

TIGHTLINES



THE FALLEN NURSE TREES that once nurtured these Hoh Rain Forest spruce have long rotted away. But you still see their imprints in these roots that spread out around the ghosts of ancient trunks. Will the human imprint in the Hoh River Valley be as gentle? For the Hoh River Trust, the answer is a resounding "YES!"
Photo courtesy of Hoh River Trust. Copyright by Keith Lazelle.

Thinking long term? How about the Hoh River Valley in 200 years.

In recent years we've had an excellent array of guest speakers. They've shown us some great places to fish, taught us new strategies and tactics, introduced us to killer flies and shared good stories.

Increasingly, they've also shared their concerns about the environment and the threats they see to the future of the sport we love.

Our February guests, Bob Elder, of the Western Rivers Conservancy, and Phil Davis, of the Hoh River Trust, have their share of concerns, but here's the good news: they're doing something about it!

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"BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!" —SEE PAGE 3.

Ray Gould FCI KFE gives us a "glimpse" at his latest book.



Keith Stamm in Idaho.

When Ray Gould's new book *Fly Fishing for Kamloops* finally reaches bookstores, it's destined to be a best seller. Especially among fly fishermen who've had the good fortune to hook up with one of these amazing rainbows.

The specific release date is still uncertain, (*Frank Amato Publishing says sometime in late 2009*), but Ray offered us some tantalizing insights into his book at our recent meeting.

It will include detailed information about British Columbia's 26 best Kamloops Trout lakes, tying instructions for the best Kamloops flies and Ray's own
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March Calendar

3/11: General Meeting. Sam Saprunoff, B.C. guide and fly tyer will demo patterns and speak on techniques and what lakes to use them on in British Columbia's interior.

3/25: Business Meeting. At Alf's in Lynnwood.

3/21: Outing. Lake Lenice hosted by Capt. Larry Roxby 206-362-5856.

3/28: Outing. Puget Sound beach fishing hosted by Roy Dunbar 206-238-1996.

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As many of us know, the Western Rivers Conservancy has played a major role in preserving a large number of pristine wilderness, and threatened, areas throughout the United State. They do it in the most practical way possible. They buy them.

As Director of Major Gifts, Bob Elder plays a vital role in generating the donations that make the WRC's work possible.

"We work with willing land owners and we don't try to manage the lands we acquire from far away," says Elder. "We convey the land to the best stewards.

The Hoh River Trust and its Director Phil Davis are one of those "best stewards." The Trust now manages



Bob Elder of Western Rivers Conservancy

70 percent of the Hoh Valley from the border of Olympic National Park to the Pacific Ocean. That amounts to 7,000 acres. 400 acres at the mouth of the Hoh are owned by the Hoh Tribe. The remaining land is privately held.

A lush spring on the South Fork of the Hoh. Photo courtesy of Hoh River Trust. Copyright by Keith Lazelle..
Right: Jim Traner visits with Phil Davis of Hoh River Trust . Jim had just returned from a steelheading float trip on the Hoh.

"The Hoh gives us a unique opportunity to protect a major river

from its source to the sea," says Davis.

In 60 years he hope the entire Hoh Valley, from the tribal lands up to the park will be under the stewardship of the Trust. "I won't be here to see it, but my grandchildren will. And imagine if we fast forward 200 years. Think about what a great gift we are preserving for generations to come."

Davis gave each OFF member a copy of *Fast Moving Water*, a beautifully produced book of essays and photographs that gives reader an insight into why the Hoh River Valley evokes such passion among so many people with such diverse background. It retails for \$34.95 and is available from www.westernrivers.org



Sport fishing is big business. So lets cut back on stocking.

(Editors note: Walt Wojcik sent along the 2008 Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State. Here are a few facts that might interest you.)

Recreational anglers in Washington State spent an estimated \$904.8 million in 2006: \$354.9 million on trips, food, lodging and transportation and about \$549.9 million on equipment.

Commercial and recreational fishing directly and

indirectly supported an estimated 16,374 jobs and \$540 million in personal income in 2006. Recreational fishing accounted for more than 12,850 of those jobs. State residents accounted for more than 90 percent of the spending that supports these jobs.

Trout fishing was the most popular at 48% of all angler days, followed by salmon (23%), steelhead (12%), and black bass (12%).

So of course it makes sense to forget trout stocks and spend our license fee revenues on salmon enhancement in Puget Sound. Sounds logical to me. DS

The Fly Fishing Life



DOES IT GET any better than this? Ken Martin, Keith Stamm, Jeff Bandy, Mike Truax, Joe Conner and David Claude take a lunch break at Lone Lake while Norm Primc snaps the photo and Steve Murray cooks the hot dogs and beans. They even caught fish! Compare the photo above to the one in the lower right corner. Need we say more?

PROUD DAD, and rightly so! Steve Murray's son Josh, home on leave from Camp Pendleton, joined his Dad at the February meeting. Josh will probably be heading to Afghanistan with fellow Marines at the end of the year...

WHEN GILLIE Phil Sacks found an electrical box knock out slug instead of the usual quarters in the Club's non-fishing penalty net all eyes turned to our resident professional electricians Barry Hutton and Jeff Bandy.

"Who us? We're **HONEST** electricians. Can't you tell by the innocent looks on our faces?" Right... Absolutely...



Keith Stamm ice fishing at Daniels Lake near Pocatello.



"**IT WAS MORE** difficult than I expected," says Keith. "Making 50 foot casts into that little hole in the ice wasn't easy." He landed seven fish in two days. All on weighted chartreuse leeches. "It takes a very bright fly to show up under two feet of ice," he noted.

AT LEAST Keith didn't have the "Oh S#@T!" parking problem these Minnesota ice fishermen below had. Photo forwarded by Walt Wojcik



AND SPEAKING of ice fishing, what could be more fun than sitting on "porta-potties" with a thousand of your new best friends? Thanks Walt!



The OFF Beat

"I MARRIED YOU FOR BETTER OR WORSE. NOT FOR LUNCH."

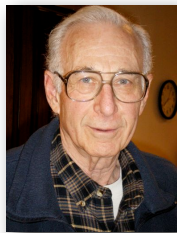
And with those words of encouragement from his wife ringing in his ears, Dave Gross decided to join Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds at our February meeting.

Dave, along with Skip Allen and Harry Dunham became the Club's newest members. Please take a moment to say hello to Dave, Skip and Harry when you see them. Welcome aboard!

OFF is one of the largest and most active clubs in the state. And we need your help to keep it successful, thriving and continuing the conservation and community service projects that help promote the sport we love.

Please consider taking a more active role. One specific position that needs to be filled soon is Chairman of our Auction Committee. If you have an interest in heading up this annual fund raiser, you'll have plenty of Club volunteers to help.

For details, please talk to Club President Mike Bunney,



Dave Gross



Skip Allen



Harry Dunham

"KAMLOOPS" From Page 1 proven tactic for success.

And so what about those letters FCI KFE after Rays name?

"Correspondence has been unusually heavy since I added a title after my name," Ray explains. "This all started when I read that Bill Gates had been Knighted by the Queen of England. Since Bill was not a British subject they could not call him "Sir Bill" but added some initials after his name and thus he's now become Bill Gates KBE.



Ray Gould

"This stands for Knight Commander of the British Empire. Now I thought that a bit unusual since there isn't any British Empire anymore, but I did like the ring of the name!"

So Ray gave himself the title of FCI (Forever Chief Ichthyologist), and KFE (Knight Commander of the Fishing Empire).

It seems to be working. Terry Zeitner now refers to Ray as "Your Royal Highness" and Dick Hedges has added RKWB to his name for "Royal Knight of the Wooley Bugger."

OUR MARCH GUEST



Sam Saprunoff, shown here with a nice Okanagan Lake rainbow, will unveil the mysteries of B.C. lakes in the Merritt, Kamloops, Okanagan areas and beyond at our March 11th meeting. He will also demo selected patterns and provide detailed travel tips.

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10" table saw belt drive 120/240 motor. On stand with wheels & accessories: \$150; 10" radial arm saw. On cabinet, with wheels: \$150; Band saw tilting head, table remains stationary providing excellent stability. 12" throat capacity. On stand with wheels., some hand saw blades: \$130; Air compressor 5hp, 15 gallon tank, 240 volt motor: \$120; Pair of car ramps: Free. Call Phill Sacks: 425-741-7311, e-mail: psacks1326@aol.com.

A special thanks to everyone who provided photos and input to this issue. 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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