



MARLON RAMPY – REDBAND TROUT OF OREGON

Fly fishing in Oregon – a glorious sport in a beautiful state! In Marlon Rampy's new 2018 presentation "Redband Trout of Oregon", you will learn of the truly remarkable trout opportunities available in central Oregon's High Desert. Heading east from Oregon's Cascade Crest, you can still find wild redband trout that have survived the eons of time (over 70,000 years to be exact). The Oregon Outback offers up scenic, rich trout waters: the Crooked River, loaded with high fish counts; the Lower Deschutes River, spectacular fishing below soaring volcanic cliffs; the Metolius River, with its legendary four-month long golden stonefly hatches; the Donner and Blitzen, for a true wilderness experience. These, and many other impressive fisheries, will leave you with fly-fishing dreams that can easily come true.

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (fish up to 20 pounds!) are quietly swimming, finning and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes in Oregon's Dry Side. From the Klamath Basin all the way to Maupin, our May presenter, Marlon Rampy, will show us about this fantastic fly fishing playground. Marlon is originally from southwest Washington. The summer he was 10, Marlon visited relatives in Montana and, under the guise of working, he pursued his love of fly fishing on pretty streams around Bozeman. (Marlon learned quickly that fishing is much more enjoyable than baling hay.)

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RAFFLE ITEMS FOR MAY'S DINNER MEETING

First-
Redington Classic Trout 3 wt 8', six piece Travel Rod

Second-
Orvis Battenkill #2 3/4 wt Reel
or
Fly Shop C3LA 10 wt Reel with 2 spools

Third-
Patagonia CalTrout Backpack
or
Landing Net

Big Barrel:
One Dozen flies and box
Sun Gloves
Reel Pouch
CalTrout Neck Protector

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message comes to you from deep inside the Mayan jungle, four hours South of Cancun. The full story of this exotic trip will appear next month and will feature at least one "grip and grin" with a club member's name attached. The upcoming Club schedule perfectly defines the dramatic extremes of our sport. In less than a week I will have cast a 10 weight with huge weighted crab patterns to finicky permit in near gale force winds to attempting that perfect drift on Hot Creek with a 3 weight that feels like a tooth pick by comparison. It's hard to think of another sport that offers these dynamic extremes. It's important to convey this message to the ITFF graduating class of 2018. The basic skills we teach over four weeks can with practice be used to chase every fish that swims and eats. Fly fishing may not always be the most productive but with changing technology, the odds are shifting in favor of the determined fly caster. As I look back on a week of extreme saltwater fishing with its reliance on balance, core strength and keen eyesight, I encourage all of you to take advantage of this while youth, or what remains of it, is on your side.

As many of you know I write articles for Angling Trade, and my latest submission tackles the topic of people who expect free or highly discounted equipment from fly shops, sales reps or manufacturers. I argue that this is ultimately harmful to the sport and I encourage everyone to shop at their local fly shop. OK – I'm down from the soapbox, you can relax.



We are trying to fill a couple of Board positions. First (and most urgently) we need a NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Vicky Vargas is doing a great job but may soon have to leave us. We now have a newsletter template that needs only a "fill in the blanks" approach – no graphics manipulation required. We are also in need of a SECRETARY whose main task is to take and distribute notes at the (very stimulating) Board meetings. This is a voting position so you will have real chance to make a difference to your Club. Please call me if you feel you can fill either of these positions. The survival of the newsletter is at stake.

As always, I urge you to attend the dinner meetings – the quality of speaker presentations has been outstanding. Jim Fleisher, our Outings Chair, is currently looking for group leaders for the GSO. If you know a couple of spots and want to share them, give Jim a call or an email.

See you at the next dinner meeting, at Balboa Lake casting or perhaps on the water.

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

By: Jay Bushore, Membership Chair

The members of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers look forward to meeting you. We hope to get to know you better at the monthly Dinner Meetings, in our educational programs and on the water. SPFF always welcomes new members.

Members, please introduce yourselves to our new members at our monthly dinner meetings and make them feel welcome!

Frank Ruger
Todd Jones
Robin Brigham
Michael Bowden
Hank Overton

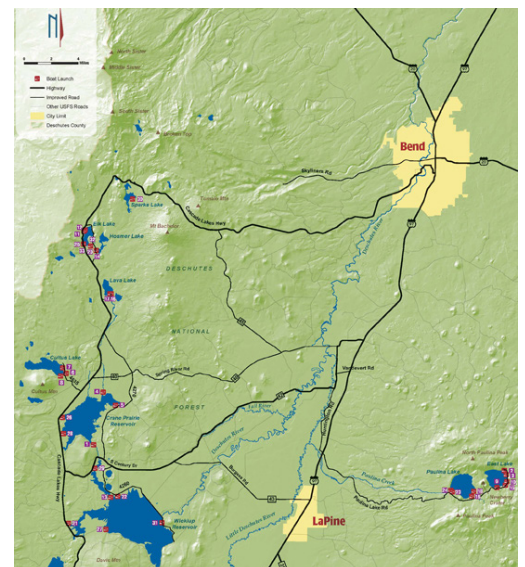
MARLON RAMPY – SPEAKER PROFILE (cont.)

After high school, Marlon attended Lee University in Tennessee where he discovered new trout water in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Graduation from college brought opportunities for exciting fishing in eastern North Carolina, where Marlon had moved to begin a job. There he learned about the fun of fly fishing saltwater for stripers and blues, super aggressive fish that represented a big change from freshwater trout. But trout were still his first love.

So, in 1991, Marlon returned to the Northwest to reacquaint himself with the beautiful trout and steelhead streams of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington. Through his experiences in the Southeast, he had learned to appreciate the natural beauty of central and southern Oregon. With a desire to become an outstanding fly fishing guide, Marlon started working at McKenzie Outfitters Fly Shop in Medford, Oregon teaching students to cast, tie flies and fish the local streams. Today, Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for more than two decades and, from all testimonials (many from our own members), has achieved his goal of becoming an outstanding guide. He has fished for Rogue steelhead and the trophy trout throughout the Klamath Basin. For twenty-two years Marlon has been working with the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the Williamson. (This river is Marlon's choice for challenging fishing and rewards of truly sizable fish.) Situated within 45 minutes of Crater Lake National Park, the Lodge is also near a major flyway and the Klamath National Wildlife Preserve, where multitudes of birdlife are in abundant evidence.

A highly accomplished professional photographer, Marlon's work is found in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, CATCH webzine, Flyfishing and Tying Journal and many Amato Publications. He practices catch and release fishing techniques, recognizing that the native Columbia Basin and the Great Basin redband trout are a limited resource and more than worthy of this practice. Marlon's presentation is a multi-media composition with plenty of photos, sound, scenery, music and yes, even some lovely fish. He will take us on a detailed journey through central Oregon and beyond, learning about some of Oregon's best native trout waters. This is an evening brimming with stunning images that will help us pinpoint an exciting new adventure to Oregon's Dry Side.

Since its inception in 1995, Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing, has steadily gained a dedicated and popular following as a quality fly-fishing experience. For more information, go to: www.flyfishoregon.com.



PESCA MAYA 2018

By Smoother Smyth

Marshall has been organizing the Pesca Maya trip for about 20 years. I came onboard in 2014 and on April 14th embarked on my 5th expedition. We elected to go from Saturday to Saturday which secured us six full days of fishing. This year we had a very good mix of anglers. Apart from Marshall and myself we were joined by veterans Aran and Donald Dokovna, Bruce Altrock and Bob Yokoi. Tim Bartley, a Mammoth resident, also joined us after taking a five year hiatus. Our new club recruits were Mike Hembre and Kevin Radanovich.

Everyone made it on the same Southwest flight from LAX to Cancun and we were quickly through Mexican customs and on to the awaiting shuttle van with great efficiency. It was nice to arrive at the lodge to be greeted by the same familiar staff that we have got to know so well over the years. There was barely enough time to have dinner and get the rods set up for the morning before hitting the sack.

Our Sunday started out overcast and the forecast was for some unsettled weather for a day or two. And unsettled it was. A terrific

thunderstorm hit the bay and chased most of the boats to shelter under the highway bridge at Boca Paila. Monday was a little unsettled but by Tuesday we were able to cross the bay to a broader variety of fishing locations. Tuesday also included an evening of bone fishing in Paradise Bay.

Over the years we have got to know the fishing guides well and positive relationships have developed. I find that humor is the great equalizer and sitting together with the guides at lunch breaks down barriers. The guides continually put us all onto some great fish and it was then up to us to bring them to the boat. When it comes to who caught what a photo tells a best story. Talking of stories - at the end of the week Kevin clearly won the Grand Slam of storytelling. Each evening we got to hear about both the one that got away and the one that was landed. It was great to see new club members enjoying Pesca Maya for the first time. I hope to see Mike the Bone and Kevin (totally) Radanovich on future trips to Ascension Bay.

It cannot go without saying thanks to Marshall, who swims with dolphins, for the hard work he puts in to make this trip so much fun.



SPFF Clothing Embroidery

CLOTHING EMBROIDERY

We have two sources available for getting this SPFF artwork embroidered on shirts, hats, jackets, etc.



They are Cabela's & Pirate's Lair

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4. Download the desired file(s)

THE LOST BOYS

By Kevin Randanovich

When I was just starting a new career as a contractor. I was lucky enough to have a wood Sense' named William O'fallan. Or Wild Bill as he was known in his younger days. Eventually Bill revealed that he loved to fly fish and every few years would make a pilgrimage to a place in Idaho to smoke Cuban cigars, tell lies, and also fish with a group of old friends who called themselves The Lost Boys. An eclectic group of fly fishers, guides, filmmakers, writers and artists.

The name came about from the river where they all met. The Big Lost River near Mackay Idaho. The Big Lost gets it's name because as it flows southward out of the Mackay reservoir it disappears 100+ miles south near a historic monument called Craters of The Moon (an ancient lava field with a labyrinth of underground caves). Almost all of the land around the upper drainage is private with one or two public access spots that in high water times are neither public nor private access. You can imagine with this amount of "private land only" access how spectacular the fishing is. And believe me it is!

Of course nothing is perfect and The Big Lost is no exception. Most of the private land is Ranch land and during the summer months the flows from the Mackay reservoir are turned up to irrigate land and water cattle. So, that leaves spring and Fall. It almost seems as if the fish save it all up for those two times of the year when the hatches and fishing are literally the stuff of legend.

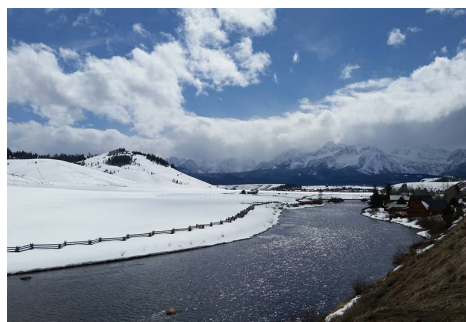
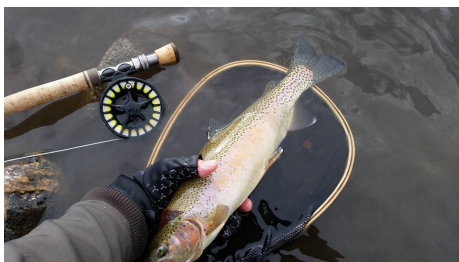
So after a few quick casting lessons on his front lawn Bill invited me to take a road trip with him to Mackay and The Big Lost. When we got there I really had no idea what to expect. We turned off of the highway onto a dirt road passed through at least two cattle gates and ended up at Dick Dahlgren's log cabin on the banks of the The Big Lost river. The scene is right out of the Orvis catalogue, stunning does not do it justice.

I got a crash course in "Dry fly only" fishing as it was heavily frowned upon to disgrace these beautiful fish with nymph fishing. "You might as well use a worm and a bobber"

Bill glared. He then handed me a Palomar midge and instructed me to fish it as a wet fly. If you use a Goddammed indicator I'll "fix" your rod for you. Of course that meant that he would "break" my rod for me. I mentioned his nickname was Wild Bill, right? For me these were probably the best conditions in which to learn to dry fly fish. Because you could literally not, not catch a fish here if you could somehow manage to get your fly to the water. I learned to read seams, pools and lies where fish hold. It was great and I was hooked!

The original Lost Boys, were all artists of one discipline or another. Among whom a painter Carl Ramsey (now deceased) Painted some of the original posters for movies in the seventies and eighties before everything was done on a computer. He painted the posters for Beetlejuice, Return of The Living dead among others one of who's paintings hangs at The Fishermen's Spot. Bill, whom I mentioned was a cabinet maker by trade but made beautiful Craftsmen sconces some of which hang at my own home. Leland an Orvis rep in Washington state and others. I feel very lucky to have been able to fish with these gentlemen at what felt like the end of an era maybe a decade ago.

I wanted to try to relive some of what stoked my early fire for Fly Fishing and tried to get Bill to join me from his home near Sand Point Idaho. Sadly he couldn't make it do to health reasons. I was determined to make my own pilgrimage to see if it was still like it was and luckily my fishing buddy Richard Plunkette agreed to make a trip out to The Lost and The Big Wood river at Katchum in March and did we ever have an incredible experience. We caught big bows every day and a few western slope Cuts and Cutbows. We then heard there were Steelhead showing up in the upper Salmon river and made a day trip up through the pass to swing for the fences but were probably a day or two, too early. All in all it was better than either of us had hoped. As you can probably tell by our ear to ear smiles in the pictures. One thing is for sure, we'll be back...



EDITOR'S NOTICE!

Hello Fly Paper readers! This is your editor Vicky Vargas writing to ask a favor of you all.

This month, we were in somewhat of a bind in trying to find content for our newsletter. With the help of Marshall Bisset, Smoother Smyth, and Kevin Randanovich we were able to fill up these eight wonderful pages.

However, so as to not repeat this situation next month, I just ask that those of you who have photos or articles you would like to be put in the Fly Paper to submit them!

You can send anything you would like to be placed in future newsletters via email to news@spff.org.

I look forward to seeing all of your submissions!

SPFF EVENT CALENDAR

May 2018

PHW Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	5
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	17
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	19
Memorial Day	28

June 2018

Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	2
PHW Vets	7
Board Meeting	7
Hot Creek Ranch weekend.....	8 -11
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	16
Rush Creek Cleanup	16
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	21

July 2018

Independence Day	4
Board Meeting	5
PHW Vets	5
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	7
Dinner Meeting @ Wilderness.....	17
PHW Vets	19
GSO - Getting Started Outing.....	20-22
SWC Quarterly Meeting.....	2

August 2018

PHW Vets	2
Board Meeting	2
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	4
FFI Fly Fishing Faire.....	7-11
PHW Vets	6
Casting Clinic @ Lake Balboa	18
Annual Family Picnic	TBA

NEXT DINNER MEETING

Thursday May 17
Monterey At Encino 16821 Burbank
Blvd Encino, CA 91436

MENU

Entrée:

Caesar Salad, Chicken Cacciatore
or Grilled Salmon
Served with Grilled Veggies and
Mashed Potatoes

Dessert:

Hot Fudge Sundaes

Cocktails at 6:00 / Dinner 7:00

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