 3rd person in it. Anyone interested can call

**Jan Rowe 541-941-1740 or Jack Rowe 541-601-8505.**  
email is [jvr1945@gmail.com](mailto:jvr1945@gmail.com). We're asking \$3,500.



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**Renew in December for the following year.**

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