

TIGHTLINES



FOG LIFTS OVER PASS LAKE to reveal Jeff Salisbury in his drift boat, one of about 35 watercraft that plied the lake at our recent outing. A great day to be on the water (with a rear view mirror).

—Jeff Bandy Photo

Respected author & fly fisherman Dave Hughes will speak May 13th.

Dave Hughes is shown here "releasing" Goldie, a bio-mechanical, robotic fish he owns in partnership with Rick Hafele.



Goldie was designed and built by a team of engineers and fish biologists from NASA and the Scripps Institute. Its electromechanical components enable the lifelike fish to home in and "take" a wet or dry fly containing a tiny transmitter.

At that point, through a sophisticated set of pressure-activated controls concealed in their vests,

Dave or Rick can make Goldie jump,

shake its head, run, go deep, sulk and exhibit other typical brown trout behavior. When they're maneuvering Goldie it simply looks like they're scratching.

Goldie has enabled Dave and Rick to always catch a big brown at their frequent TV appearances and magazine photo shoots, enhancing their reputations as fly fishing experts. Neither Dave nor Rick were available for comment on this story.

Good lakes, good weather, & good fish make great outings.

Good weather prevailed at both of our "wet side" outings in April.

Sunny skies over **Lone Lake** on the 10th ended a stretch of cold, damp and windy days and lured members out of bed and onto the water.

The Lone outing was hosted by Norm Primc and Steve Murray who were joined by Jeff Bandy, David Claude, Joe Conner, Tony Koenig, Dan Reynolds, Jeff Salisbury, William Scott and Nick Wissner.

"Sun, warm weather, no rain, and we even caught some fish," said Norm. "You couldn't ask for much more."

At **Pass Lake** on the 21st the fog lifted about 10:30 and the day turned bright and beautiful. Seventeen or more OFF members showed up along with a lot of other guys. At one point the parking lot had around 40 cars parked in and around it.

The lake was also crowded with dozens of watercraft ranging from float tubes to drift boats. Just about everyone from OFF caught fish. Of course guys like Ken Martin

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May Calendar

5/13: General Meeting. Author Dave Hughes will introduce us to his latest book and answer questions about tactics, tying and trout. As always, it will be excellent. *Wet fly hour at 6 p.m.*

5/27: Business Meeting. At Alf's on 196th in Lynnwood.

5/19-20: Outing. Chopaka, hosted by Steve Murray and Mike Bunney, followed by Corbett Lake 5/22-26 also with Mike and Steve. 425-672-3345 or 360-422-7335

5/29-31: Outing. Big Twin, hosted by Dan Reynolds. Details May 13th or call Dn at 425-673-7028.

Bob Jateff reviews Eastside lakes and best picks for '09.

With hundreds of lakes to manage and stock in WDFW Region 2, Bob Jateff is a busy man. Even busier now that Jeff Korth, the Region's other veteran biologist has shed his biology duties and moved on to manage fish programs including hatcheries.



OFF VP and Program Chairman Rolf Mogster with WDFW Region 2 Biologist Bob Jateff.

—Dick Simmons Photo

But Bob was good enough to cross over the mountains for our April meeting and give us his personal opinion on where to spend our most productive time this year in his area of the world. An area that covers big pieces of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan and Lincoln Counties. Here are his picks:

The old standbys: *Lenice* and *Nunnally* each received about 4,000 large (2-3 lb.) rainbows in 2008 plus 300 - 400 this spring. Winter survival was excellent and carry over from previous triploid plants provides plenty of action in the plus 20" league, open through November 30. **Dry Falls** should be good for 14" yearling rainbow plus 16" to 20" carry overs. Brown and tiger trout have also been stocked, open through November 30. **Lenore** has been a slow starter but is doing well right about now for 2-4 lb. Lahontan cutthroat with many trophy fish up to 10 lbs., open through May 31.

Chopaka, rehabilitated in 2007, excellent for 12"-18" rainbow, open through October 31.

Under discovered gem: Aeneas Lake, near Tonasket, fly-fishing only, no motors, 14"-16" rainbow, open through October 31.

All areas productive: Big Twin Lake, near Winthrop, 12"-18" rainbow.

Lahontan to 18": Blue Lake, near Wannacut Lake, open through October 31.

Browns & rainbow to 18": Blue Lake, Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, open through October 31.

Improving Quality: Little Twin, near Winthrop, selective gear rules, triploid Eastern brook trout, open through October 31.

New Catch & Release Lakes: Rat Lake, Big and Little Green Lakes, Davis Lake, selective gear rules, through November 30, carry over brown and rainbow to 15".

Rainbow 5 lb. - 8 lb., Quail Lake, Adams County, fly-fishing only, walk in only, lower catch rates, but big. Open year 'round.

Premier Year, Corral Lake & Blythe Lake, near Potholes Reservoir, across from MarDon Resort, Rehabed in 2007, this will be the best year for these lakes, Open year 'round.

Don't Miss it. Sprague Lake, Adams/Lincoln County, rehabed in 2007, expect fall 2009 fishing for rainbow 20" plus as well as 3,250 triploids and Lahontan, Open year 'round.

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and Tony Koenig had obscene numbers. Norm Primc released a 20 inch rainbow and your humble scribe landed a beautiful 17 inch brown and a 16 inch rainbow both on a white Jim Teeny bait pattern.

A highlight of the day arrived at lunchtime when a WDFW tankmobile backed up to the shallow water at the put in and deposited 162 triploids all in the 14 to 15 inch range. The big bows schooled up then dispersed throughout the West end of the lake jumping happily all the way.

Dan Wilson and I hosted the event and in addition to the above named members we were joined by Jeff Bandy, Steve Gray, Gary Gales, Jim Hagy, Dick Hedges, Rolf Mogster, Larry Pinnt, Dan Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, William Scott, Jeff Salisbury, and Nick Wisser.—DS

Auction "issues" raised at business meeting

With the bad economy, is it a good idea to invest in upscale items like quality rods, reel, boats, etcetera, for our annual live auction?

That was the question board members were asking at the recent business meeting.

Here's our dilemma: the club often buys items for the live auction at a discount, anticipating that the final bids will exceed our costs. But if the bids are low, the club loses money. And, if we just break even, is it worth the effort?

Where the club does best is on the items club members, retail sponsors and guides donate with no strings attached. Last year we did okay, in part because all the items from Eli's estate came without cost to the club.

A number of ideas were floated. We could suspend the live auction this year and just have a silent auction, we could have a raffle for a few up scale items, or we could just have a nice dinner.

No final decisions were made, but we will continue to reach out to donors, as we have in the past, and begin collecting items that will be used in our charitable fund raising effort for 2009.

If you have any suggestions please run them by Auction Chairman Terry Zeitner or Club President Mike Bunney.

Your chance to tour Big Twin Aerator with Dan Reynolds.

Dan Reynolds will host a trip to Big Twin Lake on May 29, 30, & 31. You can get all the details at our May 13th general meeting. The fishing should be excellent for rainbow trout 12" - 18".

OFF contributed to an aerator for the lake in 2007 which has helped restore a thriving population of rainbow. For additional information you can reach Dan at 425-673-7028.

The Fly Fishing Life



SOME GUYS GO TO HOOTERS for lunchtime excitement. But that's not half as entertaining as seeing 162 triploids being planted by the WDFW. It happened during the lunch break at our recent Pass Lake outing. That's Jeff Bandy in the background holding Molly the boat dog with one hand and snapping a hot photo with the other.

—Dick Simmons Photo



DAN WILSON mans the soup pot.

—Dick Simmons Photo



NORM PRIMC ponders the injustices of life and the huge brown "I MEAN HUGE" that broke him off an hour earlier.

—Larry Pinnt Photo



THE LONE LAKE CONTINGENT enjoys a great lunch courtesy of hosts Norm Primc and Steve Murray. The weather turned out favorable and many fine fish were caught and released.

— Dan Reynolds Photo

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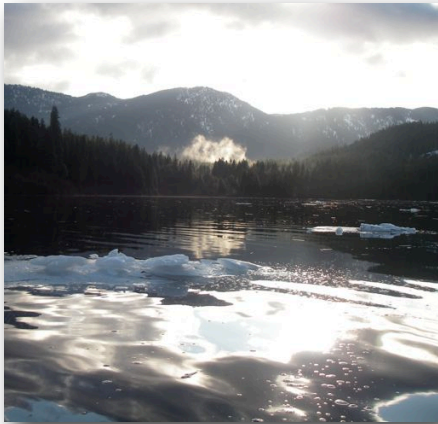


DAN AND PAUL REYNOLDS testing (and releasing) the theory that freshly planted triploids don't feed. So much for theories.

—Dick Simmons Photo

The OFF Beat

Float tube as ice breaker.



Doug Pendleton went tubing on an icy Fish Lake at 6:30 a.m. April 13th. He reports:

"I tried full sink with wooly bugger, intermediate line with six-pack-like fly, and floating line with midges... but the fishing was slow. One caught, one lost. It was a beautiful morning, but cold – 42 degrees.

"No neoprene," he added. "Just the same OLD Simms with two layers of fleecy. Legs were fine, but my feet froze due, I believe, to the constriction on the wader feet caused by the fins on what I am lead to believe were my feet in there. But it was a truly beautiful sunrise and well worth the trip.

"I got really cold after three hours and had to abandon fishing. A wonderful start to the year."



IS IT TOO FAR to dog paddle?
Molly the boat dog considers her options.
— Jeff Bandy Photo

Does this picture look familiar?



Keith Stamm releases a 26 inch rainbow at Cady Lake. Keith is now tied with Steve Murray for the highest number of pictures in TIGHTLINES of OFF members with big fish. However Steve's Corbett Lake rainbow gives him a slight edge in the size category.

See you on the river. DS

Canal bridge closure presents opportunity.

Port Townsend guide Bob Triggs, spoke to the club last year on searun cutthroat and Olympic Peninsula steelheading. He also donated a guided trip for our Annual club auction. Now he's offering a special Hood Canal bridge closure rate to OFF members.

For trips booked during the six week May/June closure he's offering s two anglers for the price of one package of \$300 per day.

"These are still walk and wade, catch & release, fair chase, fly fishing only trips," says Bob "The trips may be booked for saltwater beach fishing for sea run Coastal cutthroat trout, on the East End of the Olympic Peninsula, or for river fishing for cutts and summer run steelhead on the West End and Forks area rivers of the Olympic Peninsula."

The day includes picnic lunch, snacks and soft beverages, and use of fly fishing tackle and flies if needed. Advance reservations with deposit required. Contact: Bob Triggs, Little Stone Flyfisher, 360-385-9618
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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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