

TIGHTLINES



Dan Reynolds, Reporting Dyes Inlet, October 2012

Norm Prime with a Chum salmon caught on a Dyes Inlet estuary. Norm hooked this Chum in about 2ft of water. Dry line, small unweighted chartreuse fly and his 8wt rod. Successfully landing these fish in shallow saltwater is a real challenge.



Luck, Muck & Tuck in the Okanogan

Keith Stamm Reporting For Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds

Nothing beats the OFF's October outing to the Okanogan. There were several good lakes to wet a line in and, this year, good weather to boot. The fish didn't come easy, but all of the lakes produced depending on tactics and, of course, a bit of luck.

John Wendt and his old fishing partner, Dr. Larry King, fished both the lake and the pond below, doing well with a damsel pattern. The outing participants were in agreement that the long drive was well worth it, not only for the fish but for the soothing weather and fall color.

Add to that the banquet served up by gourmet chef Hugh James – pasta with shrimp & sun-dried tomatoes, black bean & corn salad, tapioca for dessert.

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Perhaps Barry Hutton was the luckiest, or maybe it was equal parts luck and skill. He caught a large fish at Buzzard Lake that was anywhere from 19 to 22 inches long tipping the guesstimate scale anywhere from four to eight pounds. The only thing we can say for sure is that no Power Bait, not even a smidgeon, was involved. Barry was fishing a stonefly nymph down deep on a sinking line.



Whether the fish was four pounds or eight, it was for sure a fish so big it took several stabs with the net before Barry got him in the only way he'd fit – head first.

While Barry caught the biggest fish at Buzzard, Bill McDonald was the only one to catch a lot of fish, again, fishing deep and slow with both a cinnamon & green woolly buggler and a

Little Fort leech. Bill took eight nice 18-21 fish while the others rowed around watching. It was a tough lake for most of the group.

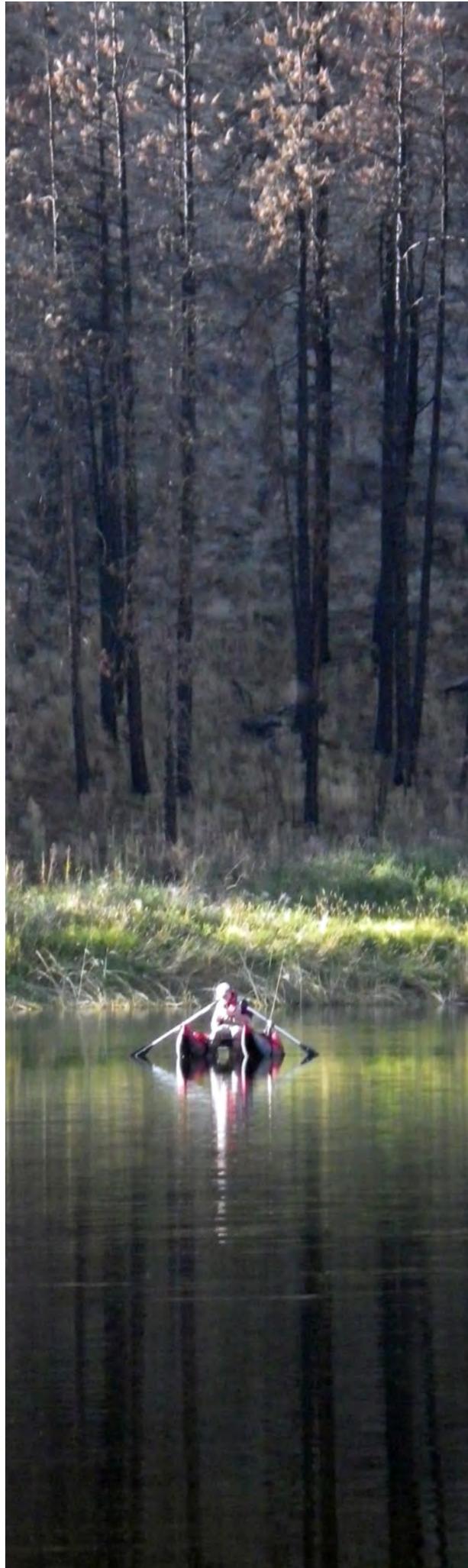
Other OFFers were more successful at other lakes, such as Chopaka, Green, and the two Blues. Bud Camandona favored Blue Lake where he enjoyed the good weather and fall scenery, and cooperation from several trout in the 12-15-inch range. He had best success, as he usually does, fishing deep (20 feet) and strip retrieving a #3 sinking line. Along with fishing deep, Bud feels it's important to vary the speed and length of the strips when retrieving. Nick Swisser also did well at Blue Lake, catching fish up to 19 inches with Denny Rickards patterns and a full sink line.



But there are two Blue Lakes in the Okanogan. The Blue in the previous paragraph is off Hwy 97 north of Omak. The other Blue is an alkaline lake close to Oroville and the Canadian border. It holds Lahontan Cutthroat.

Bill McDonald got three nice Lahontans there, and the second hand report is that Mike Truax scored as well. But perhaps the most memorable was caught by Dave Claude sight fishing from shore, a tactic at which he excels. He hooked a Lahontan so large he had to chase it and in the process stepped in muck so deep he lost a wading shoe.

There was also plenty of action at Green Lake near Omak. Hugh James caught several up to 15 inches fishing a Teeny nymph fishing a sink tip and a 3-weight rod. Nick Wisser did well on fish up to 17 inches from Green, in his case with Denny Rickards patterns and a full sink line.



OLYMPIC FLY FISHERS OF EDMONDS

CONSERVATION Auction & Banquet

Member & Guest Invitation
December 8, 2012

Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds 2012 Conservation Auction & Banquet

Camaraderie and the Pursuit of Happiness with dry flies, wet flies, nymphs and streamers ...

Add in friends, loved ones, colleagues, holiday cheer, fine dining, great wines and record setting auction proceeds, that's what its all about: a great club, fantastic banquet and auction team effort, generous giving of valued outfitters and members, and valued support of our community and special guests. All for the benefit of Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds funded conservation projects.

Table Set for Great Dinner & Auction

Key Live Auction Items

- Fly Casting Lesson or Tune Up Donor Randy Butler
- William Joseph Back Pack for Fly Fisher
- Burrows Taxidermy of Lynwood (\$300 discount) Contact Bill Morton
- Captain Whidbey Inn One night stay \$30 for dining
- Fetha Styx Rod 9 ft 5 wt
- Fetha Styx Rod 9 ft 8 wt salt water
- Methow River Spring Steelhead Trip Donor Rod Griffen Fly Fish
- Catered Maine Lobster Dinner for 4 Donor Bill & Jackie Morton
- Best Western Harbor Inn Edmonds Contact Joe Connor
- Plus - Lots of goodies from Filson, Cabellas, Cave B wine, and much more.

When: December 8, 2012 - Doors Open at 6 PM
Location: South County Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave., Edmonds, Washington
Contact: Any OFFE Member or...
President: Bill MacDonald
E-Mail: wcmacdonald@hotmail.com
Tele: 425-774-4769
Tickets: \$50/person (Wife or guest get a free drink)
Dinner Menu: Look for notice by email
OFFE Website: <http://www.olympicflyfish.com/>

An Invitation to Support Conservation

In every corner of the American West is a stream, wetland or estuary that cries out for protection, because it is habitat for endangered fish and wildlife, because it is the scenic centerpiece of a community, or because it is a favorite haunt of boaters, anglers, and hikers. At Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds, we believe in supporting groups that help answer those calls for help through conservation, stewardship, education and land acquisition.

Please join us in our on-going support of important local and regional conservation work. Your help is needed now more than ever. Come to the Conservation Auction, the tables are set for celebrating a year of great sport fly fishing and for exceeding our goal of doubling our conservation auction proceeds.

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Western Rivers Conservancy

Western Rivers Conservancy protects outstanding river ecosystems in the western United States. They acquire land to conserve critical habitat, provide public access for compatible use and enjoyment, and cooperate with other agencies and organizations to secure the health of whole ecosystems. <http://www.westernrivers.org>

Coastal Conservation Association of Washington

CCA Washington is a statewide nonprofit advocacy group for salmon, steelhead and other marine fish. Their goal is to shine a light on the plight of our precious marine resources, and to ensure both recovery and abundance for future generations. <http://www.ccapnw.org/home>

Long Live the Kings

LLTK helps those who make decisions about salmon to be successful. They pursue projects and partnerships that compel coordinated, scientifically-credible, and transparent changes to harvest, hatchery, and habitat management to protect and restore wild salmon. <http://www.lltk.org/>



Red Shiners and Big Rainbows, Keith Stamm

The rainbow trout in Ross Lake are getting bigger, lots bigger, according to Seattle City Light fisheries scientist, Dave Pflug. The reason behind the lake's emergence as a trophy fishery is an explosion of the red shiner population which provides an abundant, year-round food source for rainbows and bull trout. Pflug addressed the OFF membership at the October meeting.

Prior to the shiner explosion the average rainbow in Ross Lake was 12-14 inches, according to Pflug, but in the past five years the size has climbed to 18-20 inches. Bull trout have also benefitted, resulting in bull trout up to 30 inches. (Note: bull trout are protected in Ross Lake.)

The red shiners are not native to Ross Lake. They got there as a result of an illegal introduction—i.e., anglers fishing with live minnows. Some of the shiners have passed through Ross Dam and into Diablo and Gorge Lakes, but so far the populations there are low and trout growth has not been noticeably affected. A question raised by club members is whether the equilibrium that presently exists between shiners and trout is sustainable, or whether the shiner population will continue to grow ultimately to the detriment of the trout. Pflug

said that question can't be answered now, that we'll just have to watch closely and wait and see.

His best guess is that since the shiners stick to shallow water habitat, the main impact is on the feeding patterns of rainbows, which have shifted to shallower water where they can feed readily on shiners.



If you want to take advantage of this fishery the best (and only) access is the Diablo Lake ferry, which takes you to the head of Diablo Lake. There you can meet a truck that will take you to Ross Lake Resort.

There is no direct road access to the lake or the resort from the American side of the border. If you stay at the resort, the owner is an avid fly fisherman who can provide expert advice on fly patterns and fishing tactics.



Olive Willy

FLY OF THE MONTH, John Schwartz Thanks to Jim Hagy, I have the first volunteer contribution to the "Fly of the Month Archive". His selection for this month is the Olive Willy. The fly Jim tied will be sent to John Wendt, Auction Chair, to become part of the fly display box which will be auctioned off in December. All members are encouraged to submit a fly they tied directly to John for the fly display box. All flies submitted for the "Fly of the Month Archive" will be added to the fly box. Hook: Tiemco 5263BL #12 Bead: Translucent red. Thread: Black Tail: Pheasant rump feather dyed flame yellow Body: Dark olive chenille Hackle: Pheasant rump dyed flame yellow Tying Instructions: www.flyentomology.com/olive%20willy.htm

For Sale: Boat, Motor, Trailer & Equipment: 12-foot Hewes Craft coated aluminum hull, with 2 folding swivel seats. Boat is older (1967) but in very good to excellent condition; sound & with no leaks! With oars, floatation cushions, anchors, bilge pump, weather cover, and Fishin' Buddy Model 1200 bottom line side finder sonar. Motor: Mercury model 110-9.8 HP outboard w/ 3-gal fuel tank, and anti-theft motor mounting lock. It has had limited use almost all in fresh water. Trailer: Karavan, year 2010 model. Almost new; only about 1000 miles use. Price: \$2500 or best offer. Contact: Jack Byrd 360-722-7148 or 425-275-8313. Email: CaptJByrd@aol.com

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday November 14, 2012

Invited Guest Speaker: Blake Merwin

Presentation Title: Fly Fishing South Sound Sea Run Cutthroat and Salmon

Surprising to many, Blake has absolutely no business education but extensive theological training, including a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary ('07) and Ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church ('12). Blake runs a successful fly shop in a beautiful downtown Gig Harbor location with six staff. In addition to his duties at the fly shop he also guides out of the shop, is an Associate Pastor of Local Outreach at a local church, foster parent, and husband, yet still finds time to tie flies, play guitar, fish, and brew his own beer!

The presentation will focus on fly fishing for sea run cutthroat and salmon in Puget Sound, with particular attention given to the South Sound and Hood Canal. Gear, flies, techniques, and most importantly where to go, will be covered. The growing popularity of kayak and stand up paddleboard fly fishing will also be addressed.



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: 6:00pm Business meetings are 6:00pm on the 4th Wednesday each month at Alf's 4820 196th SW, Lynnwood, WA.

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