

Tightlines Trip Report



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This Trip Had it All (Sun, Wind, Snow)

John Bisset



The "Docs" gearing up for Omak Lahontans.

The club outing to Dry Falls Lake April 23 –26 is a prime example of why it's important to remain flexible when fishing. John Wendt, Larry King, Hugh James and John Bisset were all skunked on Dry Falls on Thursday, but on the plus side, it was sunny and warm. The only action was on chironomids fished at 20 feet and apparently the bite died before we showed up. After a couple of phone calls, it was decided to move Friday to Omak Lake where the bite was reported to be

hot.

Omak Lake

The drive from Soap Lake to Omak took about 1 1/2 hours. Checked in at the Rodeway Inn, then on to the North 40 (previously the Big R) for a Reservation Permit and a few of the shops "Hot Fly" and on to Omak Lake. We are fishing by about 9:30 am. Just before we launched Barry Hutton arrived with the news from yesterday's Omak Lake fishing. He caught something like 18, all on a Black/Green Woolly Buzzer with a little flash, fished deep and slow, on the break near shore. Most of us caught nice 16 to 20 inch Lahontans on the fly Barry recommended. The North 40

"Hot" fly caught none. There were some much bigger fish hooked but not landed. Fishing was fun before the wind drove us to shore.



Barry, our guide!



Omak Lahontan Cutthroat

Special points of interest:

- LAHONTAN CUTHROAT TROUT



Hugh braving the snowstorm.

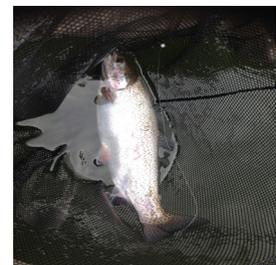
Buzzard Lake

We fished Buzzard Lake about 10 miles outside of Omak off the highway to Twisp. This little lake is at a



higher elevation and it was cold while we geared up. Some say there is no reason to fish this lake before 10am, but fish were biting when we launched at about 9am. I did well at the South-east end of the lake on Chironomids fished at about 12 ft. John Wendt did well

trolling a greenish woolly buzzer. It began snowing and hailing about 10:30am, and Hugh and I headed for home about noon. It snowed heavy going over Stevens Pass. The "Docs" stayed and fished Buzzard in the afternoon and Omak on Sunday and both caught nice fish.



Buzzard Lake 16 in Cutthroat