

# TIGHTLINES



**APPARENTLY A PASSING JOGGETTE CAUGHT** the eyes of everyone except the guy who was signing the Snohomish County lake petition at the OFF booth recently during the Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair and Casting Expo. From left: Jeff Salisbury, Jeff Bandy & Tony Koenig. —Dick Simmons Photo

## **Bring along a 5 wt or 6 wt and favorite cutthroat flies to our August Club Picnic.**

Bill MacDonald has graciously offered to host our August meeting and picnic at his home on the Edmonds waterfront. And, while the tides aren't perfect, they're not too bad. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and the high is around 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. coming off a minus tide around 11:30 a.m.

For more information and directions on getting to Bill's place please turn to Page 4. See "PICNIC" on Page 4

## **Lake petition now has more than 100 signers.**

At our July business meeting, Conservation Chair Mike Truax reported that our drive to establish a "Fly-fishing only" or "Selective gear rules" lake in Snohomish County, or So. Skagit County, is gaining traction.

"We had quite a few people sign our petition at the Jimmy Green Expo," said Mike. "We now hope to get more signatures through fly shops."

The ultimate decision will have to be made by the Washington State Fish and Wildlife. See "FFO LAKE" on Page 4.

## **Jimmy Green Expo brings out the best in NW fly fishing.**

Everyone expected rain but the weather gods held off as regional fly fishers, would-be fly fishers and friends gathered at Lake Tye, in Monroe, to enjoy a day devoted to the pastime of fly fishing and to just hang out with friends.

Officially called the "Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair and Casting Expo" the event honors the memory of Jim Green who was truly one of the great innovators of our sport. Not only was he an international fly casting champion and world record holder, Green helped develop the graphite rods and modern fly lines that most of us use today.

If you love fly fishing, you we're in the right place at the Lake Tye Park. You could spend the day chatting with local fly shop staffs, guides, conservation activists and fly club members. You could try out all kinds of new rods and reels, attend workshops, and compete in the casting



**Norm goes for it.**

See "EXPO" on Page 3

### **August Calendar**

**8/11: Annual Club Picnic.** Join fellow club members and swap stories about your recent fishing exploits. Bill MacDonald is hosting the event at his Edmonds home. See directions on Page 4

**8/25: Business meeting.** Alf's on 196th. All are welcome.

**9/8: General Meeting.** Steve Murray promises to "pull no punches" when he tells us everything about the guys' trip to Sitka. Photos included!

# Norm steps up to the plate and casts for the gold



**NORM PRIMC BRAVELY ENTERS** the single hand casting contest at the Jimmy Green Fair in Monroe. Here he discusses strategy with Event Judge Michael Bennett owner of Pacific Fly Fishers.



**CONCENTRATING ON TARGETING SKILLS,** Norm casts to 16 strategically placed rings each about 24" in diameter — a quality of finesse to challenge even the finest of casters. Norm displays a master's level focus as he nails two. Awesome!

## *A fine evening out with the boys.*



**OFF members had a great time getting together for dinner at Sun Cove Resort during a recent outing to Chopaka, Blue and other favorite Okanogon lakes. Clockwise:** Les Jones, Joe Conner, Bud Camandona, Jim Gauntt, Barry Hutton, Mike Bunney, Jim Hagy, Bill MacDonald, Jeff Salisbury, and Tony Koenig. (Why are fishing pals Les and Jim sitting so far apart from each other?)

—Not shown, Mike Truax who took this photo.

# at Monroe's Jimmy Green Memorial Fair & Expo.



**IN THE DISTANCE CHALLENGE Norm goes all out and sinks an 80 foot cast while staying within the extremely narrow confines of the casting "pond." A murmur of excitement ripples through the gallery.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO NORM! Michael shows him his final score and praises his unique virtuoso performance. The joy, happiness and relief can be seen on both their faces. What a time for celebration!**  
—Dick Simmons Photos

## **EXPO Continued from Page 1**

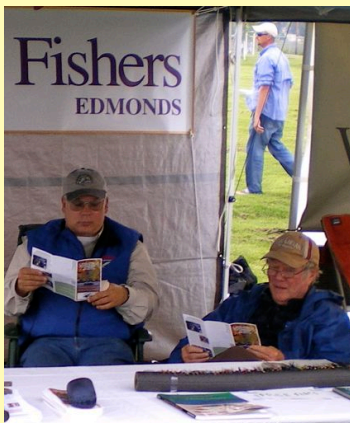
competitions for single-handed or double-handed fly rods. The double-handed competition was won with a cast of 166 feet and the winning single-handed cast was a mind blowing bomb of 110 feet.

It was great fun watching the double-handed casting event and seeing some exceptionally beautiful casts. That's what practicing four or five hours a day seven days a week can do for you.

OFF had a booth and many visitors stopped by to sign our petition for a fly fishing only lake in Snohomish County.

Parking was free. Admission was free. Casting lessons were free. Workshops were free. Pulled pork sandwiches for lunch were free. And the entertainment was free. What a perfect day!

**Rolf and Tony catch up on their reading with copies of the Clubs new Brochure.**



**Rolf Mogster with a bright Dolly from the Skykomish.**  
Bruce Johnson Photo

## The OFF Beat

### “FFO LAKE” from Page 1 Commission.

Mike pointed out that the Commission operates on a three year cycle, so the groundwork we're doing now will hopefully bear fruit in 2013.

Mike also reported that the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club has joined Olympic Fly Fishers in pursuing this cause.

“Currently, Ebey Lake is the only lake designated ‘fly fishing only’ in the County,” Mike says. “But it’s surrounded by private property and there’s no access. We hoped Fish and Wildlife could resolve the problem but there just wasn’t a way to monitor access consistently. So we’re trying to find a new lake with better access.”

Mike has also prepared a letter to send along with the petition and will brief the club on that at our next meeting.

On another issue, Mike will reveal plans for some special fish plants the club has in the works. That’s all we’re saying on the subject in this newsletter. If you’re really curious you’ll have to be at the meeting.

Steve Murray reports on Sitka trip at September 8 Meeting.

If  
he's planning to  
tell everything I  
might have to shoot  
him. Oh well,  
that's life.



Thank you to Team Leaders who are pulling together items for our December Club Auction. Please ask your team members to let you know soon about what items they'll be able to provide for the silent and live sessions.

### PASSAGES

*Randy Patterson is a former OFF Club President and a good friend to many of the club members who go back a few years. He now makes his home in Fayetteville, PA. His wife passed recently and he asked us to include this notice in Tightlines.*

July 13, 2010 -It is with incredible sadness that I tell you I lost my love, best friend and partner early this morning in the ICU at Chambersburg Hospital. She suffered a stroke about a month ago and was in therapy for recovery. Her spirit and will to make a recovery was so strong and she worked so hard for that on a daily basis in therapy. But the damage must have been too great and she began to

deteriorate as time went by. I moved her from her therapy facility to the ICU at the hospital yesterday and she left me about 4AM today. Both of our kids were with me as the end approached and are with me now. We will have a service in our church here at a date I will announce and a service at Arlington later. All of the cards and phone calls were so gratefully and happily received by Peg. She loved so many people and that love was returned. The stroke came in the middle of the night and the hospital was close, so we had high hope for recovery. But, that was not to be. If I have missed anyone by this message or by the phone calls the kids have made for me, please forgive. Our time with you in the past meant so much to both of us. Please pass this message along for me--Randy

### Directions to Bill MacDonald's

From Hwy-99 (Pacific Hwy) & 196 SW (SR-524):

Go West on 196th 1.7 mi. 196th becomes Puget Drive as you snake down the hill. Just past Edmonds Realty take the exit just before the main road turns to the left. This is the exit to continue on Puget Drive. Follow Puget Drive to the first road to your left which is Puget Lane. Go to the end of Puget Lane. Bill's is 702 Puget Lane. There's room for about six cars at Bill's. If you continue around the curve on the main road there's a parking lot to your left for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. You can Park there, cross at the crosswalk and walk down.

*See you on the river. 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. at 6:00 p.m.

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