



# TIGHTLINES

## *OFF to a great start for 2007.*



**Don Summers, Don Corwin and Ken Martin have plenty to smile about at the annual club auction.** *Eric Sauer Photo*

The annual club auction was a great success, netting more than \$5,000 to help fund speakers, conservation, education and special events for 2007.

“Everyone in the club should feel pretty darn good about how well the auction turned out and how smoothly it all came together,” said club president Joe Conner. “We had a big crowd for the dinner and many club members and businesses contributed time, money and donations to help us achieve our goals.”

Nearly 100 members and guests gathered to enjoy a fine dinner and  
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## *Start the year by “tying one on.”*

The club’s Fly Tying Round Table gets off to an exciting start on Wednesday January 3rd at 7 p.m. in Room 302 of the Frances Anderson Center in Edmonds. The fly of the day will be the Waller Waker (and maybe a Bomber).



“Lets spin some hair,” Says Eric.”Deer hair of any color, white calf tail, moose hair, grizzly saddle hackle (if you'd like to try the Bomber), upturned eye salmon/ steelhead hook (TMC 7989 or 7999) size 2-6, heavy black thread 3/0, super glue gel, hair packer, and (if you feel brave) double edged razor blades. This will be messy so it wouldn't hurt to bring a waste bag.”  
**Imagine skating this big dude across a riffle or tailout and watching as a steelie hits it like a Kenworth Truck. “SET THE HOOK!”-**

### January Calendar

#### Meetings

**Jan 10:** First club meeting of the new year. Guest speaker, Oregon river guide Thomas Larimer, will make a presentation on steelheading and fishing the Deschutes, Sandy and Klickitat Rivers.

**JAN 24:** Board meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

#### Special Events

**JAN 3:** Fly Tying Round Table. See story to left. . .

#### Upcoming Outings & Speakers

For details, see stories on Page 4.



**Clockwise from left: President Joe Conner looking relaxed and happy to have a hundred or so auction items out of his living room. Next: Buffet style dining worked smoothly and gave some folks a chance for seconds. Next: A special table was provided just for bald members and their guests. Next: Buzz Burgett and Randy Sobczak, our favorite bartenders, keep the crowd in a jovial mood .** Eric Sauer Photos

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bid on some great items in both the silent auction and the live auction.

Flies dominated the offerings at the silent auction with 450 flies tied or donated by Dan Reynolds, Dick Hedges, Ray Gould, Eli Perlman, Jim Hagy, Doug Pendleton, Joe Conner, Norm Primc, Barry Hutton, Keith Stamm, Blair Scarth, Perry Barth, Patrick's Fly Shop, and Outdoor Emporium,.

Club members were generous with their donations. A few highlights included books from Bill MacDonald and Perry Barth, and Sonny Tremoulet donated a presentation flybox made of Jatoba Wood.

Cash donations from members also provided items for both the silent and live auctions.

The live auction featured a cane rod handmade by Terry Zeitner, a box of 99 beautifully tied stream flies by Eric Sauer, a handmade quilt, guided fishing trips and more.

Many people pitched in to make our 2006 auction a success. A special thanks to Joe Conner, Mike Bunnely, Norm Primc, and Dan Reynolds for their coordination, plus everyone who contacted retailers for donations. In addition to those mentioned, contributions also came G.I. Joes, Avid Angler, Ted's, Kaufmann's, Orvis, Sportsman's Warehouse and FFF.





# Happy 2007!

Here are a few of our favorite pix from 2006.



**Les Jone, Joe Conner & Bud Camandona work a foam line on the Yakima.** *Eric Sauer Photo*



**Mike Bunney looks like he's being swallowed alive by a giant red sea anemone at last year's outing to Pass Lake.** *Dick Simmons Photo*



**Rod builder and Lambuth Award Recipient Ray Gould.** *Dick Simmons Photo*

**Steve Murray & Denis Kibby explore new techniques for wet wading Alaskan creeks.**

*Doug Pendleton Photo*



**On a mild February afternoon, Eric Sauer sets out lunch on a Skykomish gravel bar.**

*Hal Rowe Photo*



# The OFF Beat

## OUTINGS

We're still looking for a club member to help coordinate our club outings for 2007. In the meantime, Dan Reynolds has agreed to stay on the job and here's where we are so far:

- On January 1 Steve Murray hosted our annual outing to Pass Lake. This is a great trip and one you should plan on in 2008.

- On February 16 Eric Sauer will host a float trip on the Skykomish. Details Jan. 10th.

- March is open.

- On April 7 we're going to Lone Lake and we need a host. Any volunteers?

- On April 21 it's Fish Lake (if ice is off) and Mike Bunney will be our host.

- On May 4, 5, & 6. Dan Reynolds will be hosting a trip to Big Twin Lake. This is hot.

- On May 26, 27 & 28 we're going to Corbett Lake for BIG trout. We still need a host.

- In early June, Terry Zietner will host a trip to Glimpse Lake in B.C. and in late June we're looking at Chopaka. If you've fished Chopaka, we need a host.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Dan Reynolds has also been working on guest speakers for 2007 and has "booked" some

presentations you won't want to miss:

- Jan. 10: Oregon river guide Thomas Larimer on the Deschutes, Sandy and Klickitat Rivers.

- Feb. 14: Montana guide Dan "Rooster" Leavens, of Twin Bridges, with a program on fishing Montana rivers.

- Mar 14: WDFW's Bob Jateff and Jeff Korth on the 2007 outlook for Eastern Washington.

- Apr. 11: Steve Murray and friends on their Alaskan float trip. (This will be good!)

- May 9: B.C. guide and photographer Nick Didlick on the upper Pitt River and Queen Charlotte Islands.

- Sep 12: Author and entomologist Rick Hafele.

We're still working on speakers for the remaining open months. If you have suggestions please let Dan know.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TYING CLASS

On Tuesday January 16 the club will once again conduct a series of beginning fly tying classes for the local community and club members. The classes will be every Tuesday through March 6.

Eric Sauer is leading the class and can use some help from time to time with individual instruction from other experienced tyers in the club. This is a great project and gives us excellent visibility in the community. You can reach Eric at 425-776-3811.

## MARADO REEL SPOOLS

Norm Primc has nine spools model #20904 for the Marado Axis reel model #045. If you can use one, give Norm a call at 425-481-1653.

## CLUB DONATES

OFF is donating \$500 to a Methow Valley Fly Fishers aeration project at Big Twin Lake that will help reduce winter kill. More details at our January meeting.



### 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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*See you on the water. DS*