



TIGHTLINES

Quilcene has a “silver lining.”



Ten years ago, the Quilcene River was completely closed to all salmon fishing. As one guidebook put it:

“The Quilcene National Fish Hatchery, which supposedly raises fish for this river system, seems to be another example of your tax dollars at rest.”

Today things have changed, not dramatically, but definitely for the better.

Club members will get a chance to see just how much better on September 14th when we head for a day outing on this smallish river which flows East from the Olympics and drains into Quilcene Bay, Dabob Bay and eventually Hood Canal.

The River offers a “put-and-take”
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Battling a feisty chum on Chico outing last year. Eric Sauer Photo

Strong Turnout for August Club Picnic.

OFF members liked the idea of a backyard barbecue and a couple of beers. They proved it by making this year’s club picnic the best attended in recent memory.

Gene Anthony graciously offered to host the picnic at his home in Shoreline. Gene not only did the shopping for the event, he manned the grill, serving up burgers and choice comments for anyone who might disparage his culinary skills.

Gene at the grill. Jim Gauntt Photo
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September Calendar

Meetings:

SEP 13: General Meeting

SEP 27: Board Meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Outings:

SEP 14: Fishing for silvers at the mouth of the Quilcene River. Host: Dan Reynolds 425-673-7028.

Special Events:

SEP 6: Fly tying Round Table, Room 302 Anderson Center. Eric Sauer will lead a session on tying for the Quilcene trip.

Guest Speaker:

SEP 13: Dave Ames, guide and author of *True Love and the Woolly Buggie* and *A Good Life Wasted*, or, *Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide*.

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We were unable to contact Joe Conner at press time to confirm this, but we were told he fished Lake Ballinger and caught a ten pound crappie prior to arriving at the picnic.

Nearly 30 members turned out for the picnic and all rated it a success.

Upper Photo: Norm Primc, Joe Conner and Buzz Burgett share a laugh. Lower Photo: Bud Camandona shows off his raffle prize to Dick Hedges along with Bill MacDonald, Ray Gould, Jim Melnick and Perry Barth, seated.

.....Jim Gauntt Photos





Eliguk Lake offers a lot of fish and a “taste” of history.

Eliguk is a favorite destination for OFF members and this year Ray Gould again led a group to this pristine lake located 300 miles north of Vancouver, B.C.

Eight OFF club members joined eight WFF club members for a week of excellent fishing, camaraderie and, “okay, but iffy,” weather.

For Dick Hedges, one of the most exciting things about Eliguk is its proximity to history.

“The Alexander MacKenzie Heritage Trail passes along the edge of the lake.” says Dick. “MacKenzie made the first recorded crossing of the North American Continent. Ten years before Lewis and Clark.”

The section of the Heritage Trail that passes the lake was actually part of a 4,000 year old route used by aboriginal people to trade and travel from the west coast to interior B.C.



Eliguk Lake

The coastal indians brought cedar boxes filled with rendered ooligan grease (a food staple made from smelt) to trade for obsidian to make tools.

“On hot days the grease melted and leaked through the boxes onto the trail,” Dick noted. “To this day it’s still know as the ‘Grease Trail’.”

Except for a rare moment or two of dry fly action, most of the fishing at Eliguk this year was sub-surface. B.C. Fisheries says the lake has one million fish. One OFF member noted “You really had to work hard not to catch one.”

Counter clockwise: Half the fun is getting there; Cabins were cosy, clean and warm; Terry Zietner, Stewart & Cathy Scham, and Perry Barth visit together in the lodge. The food was excellent!

Dick Hedges Photos





The OFF Beat

Back to Blue

Everyone had such a great time on the Blue Lake trip they wanted to do it again. And Mike Truax has agreed to host another trip 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. But do it now because it will be the height of hunting season," he cautioned.

Mike's currently in Turkey and will have more info at the October meeting.

Quilcene

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fishery for trout in the summer, sea run cutthroat in the fall and hatchery silvers now.

The season opened August 16th from Rodgers Street upstream to the Highway 101 bridge. You may keep up to four hatchery silvers over 12 inches per day. Summer run chums are also in the river now but may not be targeted and must be released if caught.

Details:

The tides look good for the 14th and the plan is to take the

5:50 a.m. ferry from Edmonds and meet in the ferry coffee shop. Driving instructions and other information will be e-mailed to all members and will be available at the September 13th meeting.

Stan Remick

Karl Moellmer reports that his friend and fellow club member, Stan Remick, is currently undergoing treatment for late stage cancer. Stan was active in the club for many years. His physician has given him three to nine months depending on the type of treatment Stan chooses. We all wish Stan the best in his struggle. If you would like to drop him a note, his e-mail address is:

stan.rosalie@verizon.net

Round Table

If you're wondering what flies to use on the Quilcene trip Eric Sauer has the answers.

The OFF Fly Fishing Round Table scheduled for September 6th will be focusing on coho flies. This is one you won't want to miss.

The session goes from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 302 at the Francis Anderson Center.

Coming Soon

Don Summers and Gene Anthony will be making their annual trek to the Grande Rhonde this year and will be on the river from September 25 to October 25.

Club members are invited to visit any time between those dates but Don asks that you let him know before the trip who's coming and when so he can make sure he has the proper supplies on hand.

On November 10th the club will make a trip to John's Creek to fish for Chum Salmon. The annual officers retreat will be held the following day

We're looking forward to a great season ahead.

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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