

Rogue Flyfishers

SEPTEMBER 2024

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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MEETING

Program

Jeff will discuss Guiding the Middle Rogue / Developing his own line of two hand rods / His Fly Fishing schools / and Rogue on the Fly 2024!



At eleven years of age, Jeff traded in his spinning rod for his first fly fishing outfit and started fishing many trout-filled streams in the Sierra Mountains. It was not long before fishing challenging gin-clear spring creeks, emerald green coastal steelhead rivers and fertile lakes all over the Western U.S. that Jeff realized fly fishing was more than just a sport. Jeff began fly tying commercially at 13 and started guiding fly fishermen on Northern California's waters as early as age 16. He has participated with the F.F.F. as a Certified Casting Instructor; both CI and THCI and was the 5th individual in the world to complete and pass the Double Handed Certification Test.

Jeff recently started his custom line of two handed spey rods for sale through his website. He possesses a true angling passion for steelhead on a spey rod, matching the hatch for spring creek trout and searching the tropical saltwater flats.



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Presidents Message

September 2024

Well a few months ago I was wondering if summer would ever come, and in typical fashion a few weeks ago I was done with the heat. So here we are moving into the fall. Kids are back in school, which means those summertime vacationers will be out of the way for us retired people. An uncrowded lake and campground are always better.

This time of year always reminds me of some lyrics from one of my favorite Rush songs, Time Stands Still, "Summers going fast nights growing colder, children growing up old friends growing older." I got to see an old friend and fishing buddy today, Dennis Stefani. I doubt any of you know him, but he helped me a lot in my early days of steelhead fishing on the smaller coastal streams in California. He also taught me the importance of standing up for steelhead and trying to protect them. Which brings me to another topic.

There is an upcoming marine board meeting on jetboats on the upper Rogue, and I would encourage any and all of you to attend in person, or through video call. I'm sure that written comments will be allowed as well if you can't attend the meeting. The recent jetboat accident in the Grants Pass area is a reminder of the dangers involved, and 2 bit riffle, where the accident happened, was one of the lower risk sites, out of the many "sites for concern". I'll have a blog post sent out when information on time and place are available. Right now there's a tentative date for October 2nd.

As summer winds down and things cool off get out there and go fishing. October is about the best month to fish for any species out there. Most importantly get out there and spend some time with a friend. None of us are getting any younger. I'm not sure if any of you heard or not, but Lani Waller passed away last week. Lani was a great steelheader and made the Scientific Angler Fly Fishing for Pacific Steelhead video series. He was also a big advocate for protecting anadromous fish. He got up and spoke at one of the Russian River Wild Steelhead Society meetings I attended about following some silvers up Lagunitas Creek and just watching them. He will be missed in the fly fishing world.

Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing you at the dinner this month, and more importantly at the auction in October.

John Pogue



Rogue Flyfisher's Meeting

The next club meeting is Wednesday September 18th at Centennial Golf Club

1900 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, 97504

Wet fly 5:30 – 6:30pm

Dinner and meeting at 7:15pm

Raffle to follow Program

BUFFET DINNER is \$25per person

Chicken Piccata, wild rice Pilaf, Ceasar Salad, Rolls, Dessert

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

RSVP's need to be in by Friday (September 13th) preceding the meeting.

Please email your RSVP to icrsrd303@gmail.com

(give your name and how many for dinner)

For those who cannot do email call (661)742-5835 afternoons only.

Pay when you arrive. We take cash or checks only.

Special dietary requests: email Steve Day at icrsrd303@gmail.com or call (661)742-5835 by Tuesday preceding the meeting

PROGRAM:

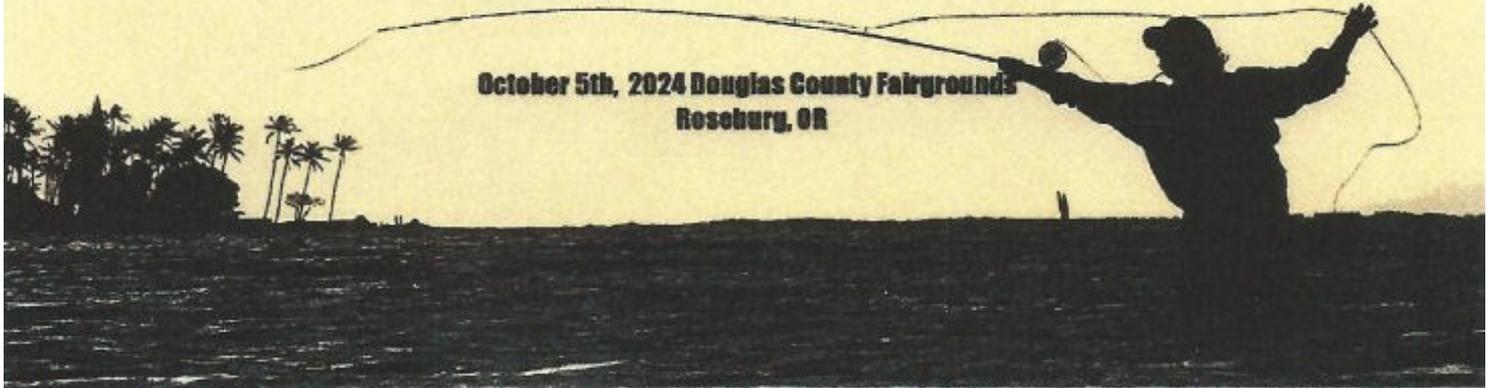
Jeff Putnam

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Southern Oregon Fly Tying & Fishing Expo

2024 Bug Launcher Classic Team Casting Championship

October 5th, 2024 Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg, OR



Eligibility: Fly Fishing Clubs, Industry Partners, and Fly Shops encouraged to send teams

Team Entry: two-person teams, \$50 team entry fee, limited to 24 teams

Preregistration required to: Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers, % Mike McCoy
P.O. Box 2374
Roseburg, OR 97470

Further Details: buglauncher.com mikemccoy@dcwisp.net, 541-517-5820



A Chance To:

- :: Test and celebrate skills of a sport we all love
- :: Enhance and develop a network of outdoor enthusiasts
- :: Discuss water/fish issues from around the region
- :: Enjoy a fly fishing expo on site ... PNW tyers gathering, raffles, silent auctions
- :: Fish local waters for an extended stay



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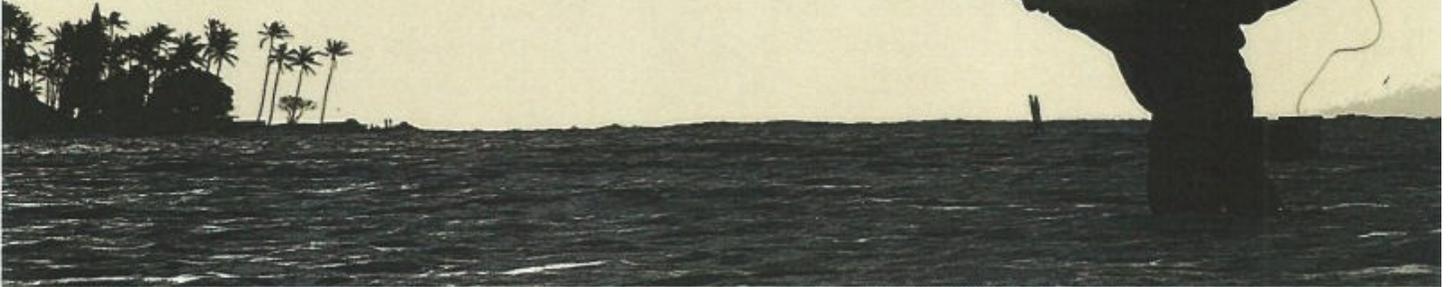


Southern Oregon Fly Tying & Fishing EXPO

Douglas County Fairgrounds

Roseburg, Oregon

October 5th, 2024 Saturday 9:00 to 4:00



Fly Tyers from OR, WA, CA, ID and NV

Team Casting Competition/Demos/Instruction

Raffles and Silent Auction

Exhibitors

Sponsors :

Acquisition In Process



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Info: Doug Myers, dmyers@flyfishingveterans.org or Mike McCoy, mikemccoy@dcwisp.net
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Financial Report – Tim Bolling

Through July of this year, the Rogue Flyfishers has given almost \$ 10500.00 to organizations in support of their various educational or conservation programs or paid directly for services related to the preservation and enhancement of our local waters! Organizations such as Rogue River Watershed Council, Oregon Stewardship, and Project Healing Waters are just some of those recipients of those funds. While a portion of the money donated has come as a result of direct grants, much of the money comes from one source – our AUCTION. Fully 70% of the net proceeds from our auction is dedicated to funding our grant programs so your support of the auction is critical for us to maintain our ability to continue to provide these much-needed funds.

In the August newsletter, I pointed out that the \$ 45.00 cost per person to attend the auction this year is a bargain compared to the cost of other similar fund-raisers. The \$ 45.00 though, won't even cover our total cost of the facility, caterer, and auctioneer, so your attendance and support is vital for our success. We are committed to Back Porch Bar and Grill to having a minimum of 100 people so please, make plans to attend the auction on October 12th and get your reservations in now!

Boat For Sale

Retired ODFW fishery biologist Galen DeShan, a lifetime member of our club is being moved into a care facility and his wife Roberta has donated his 1957 16' Calkins wooden boat to our club. The boat and motors were always well cared fore, always stored inside and well maintained. It has an older two stroke 25HP Evinrude and a 9.9HP Johnson kicker. It is fully fitted out with rod holders, a compass and fish finder. The manual for the 1991 Hummingbird 600 fish finder is included. A throw ring and 5 PFDs are on the boat. We will be selling the boat on Craigs List but are offering it to the membership first. If you are interested, make us an offer.

John MacDiarmid 541-840-0183

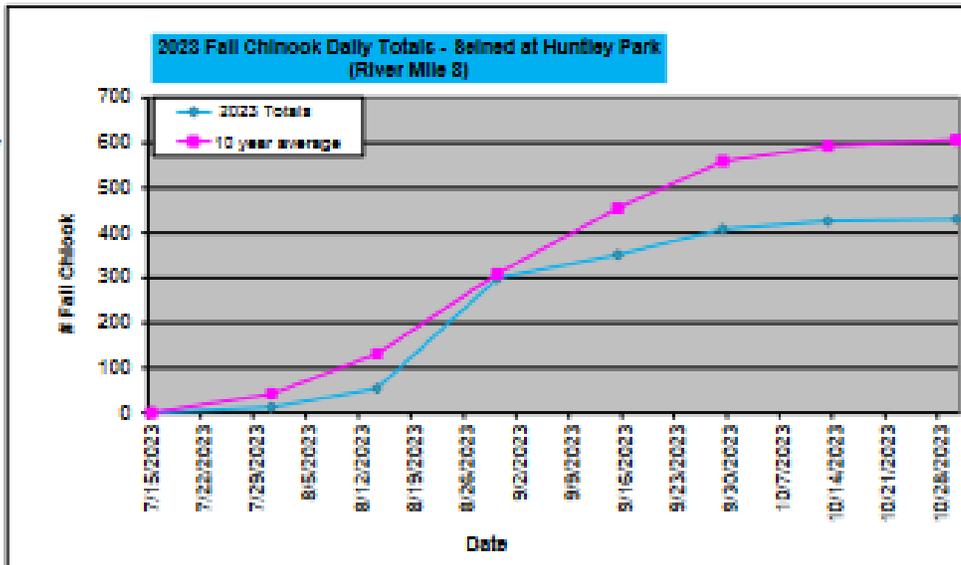
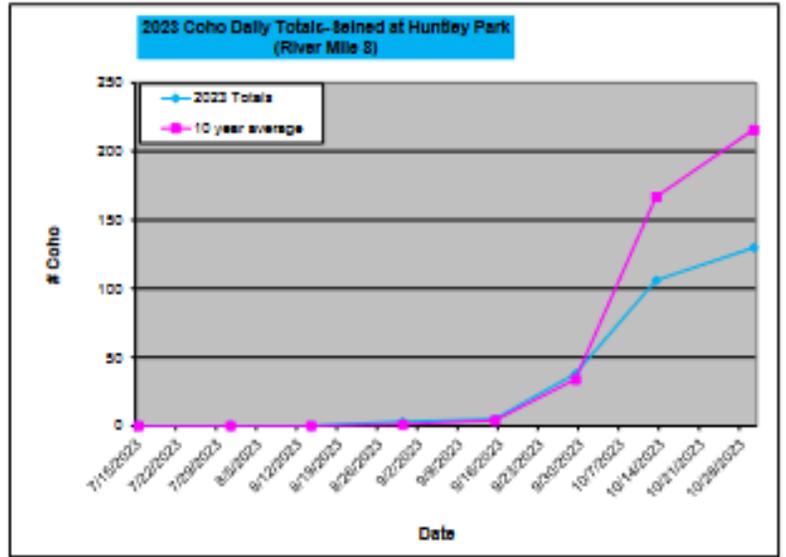
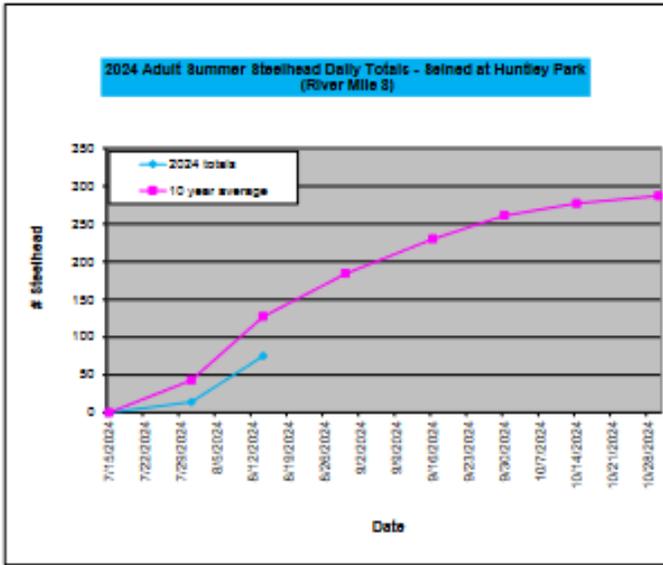


Report from the Owyhee River

After meeting up at Sportsman's at 7 am Iverson and I in one car loaded to the gills and Pogue in his new truck loaded up we headed out into a nice sunrise on our 9 hr. Drive to our cabin at Owyhee dam. Got unloaded in time to venture down to the powerline hole and slipped in along side several others. Several fish rising but hard to discern what they were sipping as no bug activity in the air. After talking to a few people we learned the size 22 midges were what was working though not very easily. Settled in with one of Pogue's homebrews and headed out in the morning. I was nymphing through a hole and Pogue was coming through behind me when he had a nice fish on. I netted a very nice brown for him and we marveled at the blue coloration along the gills and lateral line. Beautiful fish all of 20". I switched over to a streamer and finally had one on and had a very feisty rainbow to the net twice before it rolled and through the hook. Later the next day the wind came up and it got going well with all of us hooking fish in a short time. Then the wind changed direction which is what it does often in the canyon and they quit biting. One afternoon after we all just got back to the cabin a huge storm blew up, it came from directly over the dam and created a wind storm of incredible power. Dust from the recently burned hillside was horrible then came the rain. When it passed about 30 minutes later it left the biggest mess around the compound. Branches from cottonwoods were spread everywhere. Sure glad we weren't on the river when it hit so suddenly. Next morning Pogue had on a real hog until it through the hook. Then I netted a pretty 15" on a bugger. I walked up to the deadline and netted a brown. Did I mention how good we ate. Last evening out Iverson caught a hog rainbow. I was able to catch a fish on dry, nymph, and several on buggers. So a super good adventure to a amazing tail water which will only get better as the caddis and mayflies return.

Tight lines Kirk





Upcoming Schedule

Club Meeting 9/18, 10/16, 11/20
 Board Meeting 9/04, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4
 SOFT meeting 9/10, 10/8, 11/12
 Outings:
 Four Mile Lake Date to be determined
 Events:
 Auction 10/12
Check the Club Calendar for more information

Rogue Flyfishers Live Auction!

October 12, 2024

Doors open at 4:00 P.M.

Centennial Golf Club

1900 N. Phoenix Road

Medford

Dinner catered by Back Porch Bar & Grill

Marinated Tri-Tip, Lime Grilled Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna plus sides, salad, and bread

Tickets - \$ 45.00 each

Rffishers90@gmail.com for reservations

P.O. Box 4637 Medford, OR 97501

Auction Update

This month we have a meeting on September 18 at Centennial. Please do your darnedest to be there. The auction is just around the corner and it is fish or cut bait time. Volunteers met at the Lion's Center and we are putting together a great show. Over 100 items plus for the Bucket, Silent and Live auction. Gift certificates , rods and reels, local business contributions, hosted trips, lodging, food and much more. Plus Back Yard Barbecue. Start at 4:00 p.m. and wrap up at 9:00 pm., October 12, a Saturday.

What is critical is turnout. We need 100 plus folks to register, pay up and show up. Sooner is better. You can register using the RFF email link in the newsletter and get your names in. Then use PayPal or send a check to the club to finish the job. A two part process. Register and pay. No showing up at the door at last minute without those two steps taken care of. This is serious business if we want to continue our legacy as a club that supports each other and in the end supports like minded organizations and the next generation of fish and wildlife students. Do your part.

Steve Haskell Auction Chair

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Support Your Local Fly Fishing Resources

The Ashland Fly Shop	399 E. Main Street at Third, Ashland	541-488-6454
The Fishin' Hole	21873 Hwy 62, Shady Cove	541-878-4000
Rogue Fly Shop	941 SE 6th St, Grants Pass	541-476-0552
Rogue Valley Anglers	218 E. Main St., Medford	541-973-2988
Sportsman's Warehouse	1710 Delta Waters Road Medford	541-732-3700

Jim Ulm, Rogue River Steelhead and Trout Guide, (541) 973-6250 jimulm9@msn.com

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 _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

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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