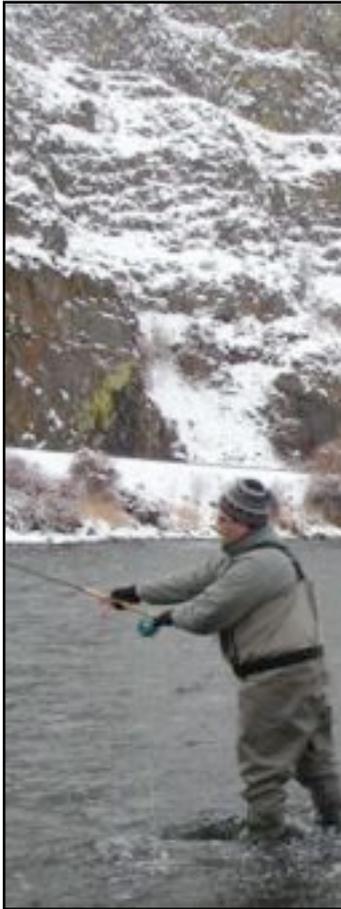




# TIGHTLINES



**Douglas Lake Ranch, a Sage spey rod outfit, a Buck's pontoon boat and much more are just a bid away at our annual OFF Auction Dec 12th.**

OFF members, spouses and friends will be able bid on 21 items in the live auction and more than 100 in the silent at this year's club auction.

"We're delighted with the quality and variety of the items this year," says Joe Conner, president. "We have trips, artwork, clothing, dinnerware, rods, high quality flies and a lot more. It's going to be a fun event."



This year's festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a "Wet Fly" hour and a chance for everyone to get a close look and begin placing their bids on items in the silent auction. *See "SOLD!" Page 2*

Two nights for two at Douglas Lake Ranch, a high end Sage spey outfit and an 8' Buck's Bag pontoon boat are just a few of the items in the live Auction. *See a complete list on Page 2.*



## ***Nathan Keen will tie and talk at January meeting.***

The Avid Angler's Nathan Keen will be our guest speaker at the general meeting on January 9th.

Nathan is familiar to just about every Northwest fly angler who has fished for any length of time. He's an excellent tier, caster and fisherman.

Nathan will do a demo on tying favorite and effective steelhead flies for West and East side rivers and will present a program on the most effective ways to use them and where. Don't miss this one!

### **Calendar**

**December 12:** The Club's annual Auction and holiday dinner is the agenda for tonight and it's one you won't want to miss. Guaranteed to generate a lot of laughs, fun and bucks for worthy causes.

**January 2:** The club business meeting will be held on the first Wednesday instead of the fourth.

**January 9:** Guest speaker Nathan Keen, owner of the Avid Angler. See story to left.



**LIVE AUCTION**

- POWELL IM6 5/6 WT. 9' WITH TUBE**
- GALVIN OB3 REEL FOR 4/5 WEIGHT LINE**
- FISH LAKE TRIP FOR TWO WITH MIKE BUNNEY AS HOST, ONE NIGHTS LOGGING AT THE ICICLE INN IN LEAVENWORTH**
- 5 WEIGHT 9'0" ECHO 2 ROD AND CASE**
- TRIP FOR TWO ON THE YAKIMA WITH JOE CONNER**
- FRAMED PRINT OF CORBETT LAKE**
- RAINBOW TROUT DINNER SET**
- SAGE XP 10161-4 SPEY ROD, 10 WT, 16 FEET 4 PIECE WITH ROSS CIMARRON REEL AND REO SPEY LINE (RESERVE)**
- LONE LAKE TRIP FOR ONE HOSTED BY BARRY HUTTON**
- 8 WEIGHT 9'0" ECHO 2 ROD**
- SAGE 1650 REEL FOR 6 WEIGHT LINE, DONATED BY ROY DUNBAR**
- WOOD RIVER U BOAT DONATED BY JIM MELNICK**
- CADY LAKE TRIP FOR ONE HOSTED BY KEITH STAMM MR. AND MRS. SNOWMAN**
- FLOAT TRIP FOR TWO ON TH E YAKIMA WITH "MR. GUIDE" DOUG PENDLETON**
- BUILD YOUR OWN BAMBOO ROD WITH TERRY ZIETNER**
- ST. CROIS 13' 7/8 WEIGHT SPEY ROD WITH ROSS CLA-4 REEL AND AIR FLOW SKAGIT HEAD LINE (RESERVE)**
- DYNA KING BARRACUDA ROTARY VISE WITH PEDESTAL AND VIDEO**
- TRIP FOR TWO AT DOUGLAS LAKE RANCH FOR TWO NIGHTS**
- WINSTON BORAN II x 5 WEIGHT 9'0" 4 PIECE ROD (RESERVE)**
- BUCKS 8' PONTOON BOAT (RESERVE)**

**"SOLD!" from Page 1**

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. This year we're back to the traditional sit down and be served approach instead of a buffet. The dinner is being catered by Celebrations, who do a fine job on all our club dinners.

Toward the end of dinner, legendary auctioneer Don Bayes will step up to the podium and the live auction will begin in earnest.

There's still time to order your tickets. Call Mike Bunney at 425-672-3345, Norm Primc at 425-481-1653, or Joe Conner at 425-744-8085 and let them know how many tickets you need. You can pay for them at the door. Tickets are \$45.00 per person.

If you put together a table for eight you'll receive a complementary bottle of wine for the table.

# And now for a few late breaking fishing reports.



Apparently, all it takes to score on the Grande Ronde is a quick spey casting lesson from Don Summers. If you have doubts, ask Jeff Bandy. That's Jeff *above* watching Don work the two-hander. That's also Jeff *below right* with his first Grande Ronde steelie.

Norm and Dan fished Chico Creek November 16.

"We fished the estuary for Chums in the early AM and in the first hour and half we'd both landed six plus fish all in the 10 to 20 lb class," said Dan. "By 9:30 a.m. the bite was pretty much off. We dead drifted a No.4 Comet fly on a long leader and a floating line which worked really well. This was the best Chum fishing we'd seen in the last three or four years."

Dan swears that he and his chum were not singing a duet of our National Anthem in the photo *below*.

**Photos by Dan Reynolds, Norm Primc and Tami Bandy.**





Keith Stamm reports that fishing in Hawaii has it OFF moments, literally. Photo by Kathleen Stamm

FISHING REPORTS continued

Fly Casting the Maui Surf

If not for Mike Chambers I would not have been casting tube flies into the surf crashing onto the rocks of Maui's south shore. "You gotta take your fly rod," he said. "You can catch fish from shore, absolutely you can. And besides," he added, "you're in the Olympic Fly Fishers aren't you? If you go without your fly rod they'll hear about it. It could cost you big time."

And so the fly rod went along, the tube crammed into the middle of the golf bag after removing the 6 and 9 irons. The fly reel, box of tube flies, and extra leader were tucked into the side pocket.

My companion on Maui was wife, Kathleen, whose idea of vacation is long walks on the beach, dinners out, and sipping mai tais while watching the sun set. I knew better than to ask right off if I could bring my fly rod on the beach walk. I knew that with diligence and patience an opportunity would arise, and it did when the little lady said she would attend church services at 7:30 a.m., which sounded to me like the perfect time to hit the beach.

I figured I had one hour to fish so I strung the rod

and hit the beach on the run. Waded in too far and got the crotch wet when the first roller came in. I didn't notice the tourists behind me out for their morning beach walk. Plucked some guy's hat off on the first back cast.

On the next cast snagged the top of some lady's bikini. She screamed as it went flapping into the surf. The top caught the next outbound wave and took my line into the backing. After a tough battle I landed it and had a devil of a time getting the hook out. Finally I got a fly out there 70 feet. I saw the swirl and felt a hard jerk on the line. The fish started to run, and then I heard the bikini lady behind me.

"There he is, that's the guy."

Fortunately, I was a faster runner than her chubby husband.

After this misadventure I was not trusted to fish on my own. And a couple days later Kathleen went along with me to the end of the McKenna Road, past the house where Jerry Garcia made his famous ties, to fish off the recent lava flow. (Recent being 200 years ago.) The water looked really good here, deep pools of turquoise water next to the rocks, and no tourists in the path of my back casts.

But the rocks were wet and slippery, and the surf pounded in relentlessly. The line was tossed and twisted in the tide current like spaghetti in a boiling kettle. Meanwhile, Kathleen watched from a safe distance, occasionally calling, "Have you got one yet?" And one time I did, a big brown, pearly something-or-other the size of a platter. She snapped a picture and said, "See, you need me along for good luck." I couldn't argue with that. —Keith Stamm—



This photo was in the latest edition of the Edmonds VFW newsletter edited by Jim Traner. The fellow on the right is our own Gillie, Phil Sacks, who headed up this year's Poppy Drive. Wrote Jim: "For those of you who couldn't volunteer, the fundraiser was in good hands with Phil Sacks in charge." Nice work, Phil!

If you're tired of dumping your losing raffle tickets in the red can every month, your moment of redemption has come. At our annual Auction one ticket will be drawn from the can. If it's yours, you'll be the proud owner of a Winston Ascent four piece, nine foot five weight. Sweet!



# The OFF Beat

## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FISHING IN 2008?

Our Outings Committee Chairman Dan Reynolds has some great recommendations for one, two or three day club outings in 2008. Dan has based his picks on when, where and what fish might be available.

Now he's looking for ideas from club members to fill in some gaps or add additional trips to the roster. We're also looking for members who know certain places well enough to help host or coordinate specific outings.

### Dan's Recommendations

**January:** Annual Pass Lake New Year's Day

**February:** Tentative for Lone Lake

**March:** Tentative for Cady Lake or Pass lake in late March

**April:** Big Twin Resort, Opening Day 04/26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. April is also a good month to fish Lone Lake before Opening Day.

**May:** Many options this month, Corbett Lake outing. Late May also the Okanogan lakes early in the month and Douglas Lake Ranch might be good.

**June:** Open

**July:** Eglon beach, Point & No Point for silvers.

**August:** Same as July

**September:** Stillaguamish River for Cutthroat and the Methow

River for trout. The Quilcene river for silvers.

**October:** Many options in lakes and also rivers like the Harrison in BC and the Wenatchee & Methow Rivers for steelhead.

**November:** Chico Creek for chums.

**December:** Open

## A GRAND GRANDE RONDE.



Gene

Don

Everyone who visited the Grande Ronde in October said that one of the highlights of their trip was hanging out with Don Summers and Gene Anthony.

"It was like the Odd Couple, Grumpy Old Men, Bob Hope and Gene Kelly all in two. It was terrific!" said one observer.

Thanks again, fellas!

## PERRY RULES AT AUCTION.

With encouragement from Roy Dunbar, Perry Barth had the winning bid at our November auction for a float with Troy Dettman.

The bid of \$800 won Perry and one other fisherman a two day float for steelhead on one of the Peninsula rivers that TROY KNOWS WELL. The other fisherman has yet to be named. Could it be Roy?



## OFFICERS FOR 2008.

In January Mike Bunney will be installed as our new OFF President; Dick Hedges, VP; Jim Gauntt, Treasurer and Keith Stamm, Secretary. Your's truly will stick around as Communications & TIGHTLINES Editor. Don't miss this exciting event!



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

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