



TIGHTLINES



Record turnout for club picnic.

At least 40 OFF members descended on Gene Anthony's backyard last month for the club's annual picnic and, first ever, swap meet. It was the biggest turnout in recent history for a club picnic.

One long time member said he hadn't seen that many guys at a picnic ever. With the able assistance of Steve Murray, Gene kept the burgers coming. The hungry crowd finished off about 60 of them along with a couple of mini kegs of local microbrew and a few bottles of wine.

Since OFF doesn't have a regular meeting in July it was great to see the guys and catch up on where they'd been fishing over the summer and where they were planning to go during the next few weeks into Fall. There

See PICNIC photos on next page

AS SUMMER TURNS TO AUTUMN — What more can you ask for than a crisp morning on the Quilcene River just after a good rain? Jeff Bandy has the answer. Along with Dan and David Reynolds, Jeff fished the Q in late August for silvers. As Dan put it, "These fish tend to be very closed mouthed and we put in six hours of hard fishing to get them. We missed a few hits, broke off a couple and had some just come off or be foul hooked. It was my best day ever on this river. We all got our two fish limit."

—Dan Reynolds Photo

Mike Lawson program open to the public.

Noted fly fishing author and spring creek maven Mike Lawson will discuss nymphing strategies "Top to Bottom" at our October 10th meeting.

Mike is well known throughout the fly fishing community and the club will open the meeting to the public with advance registration. Price of admission is still to be determined.

This would be a great time to invite someone you know to join us. Dick Hedges is coordinating the event and can provide more detail. His numbers are 425-337-9070 home, 206-650-8729 cell.

September Calendar

9/10: General meeting. Our guest speaker will be Shannon Carroll, a guide for Emerald Water Anglers, who will speak on fly fishing opportunities and tactics along the beaches of Puget Sound.

9/24: Business meeting at Alf's.

Outings: None scheduled for September. In October, Mike Truax will lead an outing to the Okanogan. Details at the September meeting.



“PICNIC” cont.
were more than enough fish stories to go around. Way more.

The swap meet turned out to be a pretty good idea, too. Rods, reels, books, float tubes, nets, boots, clothing and even a box of free fly tying materials were among the 30 or 40 items members brought along to swap or sell.

The club paid for all the food and drink. And Norm Primc once again found some excellent prizes for the raffle. Great weather, great food, great camaraderie — everyone had a fine time, including a couple of guys on Harley-Davidson motorcycles who were biking up the Coast from California. It doesn't get much better than that.



Clockwise from the top: Perry Barth explains his “bucket” plan to a rapt audience. Blair Scarth looks on as Gene and Steve man the grill. Keith Stamm checks out the swap meet. Joe Conner & Scott McCracken hear about Doug Pendleton’s guiding adventures. Bud Camandona takes notes as Eric Sauer demos his ice fishing technique using a beer cup.

—Dick Simmons Photos



The Fly Fishing Life



Recently, Stewart Scham returned from Norway where he had the opportunity to fish the Country's longest river, the 371 mile River Glomma. The Glomma's drainage basin accounts for 13% of Norway's area. The river has good populations of grayling, trout, white fish and pike.

"There were a lot more Grayling than trout where we fished," said Stewart, "but we had fun and enjoyed trying some new patterns."



November 7th: A good day to get chummy with a friend at Chico.

Dan Reynolds and Norm Prime are once again leading the charge to Chico Creek. And that, of course, means Chums.

Last year everyone was complaining about how tired they were from fighting all those big Chum at Chico (cry me a river) so we suggest you start your weight lifting program now.

There are some special requirements for this trip, including permission from some folks that live nearby. Get details from Dan Reynolds 425-673-7028 or Norm Prime 425-481-1653

Recommended Equipment: A #8 wt is good but anything from a #7 to #10 wt is ok. A floating or clear line work best as the water is not very deep. Small flies work fine and you avoid sagging fish with smaller hook sizes.

Directions will be available on-line and in the October Tightlines.





The OFF Beat

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Jim Melnick's auction update

How can you help our club continue to support worthy conservation and education activities? Since our annual auction is our club's largest source of income, you can easily see that if we have a good auction in 2008, then we can support more activities and organizations in 2009.

In only four months, our primary income raising event will take place. The auction is open to all members and guests. Guests are strongly encouraged and members should bring anyone interested in fly fishing equipment, trips and collectibles.

We also need your support in the way of donations. Think of our auction as an elite garage sale. There will an opportunity to bid for unusual and valuable stuff. Please help us get this stuff.

We will accept any new or slightly used (but in good condition) gear. In the past, many of our members have donated guided trips and also wonderful works of art. These donations brought in a good deal of money for the club and also gave the successful bidder many fond memories for the rest of his life.

I can only say this again. The auction brings in the money we need to operate the club and pay for conservation projects and contributions to worthy causes.

—We need your donated items.
—We need your attendance.

—We need your money (if you can't come send in a check).
—We need you to bring guests who want some fun and maybe a bargain or two.

Please come and see any of the Auction Committee members (Jim Melnick, Phil Sacks, Terry Zietner, Rolf Mogster or Bruce Johnson) at the September club meeting. We can talk about what you can do to help support our club.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT CONSERVATION.

OFF is a member of the Western Rivers Conservancy and recently donated money to the organization. OFF is listed as a financial sponsor on WRC web page labeled "Support Us."

Conservation Chairman Mike Truax reports that the Conservancy has some excellent projects underway in Washington State, most noticeably on the Hoh River over on the Peninsula. You can



find out more about on-going and upcoming projects at:

<http://www.westernrivers.org/pages/main4.html>

We will have the WRC link on the OFF web soon.

CLASSIFIED AD

Phil and Dorothy Sacks are downsizing from a house to a condo and need to sell a tent trailer and a boat.

1. 10 foot Coleman tent trailer with propane tank, battery, porta potty, and assorted camping stuff: \$2,200.00
2. Smith brothers 10 ft. Pram with oars, anchors, and life jackets: \$800.00. Take both: \$2,700.

Phil Sacks 425-741-7311

OFF has some excellent speakers and outings in the works for Fall and it will all be topped off with another outstanding auction in December. Thanks again for supporting your club and sending along those stories and photos that make this fly fishing club unique (to say the least).

—See you on the water, DS



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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