



TIGHTLINES



It's summer-time and the fishin' is easy. (And sometimes just "so so.")

Most club members have taken advantage of summer weather and vacation time to get in a lot of great fishing. Belize, Norway, Spain and Alaska have all been on the agenda as well as closer to home destinations from BC to Montana.

The season premiere was a trip to Big Twin with a side junket to Blue Lake.

After his stellar shore casting symposium at Lone Lake, Don Corwin once again made headlines at Big Twin by reportedly "rescuing" ..See "SUMMERTIME" Page 2

"I've never caught so many BIG fish on one trip!" said Norn Primc about the club's outing to Corbett Lake, BC. Ken Martin Photo



Joe Conner & Ken Martin having a good time at last year's club picnic.

Jim Gauntt Photo

Annual picnic is a great time to catch up on who's catching.

Our club picnic at Gene Anthony's last year was a big success and this year's August 8th event looks like it will be every bit as good.

Go east or west on North 205th. At the Meridian Ave. N. intersection, turn South. From Meridian, turn right onto N. 198th Street, go two blocks and turn left onto Wallingford Ave. N. Go to N. 195th Place, turn right. Park in the grade school parking lot and cross the street to Gene's backyard, second house down.

Calendar

Meetings:

July 25: Board Meeting. All members welcome.

August 8: Club Picnic. (See story and directions left.)

September 12: Regular meeting. Guest Speaker: Entomologist and author Rick Hafele will explain the hatches, fly patterns and tactics for fly fishing Western Lakes.

August 22: Board Meeting. All members welcome.



We know what you did this summer.

“SUMMERTIME” From Page 1 fellow club member Stewart Scham during a wayward canoeing incident.

Details are sketchy, but apparently Stewart was standing in his canoe to cast when the craft capsized. Efforts to get back in were hampered by the canoe’s anchor line and Stewart was clearly in a perilous situation.

His fishing buddy (*who still remains anonymous*) arrived first on the scene and shot numerous photographs of Stewart’s valiant struggle.

CORWIN TO THE RESCUE

But, according to witnesses, it was Don Corwin who saved the day by stripping off his waders, leaping into the icy water and swimming 200 yards to the swamped canoe, bailing it out and helping Stewart back in. A truly heroic performance.

Ed. Note: Stewart is currently fishing in Norway and Spain. He reports that the food is excellent.

Later, at Corbett, Don also excelled in the fishing category using a unique still water nymph (*fluorescent orange with white wings*) that was created specifically for him by Steve Murray and friends.

It didn’t look like anything you’d fish in a lake. However, it’s said that when Don landed a very large rainbow (in his lap) on the fly, he screeched like a school girl.”

Steve’s only comment was that “no respectable fish would be caught on that thing.”



“CLUSTER” WHAT?
Someone convinced Bud Camandona that the Griffith’s Gnat he was fishing, with excellent results, was actually called a “Clusterf**k.” Which, when you think about it, is probably a pretty accurate description. But it could be awkward if your spouse asks: “What worked best for you at Big Twin, Dear?”

Phil Sacks was on the trip and displayed a level of fishing skill that still has people talking. (*See special feature Page 3.*)

A GLIMPSE OF THE RAIN

Terry Zeitner led a contingent to British Columbia’s Glimpse Lake and, despite the weather, everyone caught fish. “Even Phil,” noted Terry.



“From there, I went to Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island for four days and caught quite a few rainbow, cutthroat, and sea run bull trout along with silver, king and sockeye salmon all on flies.”

Lately Terry’s been exploring local beaches and waiting for the pinks to arrive.

“There are cutts at Meadowdale as well as a few at Richmond

Highlands,” says Terry. “Use a fly with some pink in it. I’ve had fun with the beach popper with a little pink in it.

LITTLE TWIN DELIVERS

For Dan Wilson, Summer’s highlight, so far, has been Little Twin (*No relation to Big Twin*) near Colville.

Not only did he catch fish, he saw a pair of moose, a flock of white pelicans and an entire wall of mud swallows. “And on top of that, I had the entire lake to myself,” he added.

Dan also fished Seep Lake on his trip where he had the interesting experience of seeing a bass-jump over his line. He camped at the lake under a full moon.

“Magical.” said Dan.

IT WORKS!

At our June meeting, Keith Stamm gave an excellent technical presentation on lake fishing and what’s happening under the surface.



Not long after the meeting, Keith and two friends headed North to BC to sample the fishing in the Kamloops area. The photo above shows Keith practicing what he preaches on the waters of Leighton Lake in Tunkwa Provincial Park.

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Norm Primc wasn't the only one landing lunkers at this year's outing to Corbett Lake. This rainbow fell to a Denny Rikkard Sealbugger pattern fished by Ken Martin.

Ken Martin Photo

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"I caught a few fish that day on size 14 soft hackles during a brief caddis hatch," said Keith. "You could tell from the rise forms they were taking the emerging pupas. Trouble was it was another cold, windy day when the hatch was a brief affair.

"We caught some really nice fish on Dairy Lake, back in the woods on the logging roads, and had it all to ourselves. We also fished Face Lake, where we stayed at Mile High Adventure Lodge, and Bob Lake. Never got

Phil Sacks: "Take no Pisces!"

Most conservation-minded fishermen believe in "catch & release." But Phil sees it differently. Instead of focusing on the "catch" part, Phil has become the ultimate conservationist.

As one member said of our club gillie's performance at Twin Lakes: "Phil is the master of the release."

"It's uncanny," a friend said. "His releases are so subtle. A fish will take his fly and without making a move Phil can release it."

A close observer said he was dumbfounded. "In a space of less than five minutes I saw Phil execute a perfect long distance release, a short distance release and an avoidance release, where he yanked the fly before the fish got there. Phil is living proof that the rest of us might have "catch & release" backwards."

Doug Pendleton Photo



A MODEST FISHERMAN

If you recall, it was our own club president who admitted to the assembled members that he had fished Lake Sammamish with a "fly" bearing an uncanny resemblance to a worm. And that he had caught a bass on this fly.

At which point, the assembled members immediately appointed him to the dubious position of "Club President for Life."

If that was not enough, the photograph above of Joe (*or so he claims*) with what is clearly a record trout (*please note the presence of a spoon in its mouth*) should seal the deal.

Unfortunately, as you can see, the photographer who snapped this photo was so excited about capturing a world record rainbow on film that he cut Joe's head out of the picture. So this is not conclusive evidence.

But, Joe assures us that it was simply karma, one of those moments in life that teaches us all that it's not the "destination" but the "journey." that matters most.

to Ray though. (*A joke, but there is in fact a Ray Lake in the vicinity.*)

"We did have two flat tires. Yes, at the same time, which was a bit of a problem, but fortunately it did not result in a night spent out in the boonies. We had a very nice cabin, and very nice eats, and an adequate supply of beer, even some nice wine."

WATCH YOUR FINGERS!

Perry Barth and Roy Dunbar spent a week at Gypsy Lake in Alberta fishing for Northern Pike.

"They have sharp teeth and you have to land them with a spe-



cial type of net," Perry explained. "They'll try to bite you when you remove the hook. FUN!"

"Peripatetic" Perry is leaving for Nome, Alaska in mid-August, then a flight across Norton Sound to St. Michael, and from there a two hour power skiff ride to the Gold Seldovia River to fish for silvers.

If you're interested in finding out more about fishing Gypsy Lake next season, Perry says there are some openings. Same for the Alaska trip. His number is 425-774-0762.





The OFF Beat

“TO CATCH A KAMLOOPS”

Ray Gould reports that shortly before he and Sue moved to their “restirement” chateau at Bothell Landing,



he began writing a book: “To Catch a Kamloops”

No release date has been announced but here are two short excerpts you may find valuable for future reference:

“...since the early 1900’s tales of these mighty fish began to spread among anglers. Fishing in the lakes of British Columbia produced trout of magnificent size, strength and power. Many trout of 10-20 lbs were taken and really big fish such as the 53lb fish from Jewel lake caused awe amongst anglers. Even today Kamloops of 10-15 lbs are occasionally taken.

It’s every Northwest fly fisher’s dream to tangle with one of these powerful fish. Lakes in British Columbia that contain the really big ones are often rather closely held secrets but bragging sometimes lets the cat out of the bag. However, Kootenay Lake, Adams Lake, Shuswap Lake, Stoney Lake, Minnie Lake, Tunkwa Lake, Dragon Lake and

Stump lake are some that are known to have turned out big fish.” — *Ramon Gould*

OUTING TO ELIGUK

Perry Barth and Roy Dunbar are putting out a call for members interested in heading up to Eliguk toward the end of August.

Eliguk has been a favorite with OFF members over the years and Perry says that the dry fly fishing can be excellent at that time of year with a lot of site casting to rising fish.

Perry’s number is 425 774-0762. Roy’s number is 206 283 1996.

“MOOOOOOOO”

Fishing brings out the best in most of us. Keith Stamm sent along a memoir from a recent trip to BC with a couple of fishing pals. The piece is too long to reprint here but I’m sure you’ll enjoy this excerpt:

“Pearl Django is playing “My Blue Heaven” on the stereo and it’s very apt because we’re excited about getting close to the turn off to Face Lake and Mile High Adventure Lodge. Up on the plateau the rain has subsided, there are patches of blue sky. We’re in our own “blue heaven,” what I call the bog and range country—ranges of high spruce-cloaked hills and in every depression a bog. We have reached the turnoff where we leave the black top and “cattle are at large.” We are seriously up in the woods now and all three of us are about to revisit boyhood for a week with all the privileges of men. A dozen cattle appear on the dirt road to the resort and we roll the windows down and moo them. “MOOO-OOO-OOO, MOOO-OOO-OOO” in our best raucous voices. Here we can do that without being arrested.”

— *Keith Stamm*

PASSINGS

Jack Byrd’s wife Pat died July 4th following a long battle after a massive stroke. We all wish Jack our best as well as a speedy recovery from his back surgery.



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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