



TIGHTLINES



Bill Scott fishes Blue Lake under the patient gaze of a bald eagle anticipating a catch and RELEASE. — Mike Truax Photo

Got too much stuff? Dust it off and bring it to our big August picnic and swap meet.

The club's August picnic is always a lot of fun and this year we're holding a special event to go along with all the great food. Call it a "swap meet" a "yard sale" or both, it will definitely be an opportunity to get rid of some fishing gear or add some to your collection.

You're invited to bring up to six items you'd like to swap or sell. And because most available table space will be used for the picnic, we'd also appreciate it if any members who have camp or card tables could also bring them along for displaying gear. Please mark all your items with prices and other pertinent information.

For the third year in a row, burger maven Gene Anthony has very graciously agreed to host the picnic in the backyard of his Shoreline home. The club will provide all the food and beverages.

The picnic will be Wednesday, August 13th. Gene's address is 1647 N. 196th Place, Shoreline. **For driving directions, see Page 4.**

“Gone fishing.” That pretty much sums it all up for May.

May was definitely about the fishing. And if you can believe the stories we've been hearing, it was also about the catching.

Blue Lake, Corbett, Glimpse, Douglas Lake Ranch, the Deschutes, Yakima and Belize, to name a few, all beckoned to more than 30 OFF members who loaded up their gear and headed to points North, South, East and West.

After fishing Douglas, Norm Primc, Ken Martin and Steve Murray split up, with Steve heading down to fish Blue Lake with Mike Truax and nine others from the club while Ken and Norm took off for Corbett.

"We were a little early for Corbett
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June Calendar

Special note: There will be no Business Meeting in June. Our next Business Meeting will be 7/23. Also there will be no General Meeting in July. Our August General Meeting will be the club picnic on 8/13. See story to left.

6/12-15: Glimpse Lake, BC Outing. Hosts: Terry Zeitner 425-640-2995, Capt, Larry Roxby, 206-363-5856.

6/11: General Meeting. Guest Speaker, Michael Williams, Eugene OR. Michael, a master tyer, will do a demo and speak on Hosmer Lake, Oregon

July Outing: Dan Reynolds is putting together an outing to Eglon Beach, south of Point No Point on Admiralty Inlet. Date to be determined by the fish. **For details, please see EGLON story on Page 2.**



December auction moves into action.

With the annual club auction only six months away, Chairman Jim Melnick is wasting no time in getting the festivities off to a great start. As our primary fund-raising event, the auction and dinner are open to all members and guests.

"Guests are strongly encouraged," says Jim. "And members should bring anyone interested in fly fishing equipment, trips and collectibles."

Since OFF depends on members for merchandise and services, Jim suggests that members consider donating any of the following:

New or slightly used (but in top condition) fly fishing or outdoor gear.

A dozen flies for a specific lake, river or purpose.

Guide service and amenities for a trip to your favorite spot.

Items of general or collectible interest artwork, special flies, you name it.

"The auction brings in the money we need to operate the club and to pay for conservation projects and donations to worthy causes," Jim added. "We need your donated items, we need your money and we need you to bring guests with money. It's that simple."

Phil Sacks and Terry Zeitner have already volunteered to serve on the Auction Committee, but Jim says he could really use the help of a few more good men.

"I encourage any of our members to contact me day or night, weekdays or weekends, by phone, snail mail, and email, or personally at any of the meetings," he says. "There will be a little bit of work, but also there's the great reward of helping out our club."

It's OFF to Eglon in July but we still need a hot date.

Resident Silvers will be on the agenda sometime in July when Dan Reynolds leads a trip to Eglon Beach, south of Point-No-Point on the west side of Admiralty Inlet. The date hasn't been set, but Dan has two good contacts in the area that will let him know when the fish are in.

"Sometimes it requires going to other locations to find them," says Dan, "because they're always on the move."

This will be a one day trip and Dan advises bringing along a #6 to #8 weight rod with a floating line along with an intermediate and a fast sinking tip. Check with Dan to coordinate the even-



Eglon Beach

A committee of club wives has already been formed to select gifts that will have more appeal to women. Committee members include Mary Bunney, Coleen Burgett, Romona Melnick and Dorothy Sacks.

Win six days at Turneffe Flats Atoll.

On their March Trip to Belize, Mike Bunney and Jim Melnick were able to negotiate an exciting fly fishing opportunity at legendary Turneffe Atoll during the 2009 season. The package includes lodging, all meals, guide and boat for six days of fishing, plus transportation from Belize City to the atoll. Normally, this package costs \$4,115.11 per person. But for the same price, Turneffe Flats will give OFF this same package for two people.

OFF would like to include this trip in the club's December live auction. However we need to pay for it before December. Which means that if two anglers are prepared to come up with a minimum bid of \$4,115.11 between them, great! Otherwise, OFF is on the hook.

So we're testing the waters. If you and someone else will commit to the minimum bid please let any board member know and we'll proceed. Our deadline is July 23rd. Jim has prepared a detailed fact sheet and I can e-mail you a copy. Contact me at dick.simmons@comcast.net. You can also find our more about the lodge itself at www.tflats.com. Ask Mike or Jim about the fishing. It's awesome!

tual timing. He can be reached at 425-673-7028 (weekdays only) or at dandr7712@yahoo.com.

When the call comes, plan to catch the 5:50 a.m. ferry from Edmonds to Kingston and follow Highway 104 to Hansville road on your right. Continue on Hansville Road until you see the Eglon Road sign on your right and follow it to the parking lot. Everyone will meet there before heading to the beach.

An interesting classified ad has been placed by one of our members:

Fly Fishing Store

I'm retiring. 51% Sub-S stock of long established store for investors with marketing and/or ecommerce experience. Exper. management in place. Absentee OK. Terms or tax free exchange possible. Call (425) 379 - 9681



The Fly Fishing Life



Don't cry over spilled milt. Norm Primc about to release a big buck bow with a premature release problem of its own. — Steve Murray Photos



A smiling Mike Bunney demos the right way to hold a big fish. Below: Don Corwin shows off another Corbett Lake beauty.



“MAY MADNESS” from Page 1 but on the last day I landed an eight pound rainbow," says Norm. "That made my week!"

After fishing Blue , Steve headed for Corbett and caught up with Mike Bunney, Don Corwin, Bud Camandona, Dave Claude and others from the club who arrived in time for some excellent fishing.

The only mishap occurred when one member, who was apparently attempting to get a closer look at the underwater structure in Corbett, suddenly discovered himself in it. And yes, it was wet. And no, it wasn't Don Corwin (if that's what you were assuming). It was a new member who's getting an “anonymity” pass this time around but we'll be keeping an eye on him for further developments.

Mike Bunney and Jim Melnick represented the club in Belize and had a great time fishing the flats near Turneffe Reef. Mike reports that two members in his group did the "Hat Trick" by catching a bonefish, tarpon and permit all in one day. This is a rare event anytime and even more unique when two in the party do it. Unfortunately one of them wasn't Mike or Jim.

Mike Truax, who hosted the Blue Lake, noted that hot weather at the start of their outing triggered a rapid snow melt that raised lake levels sharply and slowed the action dramatically. But added that "the fish we released ranged from 12 to 20 inches with most averaging about 14 inches."

(Editors note, We weren't able to get everyone into this story but we'll be looking forward to the fishing reports at the June meeting.)



Steve Murray with his 1,000th fish in the month of May. A new club record. Mike Bunney Photo



The OFF Beat

OFF DONATES \$500 TO NW CASTING CALL.

OFF has made a \$500 donation to Northwest Casting Call, a program developed by Dr. Sandra Vermeulen, MD, a Radiologist at Northwest Hospital, to help breast cancer survivors discover the joys of fly fishing and at the same time prevent and treat Lymphedema.

Lymphedema is a swelling in the arms and legs caused by excess fluid buildup in the lymphatic system. It can occur because the lymph nodes that nor-



Fly fishing for the cure.

mally move these fluids are removed during a mastectomy to ensure that the cancer has not spread from the breast into the lymphatic system.

Lymphedema can be triggered by radiation therapy or infections. There is no cure for the condition but the arm motion used in casting can be an excellent exercise to help prevent or lessen its often painful effects.

Participants in Northwest Casting Call learn the fundamentals of fly casting, entomology, knot tying, equipment and fly fishing etiquette. They also spend a day on the Yakima putting their skills to work. OFF may also have the opportunity to provide drift boat support for the program this coming October. If you're interested in helping please contact Dick Simmons.

DIRECTIONS TO GENE ANTHONY'S FOR THE CLUB'S AUGUST PICNIC.

Go east or west on North 205th. (You can access N. 205th from the I-5 Edmonds Ferry exit or from Aurora.) At the Meridian intersection, go South on Meridian Ave. N. Turn right on N. 198th Street, go two blocks and turn left onto Wallingford Ave. N. Gene's home is on N. 196th Place but he's asked us to go one more block south to N. 195th Place, turn right, park in the Echo Lake Grade School parking lot, and cross the street to Gene's backyard.. His home is the second one down from Wallingford.

Picnic begins around 7 p.m.

WDFW PROVIDES INFO ON RESTORATION ACT.

The Sports Fishing Restoration Act places a 10% manufacturer's excise tax on all reels, lines and lures, and a 3% tax on tackle boxes and other clearly identifiable fishing tackle items. Last month we called the WDFW to learn more about how the Act impacts Washington. Denise Dewey provided these interesting facts:

In 2008 Washington will receive almost \$8.1 million which will be spent on trout and salmon hatcheries, lake and stream rehab, boating access development and

area maintenance, fish screens, and other projects.

Washington ranks 15th among states and territories receiving funds. By comparison, Oregon receives about \$9.1 million, Idaho \$6.8, Montana \$9.8 and California \$19.9.

—See you on the water, 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 4820 196th SW, Lynnwood, WA. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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