



TIGHTLINES



A bright blanket of stars, the Aurora Borealis, and a cozy tent lodge on the sandy scrubland above Lenice Lake. A perfect spot to make dinner for 40 friends. —Photo by Capt. Larry Roxby. Story on Page 3.

Sale honors Eli at April meeting.

Eli Perlman left the club a significant collection of fly fishing equipment. Tying tools, hooks, books, materials, rods reels lines and more are all included in his gift.

The most important pieces, like his Renzetti vise, will be included in our annual auction in December. But a number of other items will be available for members to peruse and purchase at our regular meeting April 9th. As you would expect from a meticulous craftsman, Eli took very good care of his equipment and most of it is in excellent condition.

All proceeds from this sale will go into the club's general fund to be used for conservation projects and the benefit of all members. You won't want to miss this meeting. And don't forget to bring your checkbook.

Calendar

April 9: Steve Worley, Worley Bugger Fly Shop, Ellensburg, to speak on fishing the upper Yakima.

April 23: Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Alf's on 196th, Lynnwood.

April 11: Lone Lake outing hosted by Steve Murray, 360-422-7335 and Norm Primc 425-481-1653.



Fisheries Biologist Jeff Korth shares his knowledge along with a few of his hot spots at March meeting.



Jeff Korth

It's always a pleasure to see WDFW Region 2 Biologist Jeff Korth and his colleague Bob Jateff at this time of year because it means the Eastside ice is melting and the fishing season will soon begin in earnest. This year, Bob wasn't able to make it but Jeff did and he had all of us salivating for some big fish action on the other side of the mountains this year.

"You guys have always been welcoming," Jeff said. He wasn't exactly sure how many years he's been making the trek across to meet with OFF but he did note that he started "more than two bosses ago" and added "That's at least longer than my first marriage went."

Because of the heavy snow pack this past winter, Jeff expects that many of the smaller northern lakes in the Region had fish kill. And even with the installation of the aerator at Big Twin he expects some winter kill in both Big and Little Twin.

He suggested taking a shot at Rocky Ford. "It's fishing well this year but I'd recommend heading to the lower end where you won't be fighting a lot of people."

Korth is considering making Pillar and Widgeon Lakes selective fisheries because that might bring more fly fishermen to them and, in turn, help slow down the problem of bird predation from Cormorants and Mergansers. "They can really clean out a plant of fingerlings," he said.

He strongly suggested making a note to visit Blue and Park Lakes (near Dry Falls) in about three to four years. They were both rehabbed in 2006 and planted with brown trout last May (15,000 between the two of them). If you're looking for diversity, Jeff recommends Patterson, near Winthrop. It's open year round and holds rainbow and tiger trout as well as yellow perch and walleye.

As we mentioned, Bob Jateff wasn't

able to join Jeff this year, but did provide us with some of his picks.

He thinks the Methow will be excellent for resident rainbow and cutthroat and also suggests catch and release sections of the Twisp and Chewuch Rivers. He likes the Okanogan River for smallmouth and Boulder Creek, a tributary of the Chewuch, near Winthrop, for eastern brook trout and cutthroat.

Both Korth and Jateff are enthusiastic about last year's rehab at Chopaka (fly fishing only) and the current planting schedule which will include diploids. The diploids are being provided by donations from the FFF and area fly clubs, including OFF which donated \$300.

The diploids reproduce (unlike triploids which are sterile) and in the meantime provide some excellent angling for 1 to 2 pound rainbow. **DS.**



Jim Hagy ponders Eastside options with help from Region 2 Biologist Jeff Korth. — Photos by Dick Simmons

JUST A REMINDER: IF YOU PLAN TO FISH IN APRIL, YOUR 2007 FISHING LICENSE EXPIRED ON MARCH 31.



The Fly Fishing Life



Capt. Larry Roxby's Lenice Lake tent lodge.

—Photos by Jim Hagy

Something unique happened at Lenice Lake in March and it drew a crowd that one WDFW employee said was the biggest he'd ever seen their.

No, it wasn't a mega damsel hatch. Instead, it was a carpeted 14 x 40 foot tent lodge decorated with trophy skins, bamboo rods, and memories collected from a long career in the merchant marine.

It was Capt. Larry Roxby's fourth annual Lenice Fish-Out and dinner. This year, he and his wife made dinner for 40.

"The fish-out was a lot of fun," Roxby said. "Many friendships were started and some re-kindled. The seafood chowder was a hit, as was the lamb and Guinness stew. We had a small keg of



Capt. Larry

home-brewed brown ale that washed it all down nicely and the weather was serene."

Mike Truax, Jim Hagy, Randy Sobczak and Buzz Burgett were among the 40 at dinner. "Capt. Larry simply enjoys people," said Mike. "And that pretty much says it all."



left, Mike Truax prepares to launch (and later land an 18" bow.) Right, Randy, Mike and Buzz enjoy a wee drop before dinner.



Worley to Explore Upper Yakima at April Meeting.

Many westside anglers hop on I-90 and head straight for the Yakima Canyon. Along the way they pass up some of the River's best water. You can find out what they're missing on April 9th.

A winter day on the upper Yakima River.

— Photo by Dick Simmons

At our general meeting, Steve Worley of the Worley Bugger Fly Shop, in Ellensburg will unravel some of the mysteries of the upper river. This is a part of the river that has fewer fish per mile but makes up for it with some of the most interesting and wadeable water on the Yakima.



The OFF Beat

NEW MEMBERS



Bruce Johnson Rolf Mogsten
Welcome!

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT BIG TWIN OUTING.

The Big Twin outing is scheduled for May 2 - 4. Dan Reynolds is host and recommends that if you're going to do any kind of camping at this outing you need to call Big Twin Lake Campground at 509-996-2650 to make your reservation and be sure to ask for Area A. Also tell them you're with the Olympic Fly Fishers. Steve Murray has already reserved a couple of spots so you might also check with him at 360-422-7335. You can get all the info on the resort at: www.methownet.com/bigtwin

JIM MELNICK TO CHAIR ANNUAL AUCTION.

Jim Melnick has volunteered to chair the club's annual Christmas Auction. While many hands are required to make our auction



A little wind, a little cold, no problem for Joe Conner, Les Jones and your's truly on the Yakima during our recent cold spell. (Actually, it was windy as hell, cold as hell and all the fish must have gone to hell because they weren't in the river. But as Joe said philosophically, "Hey, that's fishin'.")

a success, it's the chairman who has the critical job of coordination. Jim was strategic last year in working to get donations from manufacturers. If you'd like to pitch in and help Jim with this year's effort, he can certainly use it. Call him at 425-379-9681.

CLUB DONATES \$500 TO WESTERN RIVERS.

Conservation Chairman Mike Truax reports that \$500 has been donated to Western Rivers Conservancy.

WRC is headquartered in Portland and is committed to protecting river ecosystems throughout the Western United States.

You can learn more about the excellent work WRC is doing, both in the region and in Washington State, by going to: <http://www.westernrivers.org/pages/main1.html>

LAWSON TO SPEAK.

Vice-president Dick Hedges reports that author Mike Lawson will speak to the club in October or November. Mike is author of a recent book on "Spring Creeks," which is a subject that hasn't been

covered at any meetings in recent years.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Our new club calendar will be available at the April meeting. It includes dates for all club activities (we're aware of) from now through December.

See you on the river — Dick



General Information

The General meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the South County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave., Edmonds, WA. Social hour: 6:00 p.m.

The Business meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Alf's 4820 196th SW, Lynnwood, WA. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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