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# 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.

## PROGRAM

**The meeting date is changed  
The meeting will be  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

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### Whitney Gould

Whitney Gould was born in London, England. At two years old her family moved to the east coast of the United States. Her parents, both avid fly fisherman, introduced her to the world of fly fishing and its many possibilities.

Since then Whitney has competed at the highest levels of fly casting becoming a 4 time Women's Champion at the Spey-O-Rama spey casting competition. She and her husband, Mike McCune, teach spey casting clinics throughout Montana each spring. In addition to guiding anglers on the Kanektok River in Alaska each summer, Whitney can be found guiding on the Grande Ronde River in the fall and various northern California rivers in the wintertime. Her knowledge of and enthusiasm for the sport of fly fishing is educational and infectious.

Whitney's presentation will be on her 5 years of guiding experience chasing King Salmon, Trout and Coho in SE Alaska with single hand & Spey rods for renowned outfitter Alaska West.

### Committee Heads

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## President's Message

It is already approaching the end of summer and the beginning of fall. This is a scary time this year, as water levels continue to drop in our lakes, rivers, and streams, where will all the fish go? It is hard to fathom this year's impact on our fisheries. We can only hope that the rains and snow in the mountains come soon.

As I write this, I'm thinking that I might have to cancel the Owyhee River outing in late September. A real good source (a friend that lives near there) has mentioned just last week that the Owyhee Reservoir is almost like Death Valley. There remains some water but only to try and save some of the resident fish in the lake and river. So stay tuned for more info on this topic.

We have had a great beginning to the signups for both Oarsmen and Anglers for this year's Steelhead Tournament. So if you are on the fence, you might want to make that call soon as spots fill up quickly.

The date is October 11th and starting at Tou Velle State Park. We are in need of some shuttle drivers, if you can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

As for me, my new job has really been exciting and challenging. I really look forward to this new challenge. My knee surgery has been pretty successful. I have been out in a couple of boats and I even braved wading in the Rogue last weekend. So life is pretty good at the moment. Pam and I might have a new fly fisher in the family this week. Our oldest daughter is about to give life to our next grandchild, so I'm off to see about a new fly rod for the baby. I have 2 already hanging in the 2 sibling's rooms, time for that 3rd one.

I hope you are all doing very well.

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.**

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**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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## Umpqua Valley Fly Fishing Club

Hello All Tyers, The Umpqua Valley Fly Fishing Club in Roseburg would like to invite you to be a guest tyer at our 6th Annual Fall Festival, on September 13, 2014 at the Glide Community Center on the North Umpqua Highway. Many of you have participated in the past; we appreciate your support, and want to continue the tradition. There is always room for new faces and ideas, we hope those of you who have not been able to come or who did not know about our festival will be able to join us for a couple of days. Our festival is for the tyers, a smaller more informal atmosphere will give you the opportunity to relax and visit with friends.

A definite highlight of the festival is the Friday Night Pot Luck-BBQ for the tyers/significant others, volunteers and vendors at Elsie Marchando's just down the road from the Community Center. Social hour starts at 5pm, dinner at 6- BBQ cooked to order this year. Dan Smaha, our fireside musician will be in Nebraska, but negotiations are in the works for a replacement.

The Community Center has added lighting along the walls, and I will reconfigure the table arrangement to accommodate more tyers and make sure that you have easy access to a power outlet. Saturday, doors will be open at 7am for Coffee, Breakfast Burritos and for you to get your stations set up. Advertised time is 9am-4pm but we did have some early birds last year. Morning sessions will run until 11:30ish, an hour and a half for lunch (including pie) and a guest speaker, with afternoon sessions from 1-4:00 pm. We plan on workshops in addition to the tying and casting.

This event is open to the public, turn-out varies, but this is an opportunity to introduce folks to the art of tying, to encourage the beginner tyer in a relaxed atmosphere and help the more experienced tyers learn new techniques. You can take a turn on the casting pond or abbreviated casting course, on your own or with a team. In addition to hosting a day for the tyers we are using this as an opportunity to raise funds for member and public education, service projects like tying and casting clinics for Vets and youth groups. Throughout the day there will be raffle items and several silent auction items. Last year we had about 10 vendors, Fishing rods, flies, vintage equipment, art, jewelry, wood carvings, and other handmade items.

Elsie has room for 10 self-contained RV's on her property, If you are interested in staying there contact:

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Elise at [elsie.marchando@yahoo.com](mailto:elsie.marchando@yahoo.com) 541-496-3979

Warren and I are 9 miles from Glide, on Cavitt Creek and have room for 2 trailers. For information on additional lodging in the area give me a call or e-mail and I'll send details.

If you know of others who may be interested, send me their contact information and I'll add them to my mailing list. Please respond with your time preference and if you will be attending the Potluck BBQ. I know plans can change, we are very flexible even to the last minute, but this will give me a general idea on how many to plan for.

Thanks so much for your interest,

Tresa Ronco

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## End of Dredging Season

There should be no dredges in the local water after August 31st.

The suction dredger activity has been a lot less in my watch area this summer as compared to last summer. I have seen less out of state license plates, less traffic, and less trash discarded along the adjacent roadways. Thank you Doc Bates. It is important to not assume the problem is solved because it is not. The Governor's Study Group is working toward proposed legislation that is supposed to be a long-term solution. It still has to be finalized and presented to the legislators and voted on and then signed by the governor. Sounds easy when you say it quickly but it usually is not.

Political climate is an important factor and it impacts all segments of our society. Many people want to politicize conservation issues and categorize them as conservative or liberal, but I will continue to consider that thinking to be misplaced. Do only liberals want clean water in our river and only conservatives want polluted water in the same river? Politicians whether they are conservative or liberal do not always fit into the categories that are defined by narrow thinkers. We have an election coming up and the politicians want our vote. Go to the meetings and ask the hard questions. Be smart and have a couple of questions prepared. Take several friends with you. The politicians want to limit the questions and use various means to do that. One meeting used lottery tickets and drew something like 12 tickets in a crowd of about 300 people. Remember that we need river friendly legislators and a friendly governor if the river is to stay clean enough for the fish to survive. You decide for yourself who that is and ask the hard questions.

Tom Collett



## Does Any One Else Remember This Stretch of the Rogue (Elk Picnic Ground)?

By Otis D. Swisher



Before I get to the topic of the title, I should like to thank Don Denman for his response with its corrections and additions to my article re: The Grapevine. Thanks Don. I hope that others will do likewise to this article.

Elk Picnic Ground is accessed by a long gravel driveway off Agate Road at about MP 3.5. It is signed and is at the south end of the wide-sweeping S-curve.

Bill Perl, son of Frank the Undertaker, introduced me to this stretch of the Rogue about 1955. We fished the stretch above the Buildings and Caretaker's Trailer house when the river poured towards a huge pile of dead trees, long since floated away. No fish that day.

The years of my guiding fly fishers produced fish from this upper stretch the entire 1/4 + mile of river; from the power lines down to the lowest end below the island. Some of the very best top water, bomber or waking fly fishing was opposite the Buildings and river Right. Its bank is rank with riparian growth.

This slower moving water flowed through a slot of good depth. It started about where a good flow of water returned to the river. It produced numerous large Cutthroat and Steelhead. Some RFF members may recall my story of having a "player" (i.e., a fish which repeatedly rose to my waking fly). After rising four times to 4 drifts, I changed to a larger bomber which I call my "whiskey bomber". Why? Because, I caught the steelhead on "The Fifth" try.

Just below this stiller water the river splits around a long narrow island. Opposite this split, river Left there was an old car body jammed against the bank. This place was called (what else?) Car Body Hole. It provided good fishing in the slot pouring down to it.

I might digress momentarily to say that at low water flow one can enter the river at the upper end of the Car Body slot; then, by wading to the center of the river, one can wade upstream and access the above-mentioned "Bomber Water". Look for the return water flow on the far bank.

The river below Car Body Hole was a long stretch of treacherous water flowing over bed rock which separated aggressive waders from timid ones; but, provided good slots which held fish.

At the lower end of the long narrow island, where the currents again converge the left 3/4 of the river held fish. And, at the joining of currents on river Right, the same. I am reminded of two incidents in this lower stretch: 1) I had fished this edge of currents below the island for 15 minutes. No fish. Son Stephen came down, joined me, and on his second or third cast got into a sizeable fish. Ah the pleasure of being outfished by one of your offspring. 2) Near mid-river, I was fishing from son Mark's boat with his client up front ( he liked a second person in the boat to help be a conversationalist, and because two rods may outfist just one so there is more action likely during the day.) I stepped back to brace myself against the gunnel, misjudged the distance, and did a backwards dive into shoulder deep water. Embarrassing for me. Mark had the material for an article "Dad fell out of my boat today."

One can fish this stretch of Elk Picnic Grounds as the last fishing of the day, and can then drift down to take-out at the gravel bar off North Tou Velle Road ( a key from ODFW is required for access). Warning: you may be drifting in the dark for nearly a mile.

I have not fished the Elk Picnic Grounds stretch of river for several years. Is it still prime fishing water for waders? I understand that from the present parking lot near the barn, Jackson County has provided access for the public on the driveway through the Picnic Area to the upper stretch of water I mentioned early in this article.

## **Whitney Gould casting class**

Following her presentation for the club, Whitney has graciously agreed to teach an all level Spey Casting class on Friday, September 19th. Class will be held from 10 am - 1 pm at Tou Velle State park on the Rogue River. This a great opportunity to learn from one of the most sought after instructors in the NW. Class fee is \$150 per person. At Whitney's encouragement 10% from the cost of the class will go to local conservation group Rogue Riverkeeper for their ongoing efforts on the Rogue. Space is limited to 5 participants. If you would like more info or to sign up, please contact The Ashland Fly Shop at 541 488 6454 or will@theashlandflyshop.com.

## **Fellow Flyfisher Paul Cook has passed away**

Hi everyone, Paul Cook passed away on August 3rd. He was an active member of SOFT and always helped out at the kids fly tying sessions that the RFF conducted and he donated lots of materials to those events. We will surely miss him, Dale Heath.

**Surrounded by his family, Paul Carlton Cook responded to God's call to Heaven as he left this world at 4:15 am on August 3, 2014.**

Paul was born May 15, 1937 in Huntington Park, CA to parents Edgar Wilkins Cook and Helen (Bacon) Cook Cohen. Paul attended elementary school in Bell, CA, later moving to Lynwood, CA where he attended high school. Paul met his future wife, Annette Harrison, while they were students at Lynwood High. They were married in June 1957. Their daughter, Debbie, was born in September 1958, followed fourteen months later by daughter Brenda, who was born in November 1959. A son, Carl, joined the family in March 1968.

In 1958, Paul applied for a position with the Downey Fire Department. During the oral interview, Paul was asked what achievement he was most proud of. Being young and inexperienced, the only thing he could come up with was that he had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Unknown to Paul, a member of the interview panel was the Regional Scoutmaster. Paul got the job. By age 27, Paul attained the rank of Fire Captain. Later in his career, he worked as a training officer, fire science instructor and as an arson investigator. One of his most memorable (and highly publicized) experiences was being the first unit on scene in response to the 911 call for the singer Karen Carpenter.

In 1970, Paul became a single father. It was during this time that he re-established his financial resources, purchasing income property, which proved to be a wise investment. Always a hard worker, he spent his days off as a landscape contractor, handyman, etc. Additionally, Paul served on the Downey Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of Toastmasters for 25 years. He was a fantastic ballroom dancer.

Paul's second chance at love came when he married Janet Strine in 1975. She was the perfect match for him. They traveled extensively and were socially active with their many friends. Paul retired from the Fire Department in 1987. Not long after, he accepted the Fire Chief's position at Allied Signal Corporation in Torrance, CA. Paul left that job in 1992. Now completely retired, and with children and grandchildren living in Oregon, Paul and Jan relocated to Medford in 1993. They built their dream home in East Medford, and enjoyed many wonderful years hosting friends and family. The party was always on at their house!

Paul found his greatest joy with his family. Whether it was attending a sports event, a musical performance, or other activities for the children and grandchildren, he was always there. He was the best Husband, Dad, and Grandpa that any family could hope for. He taught us how to swim, how to fix things, and how to be kind to each other. Among his many interests were public speaking, dancing, fly fishing (and fly tying), photography, and computers. He had many stories to share from his interesting life.

Although Paul suffered from chronic health issues later in his life, he maintained an upbeat and positive outlook. His favorite expression, I'm gonna live till I die, captured his ability to live in the moment and to be engaged with whatever was going on around him. He could find joy in life's simple pleasures. The family would like to express their thanks to all the medical providers involved in Paul's care, with particular thanks going to Renal Care Consultants/ Davita Dialysis Center, Rogue Regional Wound Care Clinic, Southern Oregon Orthopedics, and to the work group in 3 West at Rogue Regional Medical Center for making Paul's last days dignified and comfortable.

Paul is survived by his wife, Jan; his children, Debbie Cook Smith (Patrick), Brenda Cook Messmer (Clark), and Carl Cook (Christal); his grandchildren, Michelle Moore, Kimberly Moore, Madison Messmer, Dominic Cook, Kaylin Cook, Chase Cook, and Hannah Cook; and by granddaughters of his heart, Stephanie Smith and Jessica (Smith) Dougherty.

Services are planned for 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 11, 2104 at Perl Funeral Home, 2100 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford, OR 97504. In lieu of flowers, please honor Paul by making a donation to a charitable organization of your choice. He was all about giving back to the community.

**The September dinner meeting is on TUESDAY, the 16th!**

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## The Rogue Flyfishers Scholarship Awarded to Diana Forsberg



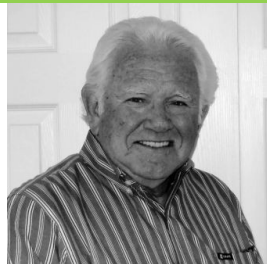
The Rogue Flyfishers award a scholarship each year to an outstanding student in the Fisheries Sciences program at Oregon State University. The scholarship program was started to promote individuals who we feel will go on to careers that will benefit the fisheries resources we so highly value. Diana Forsberg was selected to receive the \$1,500 scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year.

Diana is a senior at OSU, where, in spite of the demands of raising a young daughter, she has excelled academically earning a 3.95 GPA. Diana has worked for almost a year now as a seasonal employee for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Aquatic Inventories Project. Through this job, she has gained experience surveying the physical and biological characteristics of streams, entering data, preparing reports, and doing a variety of other activities. Prior to that, she worked as a Park Ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition to her school and work activities, Diana has also volunteered time to help her community. Her contributions included organizing an Earth Day Event. After she graduates, Diana hopes to get a job where she can promote sustainable natural resources management.

Diana is grateful for the financial help, and sent the Rogue Flyfishers the attached card and letter.

David Haight

**Gary Lewellyn, DMD**



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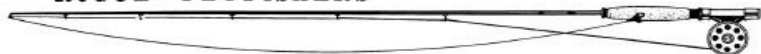
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**Rogue Flyfishers TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH dinner menu:**

Beef Tip Bourguignon served on a bed of Fettucini  
Sauteed seasonal vegetables  
Garden Salad with Dressing  
Rolls and butter  
Coffee, tea or decaf  
Chef's Choice Dessert

If you would like a specially prepared Vegan or Gluten Free Meal. Please contact Kellie at 541-776-4094 or kclmbr@msn.com by Sept. 12th if possible

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Applying, or renewing, as (check one): **Individual** \_\_\_ (\$35.00), **Family** \_\_\_ (\$45.00), or **Junior** \_\_\_ (under 18, \$5.00) Member.  
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**Renew in December for the following year.**

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If you do not want your e-mail address in the membership directory, check here ☐ **Member Federation of Fly Fishers?** Yes ☐ No ☐  
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