



TIGHTLINES

Reel men love **pinks** (and silvers).



The usual suspects gather at Denny's for an early morning breakfast before heading out to fish the Stillaguamish River for Pinks and Coho. September was mostly about anadromous species for most OFF members. *Read about the Stilly and an incredible trip to the Fraiser on Page 3.*

Eric Sauer Photo



Eli Pearlman ties one on.

OFF need some talented hands for the Club Auction.

OFF's annual Club Auction is only a couple of months away and already we're assembling a treasure trove of great stuff to entice members, spouses and friends. Some of the most successful auction items over the years have

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Calendar

October 10: Monthly meeting. Our guest speaker is Dana Bottcher, of Swiftwater Sports in Shoreline. Dana guides on the Methow and the Deschutes,

October 24: Board Meeting at Alf's Pizza on 196th. All members welcome.

Auction: If you have items for our December Club Auction please bring them to our October or November Meetings.



Close encounters of the buffalo kind.

Stewart and Cathy Scham headed for Montana to fish the Yellowstone in September and did well on the Galatin, Firehole and other famous rivers in the area.

In his report he did note one strange incident on the Firehole with an object that vaguely resembled (in coloration at least) a Buffalo Fish. If it was a Buffalo Fish it would definitely be a long way from its home waters in the deep South.

However, this could also be related to the effects of Global Warming. Stewart was non-plussed about the incident:

“Fishing was tough that day,” he said. “I was happy for whatever I could net”

Stewart Scham, on the Firehole River, releases large frisbee-like object which may or may not be a Buffalo Fish.

Cathy Scham Photo



Buffalo Fish, *Ictiobus cyprinellus*, average size: up to 30 inches, 15 pounds.

Put you and a friend in this boat for winter steelhead.



Our November 14th speaker will be Guide and Instructor Troy Detman. As a bonus, the club will be auctioning off a Peninsula trip with Troy this winter. More details will be available soon.

Here are some great ways to sharpen up your tying skills.

Starting in January, the Club will again be offering **fly tying classes for beginners** and novices who wants to brush up on their basic skills. The classes are open to club members and anyone in the community who wants to learn the joys and skills of tying.

If you, or someone you know, might like to join the class, or if you'd like to volunteer to help please let Eric Sauer or Joe Conner know. At this time the classes are scheduled to begin the first Tuesday in January and continue each Tuesday through March. Sessions usually run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Edmonds Plaza Room above the Library. A small fee will be charged for tools and materials used in the classes.

The **Fy Tying Round Table** will be rolling out again on the first Wednesday of the month. These monthly sessions are a good chance to learn new skills and tie some very useful and timely patterns. There also good for some laughs. Check with Eric Sauer to find out when the first session is scheduled. They usually run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Frances Anderson Center.

Are you ready to really learn liquid lace?

Randy Diefert, expert fly tier, is offering an 8 hour class on tying with rotary vises at his shop in Coupeville on Whidbey Island.



The classes will be held on a Saturday, dates to come. If we get five guys from the Club he will give us a discounted rate. Randy has seven rotary vises setup for this class plus all the material. For more info call Dan Reynolds at 425 673 7028.



OFF fishermen were definitely “in the pink!”



On the Stilly, Buzz Burgett raises his rod to tightens up slack on a charging Pink Salmon.
Eric Sauer Photo

Recent club visits to the Stillaguamish resulted in some excellent catches of both pink and silver salmon heading up river to spawn. Eric Sauer took top honors by landing a 17 pound coho.

But successes on the Stilly pales in comparison to the trip a handful of OFF clubbers made a couple of weeks ago to BC’s fabled Fraser River. Let’s put it this way:

How many times do eight fly fishermen hook up with 400 fish in one day?

“We took two jet boats onto the river and pulled up on a bar that must have been a half mile long,” said Dan Reynolds. “You could see fish rolling all along the shoreline, not more than 20 to 50 feet off the beach.”

The two boats landed about 100 yards away from each other so all eight fishermen were able to spread out with plenty of room to fish. And fish they did!

“There was never a time when one or more of us didn’t have a fish on,” said Dan. “Sometimes three or four guys would have a fish on at the same time.”

According to Dan, the takes were very soft most of the time. Make the cast, let the fly swing into the slower water and then retrieve very slowly. Not very technical, but great fun.

The Pinks ran five to seven pounds and were all
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Steve Murray and Norn Primc celebrate a double hook up on their dream day on the Fraser River.

Ken Martin Photo



Dan Reynolds with STS guide Curtis.



The OFF Beat

GOOD OUTINGS ON DECK FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER.

By now, Gene Anthony and Don Summers should have set up shop for the month on the **Grande Ronde** in Southeast WA.

The dynamic duo of Gene and Don have been making the trek in pursuit of GR steelhead for longer than either one cares to remember. If you're planning to drop by their camp, please let them know in advance. Gene's number is: 206-542-2552.

Mike Truax will be leading a delegation to **Blue Lake** this month. For specifics you can reach him at: 425-672-6963

Chico Creek and **Johns Creek** are both on the agenda for November. Specific dates will be decided at the October meeting.

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bright and healthy.

"We made the guide's job sooo easy," said Steve Murray. "He just walked up and down the beach with nothing to do."

For Norm Primc, whose never met a fish he didn't like, this day was the "biggest fishing day of his life." He hooked up with at least 50 pinks.

Everyone agreed that Ken Martin (who else but) was the

true "fishing machine." Not only did he land more fish than anybody else, he actually caught the same fish twice.

"He brought the fish in and released it," said Steve. "And when he started working out his line again he caught the same fish. We knew it was the same fish because the first time the fish took the fly on the right side of its mouth and the second time on the left. There were punctures on both sides.

Ken Martin, Steve Murray, Norm Primc and Dan Reynolds represented OFF and were joined by four friends and relatives. They booked the trip with STS Guiding Service, Mission, BC. Vic Carrao from STS spoke to our club last year. You can contact STS at 1-866-771-3474.

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always been flies tied by club members.

"We're fortunate to have some exceptional tyers in the club," Joe Conner, president, explained, "and every year the revenue we earn from the boxes of flies that go at auction is critical to our ability to fund programs and activities throughout the year."

If you can tie up a dozen or so flies you don't even have to put them in a box Joe says. The Club will provide the boxes.

AND FINALLY, THIS. . .

Yes, unfortunately, there has been yet another "sighting" of our illustrious president using questionable tactics on highly questionable species.

In this case, a very pissed off 600 pound sea lion with a bait hook and herring dodger dangling from its mouth was seen giving the flipper to our prez recently off

a certain unnamed point in Puget Sound. When asked to explain himself our chief had this to say:

"Hey, I must have played him for at least a minute!"

See you on the water.

Dick Simmons



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 Alfy's on 196th Avenue, Lynnwood, WA. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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