



TIGHTLINES

At Corbett Lake, size matters!



Looking very much like a proud new father, Steve Murray cradles a 10 pound Corbett bow.

Photo by Doug Pendelton

The Club had a fine turnout for the Corbett Lake outing this years and everyone had good days on the water and brought some big fish to net.

Bill Green caught a 32 inch rainbow, which was probably the largest fish taken, and Terry Zeitner and Steve Murray each caught fish in the 30 to 31 inch range.

“That’s the biggest fish I’ve ever caught,” exclaimed Terry. “It was amazing!”

Randy Sobczak said they were taking just about everything — dries, leeches and chironomids. Randy also admitted that he caught the smallest fish he’d ever seen at Corbett.

“It was only seven inches but it still looked like a little football,” he added.

Dave Claude got off to a great start. “I caught a fish on my very first cast,” he said. “Then four hours later I caught another one.”

Bill Green and a couple of pals sneaked off to fish Glimpse Lake one day and all agreed that Ray Gould’s favorite lake truly is “a littler piece of heaven on earth.”

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Calendar

Meetings:

July 25: Board Meeting

August 9: Club Picnic.. (See story below)

August 2: Fly Tying Round Table, Anderson Center Rm 302 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

August 23: Board Meeting.

September 13: Regular meeting. Guest Speaker: Dave Ames, author of *True Love and the Woolly Bugger*.

August 9th: Fish Lake Ballinger then join the Club Picnic at Gene’s.

In the last few years OFF has held its annual picnic at lower Meadowdale Park. It's a nice place but the fishing has been well, let’s just say “slow” and,

because it’s a county park, there's no libation allowed.

This year, Gene Anthony has very kindly offered to host the picnic in his backyard where a beer or glass of wine should contribute to a much livelier evening. And his home happens to be

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Lake Ballinger





Terry Zeitner shows determination as he prepares for battle with a 30" Corbett bow.

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One member said the big trout rising to damsels looked like "subterranean logs rising to the surfaces through the weeds." Hmmm. Okay.

The wind sent a few OFF clubbers fishing for their hats but, all in all, as Roy Stevens put it succinctly, "We had fish and we had fun." Some of that fun may have been helped along by Steve's Long Island Ice Tea (See recipe below).

Other members, beside those mentioned, who headed North to Corbett, which is located near Merrit, B.C., included Mike Bunney, Don Corwin, Denis Kibby, Doug Pendelton (*who provided these fine photos*), Ken Walkowiak, and Mark Wall and his son.

Steve's Long Island Ice Tea

**Combine one shot each of vodka, clear rum, Triple Sec, tequila and gin.
Mix with equal parts Sweet & Sour and add a dash of Coke.**

"It will kill anyone," according to Terry Zeitner



Top Photo: "Camaraderie with water." Waiting for a strike on Corbett Lake. Middle Photo. "Camaraderie between friends." Buzz Burgett and Steve Murray discuss the day's events over dinner at the Corbett Lake Country Inn. Bottom Photo: "Camaraderie between tortoise." "Hey! Did you catch that new TV spot about the Slowski's?"





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close to Lake Ballinger where the fishing (Courtesy of the WDFW) also promises to be livelier.

The picnic will be Wednesday, August 9th. Gene's address is 1647 N. 196th Place, Shoreline.

Directions and where to park.

Go east or west on North 205th. (You can access N. 205th from the I-5 Edmonds Ferry exit or from Aurora.) At the Meridian intersection, go South on Meridian Ave. N. Turn right on N. 198th Street, go two blocks and turn left onto Wallingford Ave. N. Gene's home is on N. 196th Place but he's asked us to go one more block south to N. 195th Place, turn right, park in the Echo Lake Grade School parking lot, and cross the street to Gene's backyard.. His home is the second one down from Wallingford.

If you decide to fish Lake Ballinger you can start any time you want. The Picnic at Gene's will begin around 7 p.m. and wrap up around 9 p.m.

Les Johnson offers pointers on fishing sea run cutthroat.

At our June meeting, Les Johnson, author of *Fly-fishing for Coastal Cutthroat Trout*, had these fishing tips for both salmon and cutthroat:

- A neep tide in the middle of the day is a great time to fish because both the fish and the bait stay. Use a sinking line.
- Rips hold salmon. Always cast from smooth water, don't jump into the middle. Fish the edges.
- Cutthroat can often be found wherever there's any kind of point along a beach. Fish the eddy on the downtide side.
- Fish the edges of bait balls. Let your fly sink to the bottom and then strip back.
- Squid patterns are best for Kings in salt water.
- Early fall is a good time to fish for jack Chinook in Southern Oregon tidal pools.

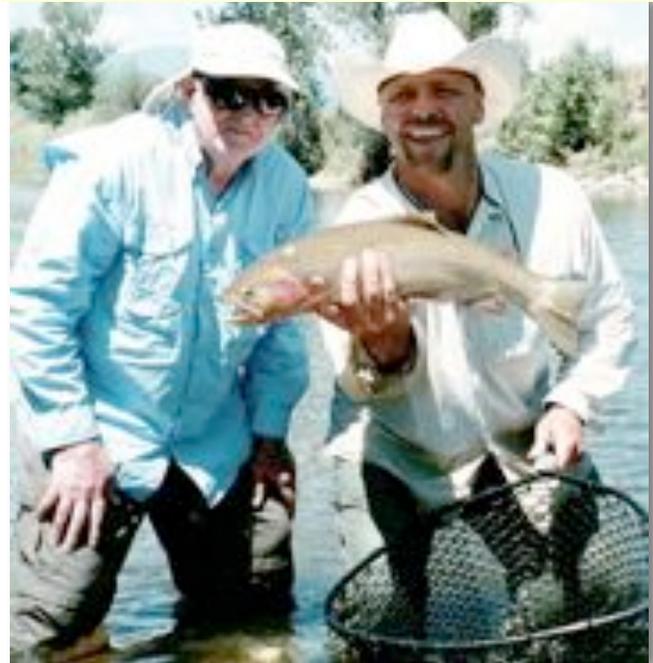


•The Picnic Table Hole, just below the Fortson Hole on the Stilly is a good place for chums in November and December.

•Throughout Puget Sound you can find flats that are like Bonefish flats in warmer waters.

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Browns, rainbows, cutthroat, Clark Fork, Bitterroot and Joe Cummings: Does it get any better than this?



For Dan Holman and Dan Reynolds three days on three of Montana's blue ribbon trout streams in early July was just about as good as it can get.

Led by legendary guide Joe Cummings, shown above holding a fat cutthroat, the two Dans fished the upper Clark Fork, the Bitterroot and the West Fork of the Bitterroot.

The first day, on the Clark Fork, the twosome landed both browns and rainbows to 20 inches on dries and never saw another driftboat all day on the section they were fishing.

Their second day, on the Bitterroot, was the topper.

"We found a run where the fish were rising and we waded a nice quarter mile gravel bar using dries and nymphs," said Reynolds. "Then Dan Holman took a beautiful 24 inch cutthroat on a size 16 Parachute



Adams. The fish weighed in at 4 1/2 pounds and we were told later this was the largest know cutthroat taken on the Bitterroot.

"This was a wonderful trip with good fishing, uncrowded drifts and an outstanding guide who did a first class job," added Dan.

Joe is owner of "A Classic Journey Out-fitters" in Missoula. He spoke at our February meeting. Call him toll free: 1-877-327-7878.



The OFF Beat

Eli to part with rod
and reel collection.



Eli Perlman says that it's time to sell his rods and reels.

"But I'm still holding on to my tying stuff because that's my livelihood," he added.

Eli has been fishing and tying flies for a good part of his life. But for health reasons, he hasn't been able to fish much in recent years. His three children and five grand-children all live in the Netherlands. And since he doesn't want good gear to go to waste he hopes to sell his equipment to fellow club members.

Eli has about ten rods, seven reels and other pieces.

The rods are by Scott, Powell, Winston and Thomas & Thomas and the reels are Lamsons and Orvis, Weights run from 2 weight to 8 and 9 weight. Call 206-362-9831.

Steelhead Class

Jimmy LeMert, owner of Patrick's Fly Shop, is teaching a steelheading class through Discover U. The two day class will cover equipment, knots, basic entomology and casting. Dates are July 19 and 22 and August 15 and 20. Each session is two hours long. Cost \$59.00. To sign up, go to <http://www.discoveru.org/classes/detail.cfm?CID=181>

Round Table

Eric Sauer has reserved room 302 at the Francis Anderson Center for a fly tying round table on August 2, from 7-9 p.m. Only three or four people showed up for the June round table and Eric hopes that as summer winds down the room will start filling up again. (*Try it. You'll like it.*)

Fishing Reports

Highlights from the June meeting:

Paul Greenhalgh did a five day float on Montana's Smith River with John Hezer's Blackwater Outfitters, then flew to Juneau and boarded a 1930s wooden yacht for a seven day photography trip to Ketchikan hosted by naturalist and photographer Gerry Lamarre.

"We poked around bays and estuaries, fishing and crabbing along the way," says Paul. "I even caught a 40 pound king." And how was the food? "Awesome!"

Paul Strawn fished the lakes at the Jim Creek Naval Radio Station near Arlington. If you ever want to fish a couple of pretty lakes and see one of the biggest radio antenna networks you've ever seen this is a great place to go.

Enjoy your summer!

Dick Simmons - Ed.



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 Board meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Alf's on 196th Avenue, Lynnwood, WA. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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