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2018



Club Musings

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful summer we are experiencing here in the Pacific Northwest! One look at the weather elsewhere in the country and I feel lucky to live here. Although, a couple of hot, sticky Wisconsin summer days, where the mosquitoes and ticks chase you inside, might help me to actually focus on writing this newsletter!

My apologies for this issue being so late. The club has been experiencing some major issues lately, and the situation has been so fluid that I postponed this until things could be worked out.

First, due to the impending rebuild at our current meeting location, we spent a great deal of time looking for a new place to call home. (Many thanks to John Wendt for his help in the search). We located a great new place, the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center. I negotiated a contract with them, and we were due to start meeting there in September. Earlier this week, I was informed by them that, despite us having a signed contract with them, they were reneging on the deal and giving the spot to a different group. A review of the contract showed that they had given themselves an out, so essentially we were totally screwed over (sorry for the uncivil language, but it is the mildest term that I can come up with). I discussed the issue with the club's board of directors. We had four options. We could go after the new center legally, but honestly, who wants to litigate against a senior center? Two, the new location gave us the option of

moving the meetings to Monday or Tuesday nights. Given that this would require a vote by the entire club, and we have no meetings until September, this possibility has to be shelved until we all meet again. The third option is to find a new place to meet. Again, John and I spent months looking for a new location, and unless someone else has an idea, I just do not have the time to spend looking anew. Perhaps this option can also be discussed at the next meeting. The fourth option was to try to remain at the Edmonds Senior Center. I went there and met with the person in charge of booking. She explained that the rebuild has been delayed until January. We could continue to meet there for the months of September, October, and November. So, I signed us up for those months. Long story, but the gist of it is that we have found a little breathing room to find a new location. Please, if anyone has any ideas, contact me as soon as possible! Come December, I do not want to be meeting in an empty parking lot somewhere!

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On to issue number two. We were all set to have our annual club picnic at the Lake Ballinger Park on August 18th. That is, until it was pointed out that the park has a strict no alcohol/no smoking policy. And that the Mountlake Police enforce the policy stringently. So, we had come up with a new plan and find a new location. The picnic will be on August 18th, at Lake Sixteen. We have had the picnic there the last two years, and it worked out well. Jeff Bandy and Kathryn Gold will be our chefs and will have burgers and hot dogs ready at noon. Bring your boats and fish until then, or just show up and spin yarns with the rest of us!

Third issue. The club has really made some strong progress over the last year, we are growing, and some of you seem enthused about the direction it is taking. One of the consistent things that new members are saying is that they found our newsletter, really liked it, and wanted to join because of it.

But, this newsletter needs your support! One person cannot be expected to write the entire thing. So, unless the club only wants to hear about my superior fishing abilities (that's a joke), I need you all to start sending in something. It can be almost anything. A fishing report (photos are great), a fly you find really useful (again, photos), a new product you find to be helpful (or not), like I said, anything.

Maybe you want to try your hand at writing, that's great. Don't be afraid that it's not good enough, or that the grammar/spelling is bad, I can fix that easily. No one will judge you! Look at the last issue, and my article on hackle. It wasn't the best, not by a long shot, but some of you have told me it helped you understand the issue better. There are many lifetimes of knowledge and experience in the club, write some of it down and share it with the other members!

Randal White, President OFF

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The Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds
meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

The Club holds monthly dinner meetings (except July and August). Social hour is at 6 pm. Fishing reports and a presentation follow at 7pm. Dinners are \$25 and raffle tickets are \$5.

Edmonds Senior Center, 220 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds, WA 98020

Fly Fishing Class

The club is sponsoring a "Fly Fishing 101" class again this year. It will be on August 4th, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center. John Wendt, Bill MacDonald, Randy Butler, and Rolf Mogster will be holding classes on the basics of fly fishing. If you have questions on fly fishing, or want to help out, please attend!

Upcoming OFF Meetings & Events

August. No club meeting.

August 18. Club Picnic—Lake 16, arrive anytime. Lunch will be served at noon. Burgers and fixin's provided by the Club, Chef Bandy caterer.

August 22. Club board meeting. Edmonds Senior Center. 6 pm. The agenda will include the need for a new meeting location/date as of December, the speakers for the September-November meetings, the catering arrangements for September-November, and planning for the club's Christmas Party. If you are interested in making your voice heard, please show up at the meeting!

September 12.

Edmonds Senior Center, 220 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds, WA. Social hour at 6 pm, followed by dinner, a speaker's presentation, fish reports, and the raffle.

October 10. Edmonds Senior Center.

November 14. Edmonds Senior Center.



Fly Fishing 101

Date: Saturday, August 4

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Mountlake Terrace
Community Senior Center
23000 Lakeview Drive,
Mountlake Terrace, WA

Interested in learning how to fly fish? The Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmonds club is sponsoring a beginner's class, "Fly Fishing 101".

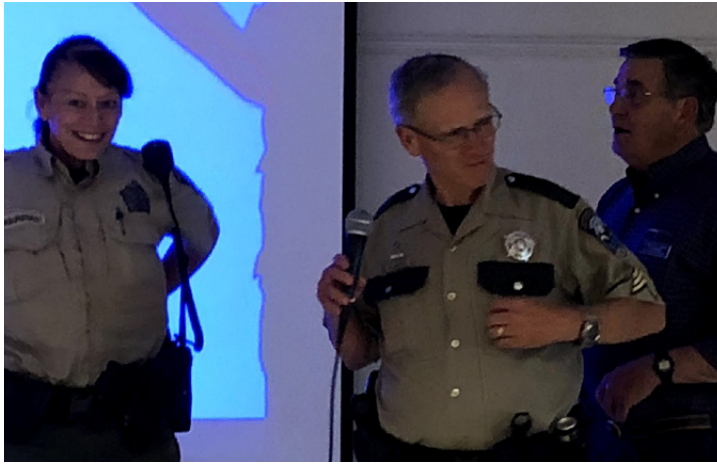
- Topics to be covered are what equipment you need, casting demonstrations and lessons, entomology (what fish eat), flies that are used to catch fish, and knot tying.
- All ages are welcome, however young children should bring an adult for supervision.
- Bring your rod and reel if you have one. A few rods will be available for use, but they are limited.

Donation: \$10.00

Recent OFF Meetings

JUNE CLUB MEETING.

The June club meeting was held on June 13th. We had two great sets of speakers this month.



WDFW Conservation Warden's Jennifer Maurstad and Kim Chandler returned to thank us for the donation of trail cameras to them. The club donated 3 Bushnell Aggressor model trail cameras (as well as an additional one, donated by Jim Black) to the Wardens. Many thanks to Bill MacDonald, Jenn Youngblood, and Jim Black for their work on this project. The Warden's entertained us with great stories of urban bears, inept violators, and people caught on the trail cameras. We would all do well to keep in mind their warning of not relieving ourselves near trail gates!



Also speaking were the "Students Saving Salmon" group from Edmonds-Woodway High School. What a great presentation! Their advisor, Joe Scordino, and the four young ladies doing the presentation were very knowledgeable, and their efforts are commendable. The club donated two hatch boxes to the group.

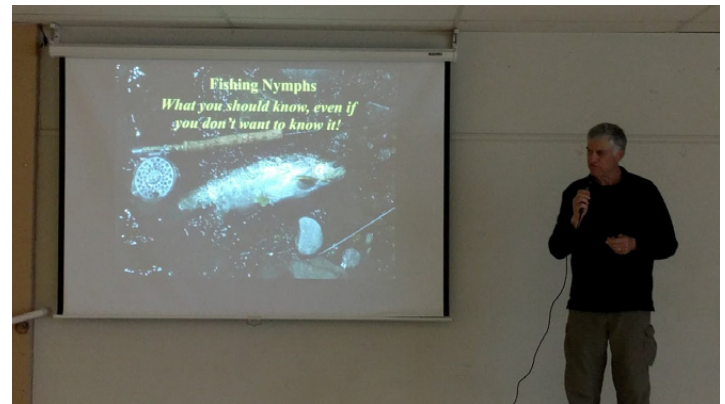
The meal was catered by the Old Spaghetti Factory. Many thanks to Jim Black, for coordinating the meal.



MAY CLUB MEETING

The May club meeting was held on May 9th.

Our speaker was Rick Hafele; an author, lecturer and "Bug Man" from Willsonville, Oregon. Rick gave an excellent presentation on Nymph fishing Rivers and Streams.



The meal was catered by "Fat Pig BBQ" of Perrinville. Thank you to Ed Kellison for taking the lead and delivering an outstanding meal!

Also at the May meeting, two very generous donations were made to Kenley White, son of Karen White. Tom Bradish donated a float tube, and Jerry Williams gifted a well stocked box of fly tying equipment and supplies. It's great to see members stepping up and helping the next generation of fly fishers!



APRIL CLUB MEETING

The April meeting was held on April 11th.

The presenter of the night was Dan Gracia, who spoke on Fishing Spring Creeks. Dan also held a fly tying session before the general meeting.



Many thanks to Leslie Muntz and Karen Bertram! They volunteered to cater the nights meal, and prepared delicious chili and cornbread.

Scheduled Club Outings

July – Wallace, Idaho area. July 26-29. Fish the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Teepee Creek, Canyon Creek, plus many other options. Contact John Bissett or Rolf Mogster, Outings Chairmen, for further information.

August – Lake Sixteen. August 18. Club picnic.

September – Kelly Creek. September 10-14. Contact John Bissett or Rolf Mogster, Outings Chairmen, for further information.

OFF Outings Reports

April Outing - Okanogon Trip

The April club outing was the first of our two annual journeys to the Okanogon Region of Eastern Washington. It was held on April 26th through the 29th.

Friday, the 27th, you could not have asked for more beautiful weather. Sunny and no wind! The club members split up and fished several different lakes.

Big Green Lake proved to be the hotspot, with three of us each having a 20+ fish day.

Saturday, the 28th, the bottom fell out in the weather department. Cold, windy, and rainy. Aeneus Lake was on the agenda for the day. Despite the weather, several members struck gold using chironomids. Greg Bennett, President of the Okanogon Fly Fishing



Club, also fished with us. We were also visited by the local Conservation Warden. Thorough checks of licenses and equipment were conducted. He was an extremely friendly and generous man, as he delivered an early Christmas present to one member (don't worry Denny, your secret is safe with us)!



May Outing - Back To The Wall, Dry Falls, and Lake Lenice Trip

In spite of some fear of wind, we had a decent day on the bigger lake at Back to the Wall. The wind was whipping early but settled down nicely a little later. Not a stellar bite, but we most all caught 10 or 12 nice rainbows up to 23 inches. We fished the larger lake which is better protected from the wind. This lake is known for greater numbers but smaller fish, if you call 23 inches small. The average was about 18. Most fish were caught on hare's ear or pheasant tail nymphs or the old standard wooly bugger. Very little chironomid or dry fly action. Darc wanted to know how the small, big fish, lake was fishing so Denny

and JB moved over there in the afternoon. First cast I had a fish on the San Juan worm but then it slowed down. About all we could do on the small lake was chironomid fish as the weeds were plentiful, and 90% of the takes were on the San Juan worm. The bite came on at this lake about 5pm and we could not keep them off for about 2 hours. No monsters, but I think Denny had a 22 incher. All in all, a decent day. A few of us fished Rocky Ford on Sunday. There was some surface feeding happening and I finally got a big boy to take a #20 Griffins Gnat, but didn't land him.

— John Bissett



June Outing – Douglas Lake, BC: This year's outing to Douglas Lake was cancelled, due to an extreme fish kill occurring at the lake.

OFF Members Fishing Reports

Two local lakes each within a 1-hour drive of Lynnwood are producing well right now. Lake Sixteen south of Mount Vernon and Chain Lake near Monroe are good bets for fish in the 9-14" range with Chain Lake providing slightly longer fish. At Chain, I released 17 fish in a little over 2 hours using an olive damsel. At Sixteen, my friend using two rods released 48 fish in 5 hours using olive, green and brown body flies. Nymphs fishermen easily out produced chironomids fishermen. Advise to members who may want to check out these lakes - fish during overcast conditions as the brighter the sun the slower the bite.

Submitted by Mike Truax, 5/22



Hi Guys, I finally made it to Rattlesnake Lake today - it's about 3 miles south of North Bend. Pretty place but fishing (for me) was a bit slow; had half a dozen bites (all before 10 AM) and landed one fish. I got there a bit after 7 AM and had the lake to myself for over an hour. When I headed in after noon there were a handful of pontoon boats and one drift boat with an electric motor on the water.

Submitted by David Martin, 6/29



Randy White and I had a nice day at Chain. I caught 3 rainbows and Randy caught a nice bass. Had some wildlife action too. An osprey catching some trout and 3 deer swimming across the lake.

Submitted by Bud Moore, 6/28

