



TIGHTLINES



Annual club feat nets over \$3600 for worthy projects.

OFF members turned out in force last month to socialize, enjoy a great dinner and bid on a wide range of fly gear, trips and artwork at the Club's Annual Auction.

Veteran auctioneer Don Bayes kept the bidding hot and some great prizes went home with happy new owners. Bayes even donated his annual ham which netted the club an additional \$44.

"We're delighted with the auction results said 2008 See **"AUCTION"** Page 2

There were smiles aplenty at the 2007 OFF Auction. Here, Club Gillie Phil Sacks, with his wife Dorothy. *left*, and Rebecca Murray are in a holiday mood as festivities begin. (See Page 2 for more auction pix.) —Dick Simmons Photo

"OFF speaker lineup set through June.

Lining up speakers for our monthly club meeting can be a frustrating job at times. Just ask Dan Reynolds, who had the job in 2007. More than one speaker called in at the last minute to say he couldn't make it. Then what? Panic!

This year, Dick Hedges, 2008 Vice-president, has taken on the task and assembled an interesting and varied mix for the first half of the year. His guest speaker roster will definitely help you improve your skills and find new places to fish!

January 9 – Nathan Keen, of the Avid Angler, Lake Forest Park, will demonstrate See **"SPEAKERS"** Page 4



Dick Hedges

Calendar

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

January 23: The club business meeting will be at 6 p.m. at Alfy's on 196th, Lynnwood. All members are welcome.

February Outing: Tentative for Lone Lake.

March Outing: Tentative for Cady Lake or Pass lake in late March.



Perry Barth checks in at front desk with 2008 OFF President Mike Bunney and wife Mary.

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OFF President Mike Bunney, ”and thank everyone who donated time, items and money to the effort — especially our out-going president Joe Conner.”

And the winners were. . .

Fish Lake trip for two with host Mike Bunney: **Jim Hagy**; Yakima float with host Joe Conner: **Roger Hansen**; Lone Lake with host Barry Hutton: **Keith Stamm**; Wood River U Boat from Jim Melnick: **Roger Hansen**; Sage 1650 reel from Roy Dunbar:

Terry Zeitner and Bill Vincent enjoy a moment over dinner. The dinner was catered by Celebrations.

—Jim Gauntt Photo

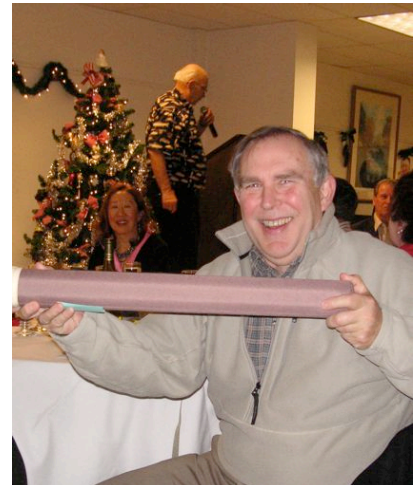


Do I need another rod? David Claude ponders.



Buzz Burgett; Cutthroat trip with Keith Stamm and guide Ryan Smith of Emerald Waters: **Les Jones**; Bamboo rod building with Terry Zeitner: **Joe Conner**; St. Croix complete spey rod outfit: **Jeff Bandy**; Dyna King Barracuda rotary vise: **Mike Bunney**; Two nights at Douglas Lake Ranch for two: **Roger Hansen**; Yakima float with guide Doug Pendleton: **Richard Johnson**; Winston Boron IIX 5 WT 9.0’ 4 piece rod: **Joe Conner**; Powell 1M6 5/6 WT 9.0’ rod: **Ron Sather**; Galvin OB3 reel for 4/5 WT line: **Ray Gould**; Echo 2, 5 WT 9.0’ rod: **Jim Gauntt**; Echo 2, 8 WT 9.0’ rod: **Larry Kiriluk**; Corbett Lake print: **Mike Bunney**; Two hours of casting lessons with Ryan Smith: **Patrick Spence**; Rainbow Trout dinner set: **Bill MacDonald**; Mr. & Mrs. Snowman: **Perry Barth**; Woman’s Silver Ring by Keith Stamm: **Dick Simmons**; Men’s silver ring by Keith Stamm: **Larry Kiriluk**; Painting by David Claude: **Jim Hagy**.

Jim Traner lands the “Red Can” raffle prize (A Winston rod) while Don Bayes (in back) keeps the bidding hot. Jim Gauntt Photo



Steve Murray and Buzz Burgett welcome one and all. Dick Simmons Photo





A few words of wisdom. . .



Dan Reynolds with Rick Hafele

During 2007 we were fortunate to have some excellent fly fishermen as guest speakers. Many shared their knowledge of tactics, fish behavior and places with us. Here are a few ideas you might want to consider in 2008 to enhance your love of the sport.

From Rick Hafele, author and biologist:

When you fish rivers take along a collection net and a white tray or jar lid. Kick up some of the bottom, collect specimens in the net and spend 20 or 30 minutes studying them in the collection tray. You'll answer a lot of questions about what nymphs the fish are eating including size, color and behavior. *(For a more detailed description of sampling tools, techniques and cautions read Chapter 4 "Selecting The Right Pattern" in Rick's excellent book Nymph Fishing Rivers And Streams.)*

Whether you're on a river, stream or lake, the best places to fish will generally be the "edges." Edges in current speed, edges of



Helen and Dana Bottcher

plant beds, shoals, depths, substrates, banks. . . Look for the edges.

Calibaetis is the most important mayfly in most lakes.

Don't chase fish in lakes, let them come to you.

Dave Hughes snags bottom all the time. That's why he catches so many fish.

Blue damselfly nymphs are the males, brown are the females. Fish damselfly nymphs a foot under the water. The strike comes as they sink. Fish around cattails and lily pads.

From Dana Bottcher, Deschutes and Methow guide and owner of Swiftwater Sports:

You can wade fish the Deschutes. From the campground at Heritage Landing, hike up either side of the river for three miles.

Except for a mile or two, all land on the Deschutes is public from Macks Canyon down.



Troy Dettman with Ray Gould

May is the prime time for trout on the Deschutes. Major salmon fly hatches.

From Troy Dettman, international guide, Peninsula steelhead expert:

Spey casting for steelhead in our area began around 1992. Then, people asked "What are you fishing with, a pole vault?" Now all I see are people with two-handed rods. Anywhere I go, Madison, Grande Ronde, you name it, it's spey casting. It makes sense when you're backed up against the bank.

Chucker hunting in waders is a good weight management program.

The best fishing in Botswana is in July.

Phillipsburg, Montana. Rock Creek. Salmon fly hatch in late May, early June. Memorable.

Bass are the hardest fighting fish I've ever caught in fresh water on poppers..



The OFF Beat

PASS LAKE, JANUARY 1st You Had to be there.

Especially if you're delusional enough to believe that nine grown men of "reasonable" intelligence would actually show up there to be with you. However. . .

Yes it was cold. Yes it was icy windy. Yes it was too godawful early to even be thinking coherently on the day after New Year's Eve. But once again, the OFF fly boys proved their mettle and preserved the tradition of the Pass Lake New Year's Day "Freeze OFF."

Ten guys, probably the best turnout in years. And the fishing was fast and furious. Actually, the flailing to keep warm was fast and furious. The fishing itself was pretty slow. But it's reported by usually reliable sources that Jim Traner caught two. One a brown that fell for a "Rubber Bugger" (we're not making this up, folks).

Shortly after this singular event, everyone quickly got off the water and repaired to Steve Murray's place for his famous chili feed.

Unfortunately some members of the stalwart band were unable to find Steve's home and just went home themselves.

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tying steelhead flies and make presentation on fishing for steelhead on local waters.

February 13 – Chad Jackson, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Region 4 biologist will talk about a project the WDFW plans to implement on the forks of the Snoqualmie River.

March 12 – Jeff Korth and Bob Jateff, WDFW Eastern Washington biologists, will update us on ongoing and future projects they have in the works and give us a candid assessment of 2008 fishing prospects on the waters they manage.

April 9 – Steve Worley, owner of the Worley-Bugger fly shop in Ellensburg, will make a presentation on fishing the upper Yakima River.

May 14 – Peter Patricelli, of the McKenzie Flyfishers, Eugene,

Oregon, will make a presentation on dry fly Fishing desert lakes.

June 11 - Michael Williams, FFF member and Master Fly Tyer from Eugene, Oregon, will demonstrate tying and give a presentation on the History and Mystery of Hosmer Lake, in the Central Oregon Cascades.

See you on the river DS



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

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THINK CUTTHROAT! "The size and health of the cutthroat population in the Sound is getting better and better." **Troy Dettman** —Dick Simmons Photo