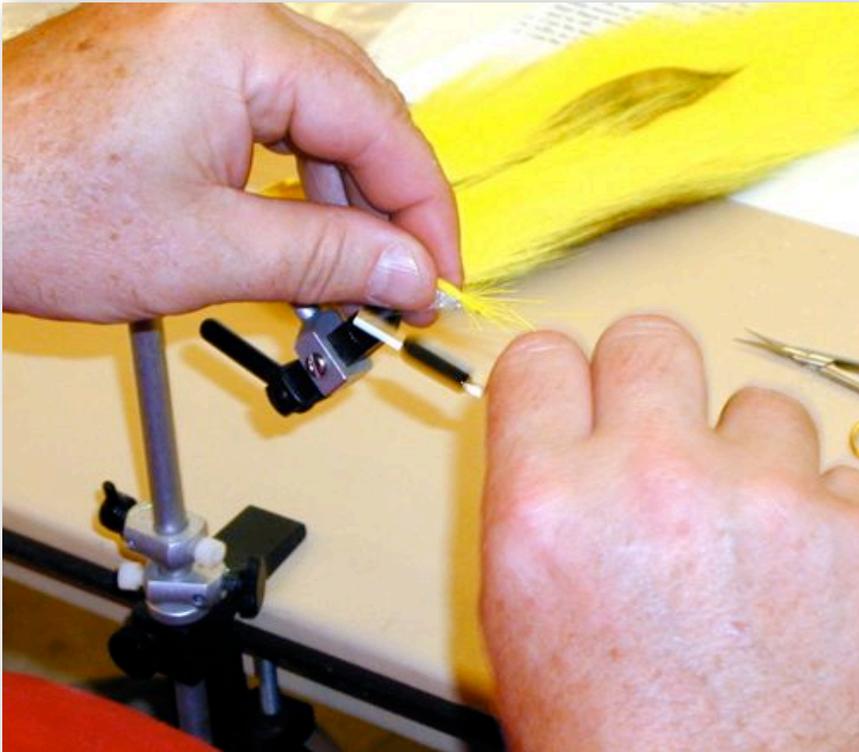




TIGHTLINES



Is it time to get in touch with a part of fishing you've been missing?

It's Fall. Winter is just around the corner. What better time than now to hang out with the guys and tie some flies?

That's exactly what you can do on the first Wednesday of the month at OFF's Fly Tying Round Table. No matter what your level of skill at the vice, there's always something new to learn.

Tying your own patterns and fishing them is one more way to enjoy fly fishing and makes you a better fly fisherman.

OFF is fortunate to have many fine tiers in the club and it's valuable to see how other tiers approach the*See ROUND TABLE on Page 3*

Author Dave Ames explores new territory for fly fishing writers and rewards readers with every word.

Author and fishing guide Dave Ames was our guest speaker in September.

Dave Ames has spent a lot of time doing things he loves: Fishing, writing, playing music, working with his hands, and reading. Along the way he's put food on the table and gas in the tank by guiding, writing articles and books, and recently, opening a secluded "hideaway" called the Lodgepole Inn on the Little Blackfoot River in Montana.

His first job out of college as a hydrologist working in a government-supplied cubicle lasted about one Montana winter. When spring came, he took off to

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Dave signs book for Buzz.

October Calendar

Meetings:

OCT 11: General Meeting

OCT 25: Board Meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Outings:

OCT 21, 22: Fish Blue Lake on the last weekend before it closes for the year. Contact Mike Truax 425-672-6963.

Special Events:

OCT 4: Fly tying Round Table, Room 114 Anderson Center. Eric Sauer will lead a session on tying for steelhead on the Grand Ronde.

Guest Speaker:

OCT 11: Richard DeLorenzo, Alaskan wilderness guide for 30 years. Now living with his family on the Methow River. (*See Page 3*).



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fish and never looked back. For the past 20 plus years, Dave has invested his time enriching his life instead of his pocketbook and he shared some of that true wealth with the club recently.

He's a fine storyteller and that comes through both in person and on the pages of his books. His latest, *Dances with Sharks*, which was published last year, is his third. It was preceded by *True Love and the Woolley Bugger*, published in 1996, and *A Good Life Wasted, or 20 Years As a Fishing Guide*, published in 2003.

Time Well Spent

Dave admits that he wasn't setting any writing speed records during the seven years between his first and second books, but it was worth the wait. During those years he honed his skills to further develop a voice that is genuinely unique in fly-fishing literature.

Most fly-fishing books fall into two general categories, the tactical "how to" books (writers like Dave Hughes and the late Gary LaFontaine) and the first person "anecdotal" books (writers like John Gierach and the late Robert Travers). Dave Ames is able to bridge both styles and create novellas that you can hardly put down.

For me, his most compelling work so far is the title story in *Dances with Sharks*. In it, he writes about confronting and coming to grips with advanced, aggressive prostate cancer amidst a wild, free-wheeling, cast of fishing addicted characters in a place called Redcoat Key in the Caribbean. It's a must read.

"My characters are all based on real people, but they're also composites," Ames says. "Heidi, in *A Good Life Wasted* isn't a real person, but she's a combination of a lot of the girls I knew when I was growing up in Butte. It's was a tough town and the girls grew up to be strong, unique women. That's Heidi."

"*True Love and the Woolley Bugger*" is a fast moving, fly fishing meets Woodstock series of funny, coming of age, poignant "memoirs" *A Good Life Wasted* moves Dave's work into a new realm. It's a finely-crafted novel, based on real events, that delves more deeply into its characters and their relationships with each other, their pasts, their fly fishing and themselves.

His latest book, *Dances with Sharks*, is a series of three memoir/novellas. It showcases Ames gift at



Bill MacDonald chats with author Dave Ames

combining character development, history, humor, philosophy, and a strong environmental ethic into stories that hook you in and don't let go. Where will he go from here?

"I don't read other fly fishing writers very much because I want to stay focused on where I'm trying to go with my work. I don't want to be accused of 'borrowing' from someone else," he adds. "I would like to write a third-person novel but right now I need to make some money. So I have a book proposal on tactics out for review and hope that generates some interest. Tactical books sell."

Dave's prostate cancer is currently non active, and he still has a lust for exploring the frontiers of fly fishing as well as writing.

Changing Times

"When I started guiding, clients were happy to get white bread sandwiches with pimento spread for lunch. Today they ask 'Where's the brie?'" Dave reflected. "I also remember guiding on the Missouri in the 80's when we had 50 to 100 fish days. Those places are few and far between. I'd like to find as many more as I can."



For more information about staying at Dave Ames's "hideaway" retreat in Montana go to www.lodgepoleinn.com

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the same steps in tying a specific pattern.

Tying enhances just about every other aspect of your fly fishing. You'll learn more about stream entomology and how to adjust standard patterns to meet specific needs and you'll also learn a lot about proper presentation. A fly that rides properly and has the right profile is key to improving your percentage of strikes.



Past President Eric Sauer leads session at Tying Round Table.

If you're new to tying or want to brush up on your techniques, OFF is once again offering an eight session beginning fly tying class starting January 16, 2007.

The class is open to the community and will be held in the Plaza Room above the Edmonds Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every

Tuesday evening through March 6th. Registration is through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (check the CRAZE for additional or registration info).

Upper right: At a recent Round Table, members tied saltwater flies for the Quilcene trip. The October Round Table focused on steelhead flies for the Grand Ronde. Lower right: Hal Rowe and Joe Conner at their vices.
Don Summers Photos



October Speaker is Alaska Expert.

Over the past 30 years, this month's guest speaker, Richard DeLorenzo, lived and fished in Alaska and explored most of the State's Alaska wilderness areas.

He has experience as a wilderness river guide, fly fishing guide and pilot. He has pioneered an array of new fisheries in Alaska including discovering new runs of steelhead along the Alaska Coast and fly fishing for halibut and five species of salmon in the ocean off the floats of his plane.

His earned his native name "Kukuklek," which means the king fisher, when he showed the natives of Port Graham how to catch king salmon all year long.

His favorite fishing is catching large rainbow on dry flies and fishing at midnight during the smolt migration in the lake region of Alaska. He now lives with his family in Carlton along the Methow River.

Dan wins "Reynolds Derby."

Dan Reynolds and son Paul visited Fish Lake, near Lake Wenatchee, recently and Dan took "catch of the day" honors with this 22" - 5lb rainbow taken on a Conehead black/maroon Dazzel Leech.



Proving once again that youth and vitality are no match against age and cunning.



The OFF Beat

Coming in November..



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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The OFF Tribe competes on "Survivor" Akaska Mike Bunney Photo

Back to Blue

Mike Truax will be leading another trip to Blue Lake October 21-22. "If you're self-contained you can probably find a camping spot at the lake," says Mike. "Otherwise you need to book reservations in Conconully, or someplace else in the Okanogan Valley because it will be the height of hunting season," he cautioned.

Eli has the Goods

Eli still has some excellent rods, reels and other items for sale. Including 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.

Join the Corp

Looking for a fun challenging career and an opportunity to get ahead? Considered becoming an OFF Officer. Five positions are up for election but only one person has stepped up to run in each slot. They include Joe Conner, President; Norm Primc, VP; Hal Rowe, Secretary; Mike Bunney, Treasurer, and Dick Simmons, Communications.

Non elective positions include Trustee, now held by Steve Murray, who is currently in the first year of his second two year term, and Past President, Eric Sauer. Positions appointed by the board include Gillie, Outings, Education, and Conservation.

If your interested in any of these positions, except Trustee and Past President, please contact Eric or Joe.

Dick Simmons, Editor