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The cold winter months are upon us and the truly dedicated steelheaders now show their mettle as they endure the bad weather while seeking the elusive winter steelhead.



Although not a winter steelhead, club member Michael Gray, fishing with club member Robert Hodge who netted the fish, is justifiably proud of his bright 'chromer' catch.

**Dinner Reservations: E-mail - info@soff.org
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SPECIAL MENTION

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FROM THE BOARD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

Dave Grosjacques

Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations: A Summary

Many of the members of the Southern Oregon Fly Fishers chase winter steelhead, so a new fishing license for 2019 is something that needs to be purchased now. Any person who fishes for any species in Oregon should get a copy of the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations from their local sporting goods store as well. There are some changes for 2019 in the regulations, most notable of which is the option to get your license and tag electronically on your smartphone. Another change in our area is the reduction of the number of wild Steelhead that can be kept on the Rogue River. The regs booklet outlines those changes and all of the regulations that fishers need to be aware of in their fishing adventures for 2019.

The regs booklet starts out with license and tag information and prices. Long-time Oregon fishermen have seen several increases in license fees over the years. Some people I have talked to seem to think that license sales make up most of the ODFW budget. That is not true, license fees from hunting and fishing make up 28% of the total ODFW budget. Another point to be made here is that the State of Oregon receives Federal money from an excise tax on sporting goods. This funding source, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, provided almost 50 million dollars for our state in the 2015-2017 biennium. The amount

of money Oregon gets from this source depends on the number of fishing and hunting licenses sold. This program and other Federal programs provided 38% of the total ODFW budget in '15-'17. The dollars you spend buying your license result in matching funds for ODFW from the WSFR Program.

A member of SOFF who is out there in January fishing for winter steelhead must have a fishing license (\$41) and an Adult Combined Angling Tag (\$40.50). If a fisherman does not fish for salmon or steelhead, the Combined Angling Tag is not needed. Another option for



lake fishermen is the two-rod validation (\$24.50), which allows one to fish two rods in lakes. Other prices are for Senior and Pioneer licenses, disabled vets and uniformed service licenses and for the one-, two-, three-, and seven-day licenses.

The next section of the regs booklet is titled General Statewide Regulations. This part first deals with definitions. Look at the definitions of: Artificial Fly, Bobber and Fly-fishing to make sure your favorite fishing methods and set-up are legal. This section also includes a notice on the difference between Native Bull Trout and Introduced Brook Trout, for those who fish Eastern Oregon. For

the growing number of catch-and-release fishermen, there is a helpful section on page 15 that gives suggestions on hooks, removing hooks and reviving fish. On page 16 there is a definition of "wild fish", with some explanation of the term for regulations purposes. If you have friends or relatives who do not normally go fishing, there are four free fishing weekends in Oregon to introduce people to fishing without the expense of a license. Did you know that it is now illegal to use a drone when angling or to aid in angling? Also, for most gamefish it is illegal to fish except during daylight hours, which is defined as from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. This one applies to those of us who fly fish and like to hit that late evening hatch.

On page 21 of the regs booklet is a section that gives anglers information on the relatively new Aquatic Invasion Species Permit. This permit is required on all motorized and non-motorized boats that are 10 feet or longer. If you have a motorboat registration for a boat you own, this permit comes with the registration. In this section it also states that all boats must stop at inspection stations to have their boat inspected for invasive species from other states. One of these stations is often seen at the first rest area northbound on Interstate 5 near Ashland.

The angling zones and fish district

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ATTENTION!

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meet in the conference room of the

Tap Rock Restaurant

The next meeting is scheduled:

Jan. 8th at 6:00pm or

the second Tuesday of the month

All members welcome

PROGRAMS

Future Programs

Feb 19	Rick Hafele
Mar 19	Steve Day
Apr 16	Fly Tyers Night
May 21	Scott Richmond
June 18	Dr. Jerry Freilich
July 16	No Meeting
Aug 20	No Meeting
Sep 17	TBA

WHEN:

Jan. 15, 2019



TIMES:

5:30 PM

Social Hour and
Fly Tying Demo.

6:30 PM

Meeting

7:00 PM

Dinner and Program

WHERE:

Wild River Pub
533 NE F St. G.P.



Jack Trout - History of the McCloud Rainbow



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contacts map on page 24 shows how the ODFW manages fishing in Oregon by area. The closest and most used for us in the Grants Pass area are the Upper Rogue, South Coast, Umpqua and Klamath zones. The phone numbers given will connect you with ODFW offices in Central Point, Gold Beach, Roseburg or Klamath Falls for these zones we fish in Southern Oregon.

The rest of the regs booklet is divided into larger fishing zones, whose boundaries are defined in words and on maps. Ours is the Southwest Zone, which goes from Brookings to Reedport along the coast and includes all streams up to the crest of the Cascade Mountains. This Southwest Zone includes Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties. Special regulations for specific waters in the region are outlined in this section. The regs for the Rogue are a bit complex, read through them carefully. Also included are regs for popular SOFF fishing spots like Cow Creek, the Applegate River, the Williamson and Wood Rivers, Diamond and Lemolo Lakes and others.

So break in 2019 by going fishing! Get a regulations booklet and study it to make sure your fishing adventures are legal.



Jack Trout was born and raised in Portola California, Jack grew up fly fishing with his dad on Northern California rivers all his life. Known historian & fly fishing guide/outfitter for the past 25 years, we hope you enjoy his program on the McCloud Rainbow and it's entire history including the mysterious fishing clubs on the McCloud River and the Hearst Castle. This will not be just another program on trout porn, but a night to go back in time and learn about the hatcheries at Baird California and Clackamas, Oregon. as well as the distribution worldwide and nationwide of the McCloud river rainbow trout or as known back East as the "California Mountain Trout."

See rare books, diagrams and maps that go back to 1872 as well as photographs and Government reports I collected over the years, formally working at the clubs as a guide and a host. Learn about the the extirpated Bull Trout & never heard of before my research - Stone Trout, named after Livingston Stone that went extinct years ago but at one time was the most prolific trout that lived in the McCloud river.



CASTING ABOUT

Dave Roberts: Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Achievement Award Recipient

By Ed Morphis

Dave has lived a life dedicated to fly fishing and quality fly tying, spending much of his life encouraging all aspects of both. He began fishing early with his father and grandfather. His grandfather was an immigrant from Ireland, who was a professional fly tier. He taught Dave at an early age how to tie, and Dave soon joined in his grandfather's business. One fly shop for which the business supplied flies, was that of Ted Fay, on the northern Sacramento River. Dave later became known as "that Marine who ties flies for Ted Fay." He also qualified for membership in the British Fly Dressers' Guild. (To the best of our knowledge, this was in his teenage years, but it could have been earlier.)

Locally, in the Rogue Valley, Dave is a member of three clubs; Rogue Fly Fishers, which he presently serves as president, Southern Oregon Fly Fishers and Southern Oregon Fly Tiers. He is host of Senior Staff Fly Dressers' Guild, which meets in his "fly tying den," and consists of 6-12 members tying each Tuesday. There he stocks and supplies highest quality tying tools and materials at reasonable prices (when asked for). He has taught tying classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels for Rogue

Fly Fishers for many years. In addition to these, his local activities include maintaining an extensive library of books relating to fly fish-



Dave Roberts, 2018 Darwin Atkin Memorial Fly Tying Award winner, set up and tying at last year's fly tying fair in Albany

ing and fly tying, many of which are rare and out of print, and all of which he loans generously. He regularly donates flies he has tied (and who knows what else) to Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, any worthy cause of habitat, conservation (Water Watch) and so on.

With reference to the Oregon Council of the Fly Fishers International, Dave has served many years as representative and board member. He has been regular at their meetings and functioned in many aspects which would be better heralded by others, as we know of these only secondarily. He was chosen their Fly Tier of the Year, a few years back. He states as a matter of pride that

he has demonstrated every year of the North West Fly Tying Expo and Fair, since its beginning, and he often donates fly plates for the auction.

In regard to Dave's involvement with Fly Fishers International, beyond the Oregon Council, he has long been a Life Member of Fly Fishers International (formerly the Federation) and also of the Fly Tying Group since its inception. He served on the Board of Governors of the Fly Tying Group, and also as the Fly Tying Chair for demonstrations at the IFFF Fair for at least two years, where he worked to improve the

level of demonstrating at the fair (as he does in all his involvements). He was involved in the development of the Federation's Fly Tying Awards Program, and never misses an opportunity to encourage other tiers to engage themselves in the program. National involvement also includes many years of membership in the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild.

Congratulations, Dave!



BLUE-WING OLIVE

OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Winter Steelhead on the Oregon Coast

The Southern Oregon Fly Fishers will head to the Southern Oregon Coast for our January outing to fish for winter steelhead. January is a great time to head to the coast. While it is often cold and foggy here in the valley and the steelhead fishing in the middle Rogue is slow, the weather at the coast can be beautiful, and the winter steelhead fishery is in full swing.

The outing is scheduled for January 26 and 27. Due to the uncertainty of conditions on the coast during the winter, we will decide which streams to fish when we get closer to the date of the outing. The dates could even change if we get a storm that blows out all the streams. Consequently, anyone interested in attending the outing should send me



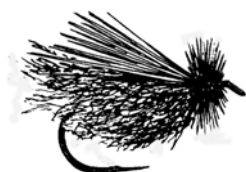
This is what the January Outing will be targeting; a chrome bright steelhead fresh from the ocean.

(David Haight) an email or leave a phone message, and I will send out detailed information once a decision is made. I will provide equipment recommendations at that time as well.

We plan to fish streams in the vicinity of Gold Beach. Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds in the area. You can find more information at www.goldbeach.org.

The Southern Oregon Coast offers a variety of fishing opportunities from nymphing pockets in small streams to swinging flies through long runs on the big river. Plus, the steelhead are big and chrome bright, with a lot of energy. This should make for a fun outing.

David Haight, Outing Chair,
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Beginning Fly Tying Class on Tap

By Kevin Daniels

Once again, the Southern Oregon Flyfishers will be presenting a beginning fly tying class with head instructor Kevin Daniels supported by Tom Corbiere, Cathy Hamilton, Bill Burns, John Smith, John Storfold, Dave Grosjacques and others.

The class will be taught at Grants Pass High School in room 137 in the Core Building.

There will be 10 classes on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 9pm, beginning on January 9 running thru March 13.

A variety of flies will be taught that will give the beginning fly tyer a good foundation for tying any style fly. SOFF supplies all materials and has loaner vises that will be available to students. Students will need to have their own scissors, thread bobbin, whip finisher and other little tools that will be discussed in class.

To sign up for the class, you need to go to the Grants Pass Parks and Recreation office. The cost is \$25 which is a tremendous bargain considering that \$25 doesn't even cover the cost of materials.

We offer this class in the spirit of promoting this wonderful passion we have for the art and science of fly fishing that our club stands for! If you are interested or know someone that is please have them contact me at (541) 660-8595 or the Grants Pass Parks and Recreation at (541) 471-6435.



2019 Outings

Jan 26-27	Winter steelhead on the Oregon Coast.
Feb 16	TBA
Mar 16	TBA
Apr 20	TBA
May 18	TBA
Jun 15	TBA
Jul 20	TBA
Aug 17	TBA
Sep 21	TBA

FLY TYING CORNER

Red White and Blue



- Hook:** Size #8-1, TMC 7999 or Alex Jackson
- Thread:** 8/0 Veevus or You Can Use 6/0 or 8/0 Denier Red.
- Tail:** Pheasant Tipetts dyed red.
- Body:** UV Pear Ice Dubbing.
- Hackle:** Blue Schlappen and Blue Big Eye Guinea.
- Wing:** White Buck Tail

Tying Instructions:

Pinch the barb and place the hook in the vice. Dress the hook with the thread back to just above the point of the hook. Tie in the tail. I should be even with the end of the bend in the hook. Dub the body of the hook up to the return of the hook allowing room for the hackle and the wing and a small head. Tie in the Schlappen by the tip. Fold the hackle while wrapping, 3-4 wraps and tie off. Add the guinea by the tips, 2-3 wraps and tie off. Now take a bunch of buck tail fibers clean out the under fur and stack. You want hair to reach just short of the end of the hook. Before tying in, measure and cut at an angle so you won't have to cut any after you tie it in. Create a smooth small head and whip finish. Head cement (tyer's choice)

The pattern is not unlike very many other flies but I just looked in my plethora of material not in use as to what can I tie a fly with that might be different. I thought also about red, white and blue. Being a vet I can't help myself. But in the process I came up with a fly that just might catch fish. Having just watch John Shewey's presentation last Tuesday, his approach is more about having confidence in your fly rather than the exact pattern or material. I have always stated that when the hook is your vice it is your right to tie what you want with what you want. So be adventurous and don't be afraid to tie a fly a little different from existing recipes.

Tight lines
Fly Tied By: John Storfold

John Storfold

Fly Tying Chair

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Membership Form

- Regular**.....\$35.00
- Family**.....\$45.00
- Youth**.....\$10.00
- Contributing**.....\$50.00
- Lifetime (Individual)**.....\$350.00
- Lifetime (Couple)**.....\$450.00

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CHANGING LINES

COMING EVENTS

- 1-8 Board Meeting.
 1-8 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
 1-9 Start of the Annual Fly tying Class at Grants Pass High School.
 1-15 Club Meeting with Jack Trout.
 1-26-27 Club Outing - Winter Steelhead on the Coast.
 2-5 Board Meeting.
 2-12 SOFT Fly Tyers, Madrone Mobile Home Park in Gold Hill.
 2-19 Club Meeting with Rick Hafele.

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the fishing license, the cost is \$41.00, then if you wish to fish for salmon or steelhead there is an added cost of \$40.50. If you wish to fish anywhere in the state particularly any rivers that flow into the Columbia River add another \$11.75 for a grand total of \$93.25. That \$93.25 is a hard rock to swallow for a lot of people living on a fixed income. I will admit that if you're 70 or older, the license fee goes down to \$27.00 from \$41.00 a savings of \$14.00 and if you purchase your Columbia River Basin Endorsement at the same time that you purchase your license, ODF&W will knock off \$2.00. The bottom line is that anyone over 70 will be paying \$77.25 just to fish. It seems to me that as one gets older, they'll probably fish less so it seems that the cost of the license could be reduce even more.

Look what's happening in California, whether it's the cost the license or whatever other factor, license sales have been plummeting and now they are looking for other areas of revenue. If Oregon keeps increasing their price for licenses, how long will it be before we see the same thing here?

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Meet Maxine McCormick
 15 year old World Champion of Fly Casting

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Albany, Oregon

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- All-Day Casting Demonstrations
- 85+ Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Classes
- 62 Vendors & 90+ Casting Classes

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 OREGON COUNCIL

2019 NW FLY TYER EXPO

One of the fly fishing highlights of the year is the annual Fly Fishers International Oregon Council's Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo. Over the years this event has become the primo fly fishing exhibition of the Pacific Northwest.

Originally established as a single day event promoting the art of fly tying it has now morphed into a fly fishing spectacu-

lar in which over 200 tyers demonstrate their prowess at the vise turning out excellent examples of the classic flies, together with constantly developed new flies using new and innovative materials as well as new techniques. Added to this, are the all day casting demonstrations, the various classes on fly fishing and fly tying and private casting instruction.



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Editor's Notebook

Well it's that time of the year again, the beginning of the New Year, that I bring out my newly minted resolutions. The problem is that those resolutions are the same every year. You know the type, fish more, tie more flies, lose weight and of late to make more of an effort to get to know people better. With the exception of making more of an effort to get to know people, the rest are just paid a little lip service to at the beginning of each year and quickly forgotten.

I had several friends and acquaintances pass away this year and without an exception in reflection they darn near could have been strangers as far as really knowing them. It seems that an obituary piece or in some cases a memorial of one's life is probably the only time that I really learn about someone's life. What a shame! The adventures or stories of a

lifetime lived would never be known.

As the years go by, and as one gets older, you realize that your friends are aging along with you and without getting too morbid; our time on this earth is becoming significantly shorter. And if one wants to know a friend better before the story ends, then a concerted effort needs to be made before the book of life closes.

Well I guess I did make a resolution of sorts and that is to get know people better so when a time of passing occurs, we'll no longer think of that person as a stranger, someone who has shared their life with us and in the process, made our life a little richer.

Did you see President Dave's article this month? It dealt with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's new rules and regulations. As the New Year was upon us, I was particularly interested in what the cost of a new fishing license would be.

First off let's say you need to be computer literate to get a fishing license as most licenses will now be issued and purchased either on one's cell phone or one's computer and that license will reside in either your cell phone or a printed hard copy that you have to print out yourself.

In reading the regulations on licensing, I noted that there would be vendors around that would still issue licenses, but if they were like the one I used for many years, I was told that I would have to go the cell phone or computer route, because they no longer would be issuing licenses.

Getting the license is fairly simple, but having to display it on your cell phone when out fishing if you don't have a hard copy is something else. I can just see dropping the phone in the water while fishing.

The next thing is the cost. For just

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