

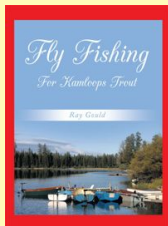
# TIGHTLINES



**FOUR HORSEMEN FROM THE APOCALYPSE.** Rolf Mogster, Keith Stamm, Bruce Johnson and Bill MacDonald (your club President, Secretary, Vice-president and Treasurer respectively) demonstrate some special moments from their pack trip into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness with Three Peaks Outfitters. Each had a slightly different report on the experience but thankfully they all made it back. Good thing, too. Without them, OFF would be rudderless, or something like that. More photos inside.

—Dick Simmons Photo

## Ray Gould debuts a new, full color book on Kamloops Trout.



After writing two well-received books on cane rod construction, OFF's Ray Gould has now turned his attention to

what you can do with a cane rod once you have it in hand.

In "Fly Fishing For Kamloops Trout" Ray shares much of what he's learned in the 50 years he's spent pursuing these remarkably powerful and acrobatic trout in the lakes of

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## Western River's Don Elder donates guide trip on John Day River.

Conservation Chair Mike Truax reports that Don Elder of Western Rivers Conservancy plans to donate a guide trip on Oregon's John Day River to this year's Club Auction.

Don appreciates the support we've given to WRC," says Mike. "He is also thinking about supporting a Club outing to the John Day by arranging for us to camp on property along the river that is currently locked off to the general public."

Don spoke to the club last year about the Ho River Trust project on the Peninsula.

## Nearly 40 turn out for OFF's annual picnic.

A warm, sunny evening on the shore of Puget Sound's Admiralty Inlet; burgers, brats, beans beer and potato salad, plenty of fish stories — what more could you ask for?

That was all it took to get a majority of OFF members out for a mid week picnic at the home of Bill and Mayumi MacDonald.

The picnic was scheduled about a day after the club's equestrian team (See photo to left) had returned from a pack trip into the Alpine Lakes area. Bruce Johnson described the trip as "One of the most exciting things I've done in my life. I just wish I'd done it earlier." Rolf Mogster,

on the other hand, described it as one of the most painful things he's done in his life. Keith Stamm, who had trained for a couple of months in preparation for the journey, said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will enjoy it even more when the numbness subsides from certain parts of his anatomy, (apparently horse back riding down steep trails give new meaning to the term "numbnuts"). See "PICNIC" on Page 2



Picnic hosts Bill & Mayumi MacDonald

### September Calendar

**9/8: General Meeting.** Steve Murray takes us on a journey to Sitka, Alaska with a hearty band of fellow club members. (Caution: may contain scenes and language that are inappropriate for normal, well centered adults.)

**9/22: Business meeting.** 6 p.m. Alf's on 196th.  
**10/16-22: Club Outing** to Blue Lake and other venues in the Okanogan. Mike Truax hosts this perennial club favorite. Sign up at the September meeting or call Mike at 425-672-6963.

# What a nice day for a picnic!

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Bill MacDonald enjoyed the trip and thought that he might do it again, but then again, he might not.

Hugh James had an interesting story to tell at the picnic. Recently he managed to catch four different species of fish from a single local lake. All on the same day. Hugh will have to correct me if I'm wrong, but they included the five pound smallmouth bass shown here, a rainbow, a bluegill and a yellow perch.



The bass provided dinner for Hugh and friends and the other fish were released.

Oh, you want to know WHAT lake?

*Hugh James Photo* It was Lake Serene. Serene? Serene!

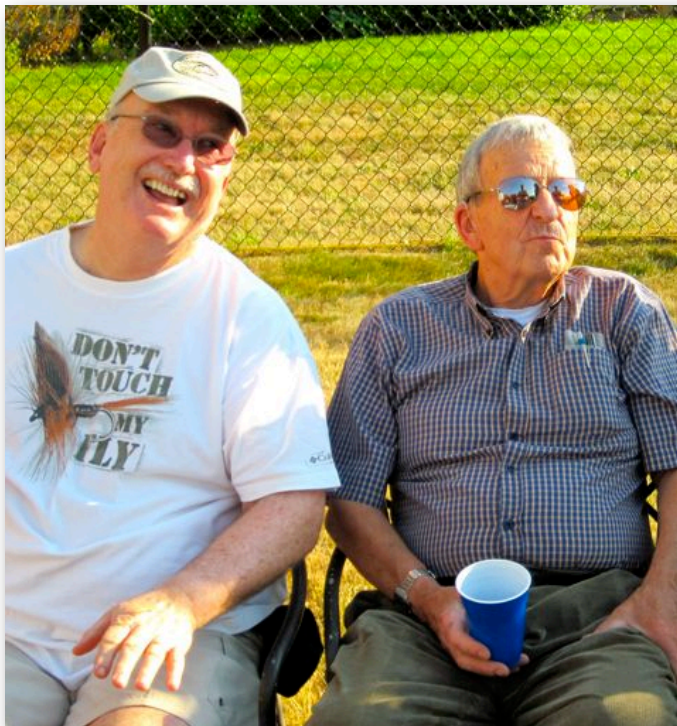
Float tubes or pontoon boats are suggested. And bring Woolly Buggers.

Skip Allen took us up on the suggestion to fish for cutthroat on the incoming tide below Bills house before the picnic.

“I caught some nice eel grass,” he said.

Everyone was in a pretty relaxed mood at the picnic and seemed to get even more relaxed as the evening wore on. Some excellent ale made by Keith Stamm, a couple of small brew pub kegs and an array of more formidable libations probably helped as well.

Evenings like this are what make Olympic Fly Fishers a special club. Plenty of good stories. Opinions and not many arguments. And always plans for where we're going fishing and how soon can we get there.



***Top: Bill MacDonald does the honors at the grill. Middle: The Burlington Northern engineer gave us a special toot as his train rumbled by. Bottom: Steve Murray (Last year's host) and Jeff Bandy catch up on things. Left: Mike Bunnely and Jim Hagy share a joke. (Check out Mike's T-Shirt).***

*Dick Simmons Photos*

# The Fly Fishing Life



Here are a few more shots from the pack trip into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area with Three Peaks Outfitters, owned by Scott and Michele Montgomery.

**Upper left:** Keith looks like he was “born in the saddle.”

**Center:** Rolf executes a perfect “slow motion dismount” with help from Michele.

**Upper left:** Horses discuss their various riders’ skills, or lack thereof.

**Left:** Bill MacDonald strikes his best “old-time mule skinner” pose.

**Right:** Bruce Johnson enjoys a break from riding by sawing a tree in half.

*(Looks like great fun, Bruce.)*

*Photos courtesy of Keith Stamm and Bill MacDonald.*



Jim Hagy snapped this shot of Mike Truax at Chain Lake which is one of the lakes the Club would like to see considered for designation as a FFO, selective gear lake by the State Fish & Wildlife Commission.



Jim Hagy also sent along this photo taken by his son Dan, just back from visiting in-laws in Colombia. (Note to Fish & Wildlife Commissioners: this is not a good choice for FFO consideration.) Apparently Colombian lake fishing involves digging a hole, filling it with dirty sewer water and throwing in some underfed fish: Tie string to stick, bait hook with rotten chicken meat, catch hungry fish.

## The OFF Beat

Leland Miyawaki, manager of the Orvis Bellevue Fly Shop will be guest speaker at the Edmonds Salmon Chapter of Trout Unlimited meeting September 22.

Leland has been a guest speaker at OFF in the past and fishes and guides on the local Puget Sound beaches for sea run coastal cutthroat and salmon. He fishes with surface flies exclusively – and is noted for developing the "Miyawaki Beach Popper."

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British Columbia. The book provides details on 26 of B.C. best lakes and includes photos and tying instructions for 60 of the best fly patterns. He also discusses lake planting and how to get an edge on the other anglers. The book is 8 1/2" x 11" and in full color.

"Even if you aren't in to fly fishing this book will make a great Christmas present," says Ray. "It has something in it for everyone."

He has fished most of the streams and lakes in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and other Western States and B.C.

The least expensive way to purchase "Fly Fishing For Kamloops Trout" is over the internet: type in [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com). Then in the box at the top right where it says "author, title, etc" just type in Ray Gould. There you'll see all the info about the book including the price which is \$27.99. The book is also available through Amazon but it costs a lot more.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the South Snohomish County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave. Edmonds, WA

*See you on the river. DS*



### WHAT HAPPENED IN SITKA STAYS IN SITKA.

Or does it... Persistent questions still remain about the events that transpired when Gene Anthony, Mike Bunney, Dave Markle, Ken Martin, Steve Murray, and Don Summers all traveled to Sitka, Alaska. What was the real reason Ken Martin was tied to that tree? Why did Don Summers decide to pack heat? And why didn't Dave Markle

have a big hat like the rest of the guys? Or for that matter, why DOES Steve Murray have two hats?

These and other questions are sure to be asked at our September meeting on Wednesday the 8th.

Steve will present slides and tell us all about the fishing and perhaps a little bit about **THE REST OF THE STORY.**



### 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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