

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**

### John Larison

Fish the Swing: Advanced Strategies for Oregon Steelhead Rivers



Swinging flies for steelhead might be the most misunderstood technique in fly fishing. Join veteran steelhead guide John Larison as he reveals entrenched misconceptions and advanced strategies that will help you catch more fish on your next steelhead trip.

John Larison grew up fishing for steelhead in Oregon and began guiding at age 22. He has written three books on the subject, including the bestselling how-to guide, *The Complete Steelheader*.

## **President's Message**

Yes, it is raining as I sit and think about the next 2 weeks. I will have my 6 year old Grandson, Son-N-Law, and my Son fishing with me on the Owyhee River. They will join me on Monday and then on Thursday we will pick and move on to Boise, ID to celebrate my youngest daughter's marriage. I am truly looking forward to these next two weeks.

Then the rain also reminds of the Summer Steelhead Season is upon us. Our Club fund raising Steelhead Tournament should be spectacular. We have at least 4 more Oarsmen than last year and also 25 anglers signed up. I want to thank all of the Oarsmen who are volunteering their time and boats for helping us put together another great opportunity for fellowship, competition, fishing, and of course the donations to our Conservation pool of money. This will really help fund many of our upcoming projects.

Once again we will have prizes for the largest fish landed, and the most inches landed by the same angler. Something new will be a special gift for the Oarsman whose angler lands the largest fish.

Once again John Ward will be at his best creating a great kick off breakfast at TouVelle State Park. We will conclude the day with a catered dinner and liquid refreshments at TouVelle starting around 4-4:30pm.

If you are into photography, a great photo Op might be had by following Harry Piper's boat. Your wonderfully hard working VP Kellie Christensen will be on board. Perhaps she will land the largest fish. Let's all cheer her on. Hopefully she doesn't beat me.

Mike Masters

## 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.

All gear with lunch will be provided. Qualifying is easy through an investment performance challenge. Our strategy has performed extremely well. We believe we offer superior value and add greater protection of your investments relative to the competition. We feel so confident, that, if you aren't completely convinced that we significantly outperform your current advisor, with your same investment objectives, you will receive a free fly fishing session at one of the four fisheries mentioned.

Time and quantity are limited to fishing season of each fishery. Gift is transferrable. Some restrictions apply.

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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### IT'S ELECTION TIME AT THE ROGUE FLYFISHERS!

There are currently 2 board positions that need to be filled. The new term begins January 2015. The problem the club is facing is that we don't have candidates willing to serve as President or Vice President.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE ON ANY TYPE OF BOARD OR NON PROFIT GROUP (even church group experience is helpful) AND WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS YOU LEARN, please consider tossing your fishing hat into the club waters......These are the folks who have volunteered with the scope of their experience or willingness to serve noted:

JEAN JAEGER (previous board experience)
ROBERT PARKER (will serve as board member only)
ADAM WRIGHT (previous non profit experience)

PLEASE CONTACT KELLIE AT kclmbr@msn.com or 541-776-4094 if you are interested in donating your time and becoming an officer.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE VOTED IN BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS ARE VOTED IN FROM THOSE SERVING ON THE BOARD.

Thank you for your consideration

### Social media and fly-fishing

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram; What the heck is it and why would I want it or need it? Social media is, like it or not, now become part of our every day lives. You may not use it but it does affect you. Social media elected a President. It does affect you. It would be fair to say that the younger the person the more likely it is that they use social media.

Now lets take a look at the Rogue Flyfishers. Looking around the room at our meetings you will notice a lot of gray hair. Why is that? Do younger people not fish? Looking at social media would suggest that they do fish and put it out there and share with others through social media. There are lots of things on line about fly-fishing. Are the younger people just too busy to come to meetings or are the meetings just not interesting enough? Maybe just doing the same thing year after just gets boring. Do we need to update our thinking to bring in those younger people. Are we destined to age ourselves right out of business? Heavy thinking but it just might be worth the effort.

Do you Instagram? Have you ever seen what it can provide in the context of fly-fishing? I took a look at Instagram and then dove in headfirst. It is a window to the world of many interests but I am specifically into the fly-fishing and outdoors. You may have heard the word hashtag and didn't understand what it is. In Instagram you post a picture and write a short description or comment. On some words you put a # in front of the word. An example might a photo of a steelhead and in the written comment you put #steelhead. This makes the photo searchable to anyone looking for steelhead. **Just #steelhead will get you over 65,000 images**. You can also hook words together such as #steelheadfly and #steelheadriver and #steelheadfanatic. Then you discover that fly fishing is not just an American thing. Now you discover the word sea trout and the process starts all over again. And most of the people on Instagram are younger. There is a way to relate to these younger people. All you need is a smart phone. Are you a grammer?

Tom Collett

#### 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

## **Casting at Hedrick**

Our last casting class was from 6:00-7:00 Monday at the Hedrick Middle School on East Jackson in Medford.

As always, our class was geared to those learning how to cast. We always have time for beginners. However, our last session for the year, September 29, and included a double haul lesson. Almost all advanced casters utilize the double haul. It is a very simple maneuver done with the line hand but like most casting technique, it is not mastered without a lot of practice. The practice time can be reduced with a demonstration and lesson. The haul is accomplished with the line hand and it puts a little more bend in the rod at precisely the correct time. A few casters only haul on the forward cast which is referred to as a single haul; the double haul is a haul on the back cast and the forward cast. Once mastered, casters haul on almost all casts both short and long, it is a wonderful addition to the casting quiver. Some casters rely on it so much they can not cast without it. Case in point is the young guides that show up at the annual IFFF Fair and test for their Casting Certification. These casters are on the river all summer long and they are literally casting machines, tight loops, pin point accuracy and distance to spare (the test calls for a 75' cast). However, some casts in the exam have to be made without the haul because casting instructors have to be able to demonstrate the basic cast to beginning students. Without the haul, these casters sometimes fail.

We have had a wonderful turnout at our Monday evening casting classes this summer. We instructors enjoy empowering beginners so they can enjoy the casting and fishing as much as we do. If you haven't joined us and you'd just like to cast with us or you need to add or improve your double haul, we look forward to seeing you next year. The alternate meeting site is Hawthorne Park just in case of a football game at the school.

Your Instructors: John MacDiarmid, IFFF, CCI, Otis Swisher, Tom Collett and Bob Pierce.

## The Origin Of The Double Haul

Maurice Abraham (1867-1936) grew up in the Umpqua country where, as a young man, he hunted, fished and trapped. His outdoor buddies were Indians and they could not pronounce Maurice, Mooch is as close as they got and everyone else picked up on it. Mooch Abraham was a serious caster and fly tier. He and his sister started a business in Portland and when it later failed he tied flies for several outlets on the west coast. He was recognized as the "coach" of the Portland Casting Club and he taught many folks how to tie flies and cast the fly rod. At one point he hurt his shoulder in a car accident and by experimenting he developed the double haul so he could continue to cast. He showed it to another member of the casting club, Marvin Hedge, who introduced the "haul" to competitive casting the first time he attended in St. Louis in 1934. Hedge beat the old mark of 125', set in 1925, by 22'. It was reported in the New York Times and a St. Louis newspaper article stated, "The Westerner went into action with powerful rhythmic movements....The gallery went wild!" In reporting on the event, Hedge said, "there wasn't a soul in St. Louis that had ever seen it. They took motion pictures of it and, after that, they asked me questions about it until two in the morning." Taken from Jack W. Berryman, Fly-Fishing Pioneers and Legends of the Northwest. 2006.

John MacDiarmid

### WIND FURIES - March 4, 2006

Otis Swisher

Oh, to be on the river when the wind furies are blasting the Rogue Valley. At the Rogue Valley International Airport, wind gusts were clocked at 40 mph. On the Rogue an unbelievable March Brown hatch is on in its full glory. And, the cutthroats are gorging themselves.

I have to conclude that you haven't fished until a gale is buffeting you from all sides, and seemingly from all directions at once. Wind from the front piles your cast at your feet. Wind from behind drives your back cast into a jacket hookup. Wind from the sides puts your fly into your boating partner's jacket. You thank Heaven, not the furies, for barbless hooks.

The water's surface, usually nearly flat, comes and goes to upstream chop of nearly two inches. Counter winds ripple the surface like small tornadoes, which race across the surface as if racetracks are scattered here and there. If it were in a plowed wheat field of eastern Oregon there would be a dozen dust devils touching down here and there only to rise and come down some yards away.

I couldn't believe my eyes: at 1300 hours the largest March Brown hatch of the year started. It covered the surface of half the river. And, in rapid response, the cutthroats began to appear in the midst of the windstorm. It was a true cutthroat feeding frenzy.

Away with the 8-weight rod that had produced the steelhead earlier. Cast to the rises. Hook and land 14-inch cutthroats one right after another. And, of course, the largest fish always get away. Vince was using a 4-weight rod. The "take down" was a classic one. Steelheaders who know the jar of the takedown by a steelhead when fishing on "the swing" would have admired the jarring slam of this cutthroat.

A 17-inch fish taking a dry, or a soft hackle as was used today, will give every bit as much pleasure, every bit as sharp an arc to the light rod, as exhilarating a hit to the heart on a jump as we experienced that day on the two steelhead we landed.

How can anyone anticipate such an experience, in such a windstorm, on a gray-old-day that looked more like a winter day than a spring day in March? You can't! To experience it is only one wonderment of fly-fishing a March Brown hatch. To experience it you have to be on the river when it happens.

It's great to take on a windstorm, and win, thanks to some great Rogue River cutthroat.

PS: Remember, trout fishing is closed on the Rogue from April 1 to about Memorial Day thanks to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

### STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT – 2014 October 11

Wow, lots of summer run fish already. Join us and help this fund raiser be a huge success.

We are looking for boatsmen. Come row, row; row your boat down the river with 2 fisher people in it.

We are looking for Fishermen and Women. \$150 will get a spot in a boat.

Prizes consist of Custom made rods by our very own Bob Claypool. The fisherperson with the longest fish and the one with the most combined inches of multiple fish caught will have Bob create a rod for them.

You can start signing up immediately by emailing me or Will Johnson at the Ashland Fly Shop mmasters2243@charter.net or will@theashlandflyshop.com

We have two oarsmen signed up already. We need lots more. Give it a thought and help us succeed once more. Bring your boat and have a great day on the water.

Seats could be limited so I suggest signing up early. One of the 2 boats is full already. Keep the sign ups coming. Dinner will be a BBQ. More details to come.



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Dale & Janene Hile, Christopher Kline, John & Carol Page, Arden Prehn & Family

### **OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

It's time to nominate someone you consider to be an outstanding club member for this prestigious award.

Nominations made can be emailed to Mike (mmasters2243@charter.net) or Kellie (kclmbr@msn.com) or submitted to Rogue Flyfishers, P O Box 4637, Medford OR 97501

Nominations must be received by October 24th.

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	YEAR 2014 OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION			
	The Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award is given each January to a member (s) as recognition for significant contributions to The Rogue Flyfishers. If you know of a club member worthy of this award, please submit the candidate's name and qualifications to the Board of Directors either by regular mail, email or telephone. This award is given to a paid member who has contributed to the achievement of the club as set forth in the RFF Bylaws, Article 1. You may use the form below and mail it to: Rogue Flyfishers, PO Box 4637, Medford, OR 97501			
Recommend the following person or persons for the Year 2014 Outstanding Club Member of the Year Award:				
	My recommendation is based on the following:			

### **Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



720 Bennett Avenue, Medford (East of Tinseltown Theaters)

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non-surgical implants that stabilize troublesome dentures. These are immediately functional with no painful healing time! The hygienist is exceptionally thorough and gentle and the staff is welcoming and supportive. The fees are reasonable too!

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

#### **BOAT FOR SALE**

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.

Jan Rowe 541-941-1740 or Jack Rowe 541-601-8505. email is jvr1945@gmail.com. We're asking \$3,500.







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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. 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.

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