



# The Windknots

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## ♦♦ Club Meetings ♦♦

### Club Meetings

**Place:** *Holiday Inn of Issaquah  
1801 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Issaquah, WA 425-392-6421*

**Time :** *6:00 PM Cocktails & Tales  
7:00 PM Dinner*

### Board Meetings

**Place:** *Lake Hills Library  
15228 Lake Hills Blvd  
Bellevue, WA*

**Time :** *6:45pm to 8:58pm*

### Chubski Roundtable

**Place:** *Issaquah Library  
10 West Sunset Way  
Issaquah, WA*

**Time :** *6:30pm*

## ♦♦ OFFC Calendar ♦♦

### January

8 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
8 Chubski Roundtable  
22 Dinner Meeting

### February

5 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
12 Chubski Roundtable  
26 Dinner Meeting

### March

4 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
11 Chubski Roundtable  
25 Dinner Meeting

### April

1 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
8 Chubski Roundtable  
22 Dinner Meeting

### May

6 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
13 Chubski Roundtable  
27 Dinner Meeting

### June

3 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
10 Chubski Roundtable  
24 Membership Meeting

### July

22 NO DINNER MEETING  
26 Picnic

### August

26 Dinner Meeting

### September

2 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
9 Chubski Roundtable  
23 Dinner Meeting

### October

7 Board Meeting 6:45  
14 Chubski Roundtable  
28 Dinner Meeting

### November

4 Board Meeting 6:45  
11 Chubski Roundtable  
25 Dinner Meeting

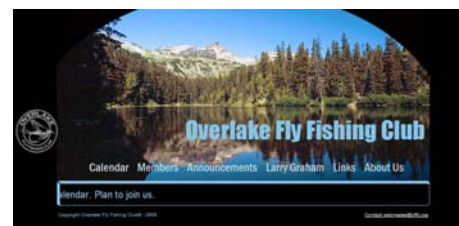
### December

2 Board Meeting 6:45  
9 Holiday Party

## ♦♦ Visit our website ♦♦

OFFC's website is a great resource for up to date information. With links to contact officers; Library info; Flytiers page; Topo Maps; Entomology; Post a Picture; Bulletin Board; Calendar dates; Outing times and Locations; etc... If you have fishing pictures we would like to include them to our website. Please send picture files to: [webmaster@offc.org](mailto:webmaster@offc.org) for publication. Other members and potential members need to see what we are doing..

OFFC website, make it your resource.  
<http://www.offc.org/members.htm>



## President's Message



For the first message of 2008 I thought that I would share some of my thoughts and plans for the coming

year. I am thinking of focusing on two outcomes for the coming year. The first is more emphasis on our conservation efforts and the second is more involvement by the club members in the activities that we provide throughout the year.

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I would like to encourage the membership to provide suggestions at any time during the coming year so that we can plan activities and events that will meet your needs and expectations.

The board is populated by members that have had previous experience and been very active in the club over a number of years. I'd like to encourage each of you to contact any of them early in this season if you have any thoughts or preferences relative to the plans and responsibilities that each of them has. As an example, Joe Kristof, our 2nd VP for Programs, is planning a very diverse agenda at our upcoming membership meetings. He has stated that he would like input from the membership regarding the type of programs they would like to see. How many big name presenters should we have vs. how many local guides vs. should we use more of the membership experience and expertise? We want to provide you with what you want to see and hear. Tim Allen, our new 3rd VP for Education, is looking for similar input. What kind and how many classes should we plan, when should we offer them, and whom should we seek as instructors? Should we focus on the usual fly tying, rod building and casting classes, or should we try to offer more exotic subjects such as bamboo rod building or lake (still water) and stream fishing for beginners, intermediates and experts? These are just two of the many activities that we offer during the year. What others would you like to give us some input or guidance? As you can see there are a lot of opportunities for input and effort on your part. Also, if you have any favorite conservation causes or projects that you feel we should support please contact Bill McKay or me. Please feel free to contact our board members, committee chair persons or myself with your inputs.

Before closing this article, I'd like to make one final reminder. We have committed to help Vern Jeremica with the FFF conclave in Ellensburg on May 3rd. If you would like to help with the fly tying tables that he is setting up please contact him or myself and let us know that you would like to donate some time in setting up the tables, teaching or otherwise supporting this effort for OFFC.

Here's looking forward to the opportunities 2008 will bring. Tight Lines!

Ed Kane

### January Club Meeting

The January meeting will cover three fishing opportunities: Bill LaFever will discuss Lake Fishing techniques, equipment and locations in Wash. and B.C. Chas & Andy Wade will highlight flyfishing for steelhead on Olympic Peninsula rivers. Joe Kristof will share his knowledge of planning a self-guided, multi-day float trip on Montana's Smith River.

### Chubski Meeting – Learn to Tie Flies at OFFC

Would you like to learn to tie your own flies? Would you like to learn from some of the best fly tiers in the Pacific Northwest? Did you know you can learn for free as a member of OFFC?

Being out on the water fishing is a terrific experience, but the pleasure of catching fish on flies you've tied yourself is incomparable. It's not as difficult as it seems, especially if you attend the monthly fly tying classes offered at OFFC, called the Chubski Roundtable, named in honor of Frank Chubski, a past President of OFFC.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting. You don't need any experience, or equipment or tying supplies. The club has fly tying vices you can use, and materials are supplied to tie a few of the flies featured for that class. Club members at the meeting have decades of experience and are happy to help first time tiers.

Over the course of the year, you can learn to tie lake patterns, dry and wet flies for specific rivers, flies for the salty sound as well as steelhead and salmon flies. The pattern chosen for the Roundtable will sometimes be the fly recommended for the next club outing, so you can fill your fly box with those "secret" flies before heading out on the trip.

Classes are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month. Please check the web site at [www.offc.org](http://www.offc.org) for the latest schedule. For more information regarding the Chubski fly tying Roundtable, please contact Tim Allen at [education@offc.org](mailto:education@offc.org).

### Bellevue Fly Fishing Show – February 1-3 2008



The Overlake Club has a table at the Bellevue Fly Fishing Show, where we sit, tie flies, provide information about our club, and try to interest new members. We need someone to help set up our booth on the days and times we have it, and we need two people each day, during the designated times, to

man the booth and hand out information, and interest people in our club.

If you have an interest and the time to help us out during the times listed below, we will provide you an admission ticket for that day so that when we have completed our time in the booth, you can spend the rest of the day (before or after) at the show.

If you are interested, please contact Dick Lange ASAP at 425 481-3063 or by email at: [flyfishalaskawithdick@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishalaskawithdick@hotmail.com).

The Bellevue Fly Fishing Show is Feb. 1-3 at Meydenbauer Center, 11100 N.E. Sixth St., Bellevue. Programs will include how-to-do-it and where-to-go seminars, plus a wide range of fly-tying and casting demonstrations. Fly-fishing authors will sign books, destination exhibitors will reveal their secret fishing places and local conservation clubs will offer advice. Classes on nymphing, fly tying and fly-fishing writing also will be offered.

Cost is \$14 one day, \$24 two days, and \$32 for three days. Children younger than 12 will be admitted for \$2. Hours: Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Details: 800-420-7582 or [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com).

#### FLY FISHING SHOW LOBBY TABLE SCHEDULE

We have Table #2 at the following times:

DAY	TIME
Friday Feb. 1	2 PM - 6 PM
Sat. Feb. 2	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Sunday Feb. 3	9 AM - 1 PM

#### OFFC Conservation

#### Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



#### Plant Salvage!

**When : January 26th**

**Where : Near Monroe**

Join the Task force to dig up some native plants to be used at our planting events. These plants will come from a private property near Monroe and would otherwise be mowed. Enjoy a day saving trees and helping salmon! All tools and lots of snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Nicole Aragon at [Nicole@stillysnofish.org](mailto:Nicole@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### Potting Party!

**When : February 9th**

**Where : Location TBD**

The Task Force will be hosting a potting party and everyone is invited. Join us while we pot up bare root plants that we will use at planting events in the future. The Task Force will provide lots of drinks and snacks, as well as all of the tools necessary. It's a party to save trees and help the salmon! RSVP to Nicole Aragon at [Nicole@stillysnofish.org](mailto:Nicole@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686 for more details and directions.

#### Tree Planting along the Snoqualmie River!

**When: February 23 rd, 2008, 10am – 2pm**

**Where: Stillwater Wildlife Area near Carnation**

Come check out the Task Force's brand new restoration site along the Snoqualmie River, at the Stillwater Wildlife Area! All tools and lots of snacks provided. It's a big place, so be sure to RSVP to get directions and details – contact Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### Tree Planting along the Stillaguamish River!

**When: March 15th, 2008, 10am – 1pm**

**Where: near Arlington**

Join the Task Force and our partners, the Snohomish Conservation District, to plant native trees and shrubs along the Stillaguamish River. Volunteer efforts will help improve habitat, water quality and erosion control. Plus it's a beautiful place to spend a Saturday morning! All tools and lots of snacks provided. Don't forget to RSVP to Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### Tree Planting along the Snoqualmie River!

**When: March 29th, 2008, 10am – 2pm**

**Where: Stillwater Wildlife Area near Carnation**

Save salmon in the Snoqualmie! Dig in the dirt at our second planting at the Stillwater Wildlife Area, to provide salmon with shade and cover. Volunteer will have the opportunity to learn more about salmon and northwest ecosystems. All tools and lots of snacks provided. PLEASE RSVP to Cara at [cara@stillysnofish.org](mailto:cara@stillysnofish.org) or 425-252-6686.

#### OFFC Conservation

#### Gary Loomis to give CCA Presentation to Fly Fishers

Gary Loomis has been instrumental in bring the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) to the Northwest. On Friday, January 18 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon P.U.D. building Gary will be giving a presentation on the CCA in the Northwest for fly fishers. What is the CCA you ask? The CCA began in 1977 after drastic commercial overfishing along the Texas coast decimated redfish and speckled trout populations. Fourteen concerned recreational anglers created the Gulf Coast Conservation Association to combat commercial fishing excesses and conserve the resource. By 1985, Gulf-state chapters had formed from Texas to Florida. By decade's end, state chapters were founded through the mid-Atlantic region, and by the early '90s, development of the New England state chapters was completed. In 2007, Washington and Oregon opened CCA chapters. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels. If you have read any of the numerous articles or actually fished for redfish or speckled trout on the Gulf of Mexico region, please remember that this fishery would not be there without the success of the CCA. For more information on the CCC, please visit their website: <http://www.joincca.org/index.html>. Want more Salmon and Steelhead? Then come hear Gary talk about the CCA's plan to bring more fish to our rivers. Round up a carpool of folks and plan to attend! Let's show

our commitment to saving fish. A big effort can make a difference. See you in Mt. Vernon.

### WSCFFF Crab Creek dam letter

The following is a letter edited by Kevin Ryan, VP Conservation, WSCFFF. The letter was sent to Ellen Berggren, Study Manager for The Bureau of Reclamation in regards to the construction of the dam at Crab Creek. The letter was sent December, 2007. Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

Dear Ms. Berggren:

I am the Conservation Vice President for the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Council represents 17 affiliated clubs throughout this state and over 750 members. The Federation represents thousands of similar minded outdoors people throughout the country. To the point, the Council, at its last meeting, voted unanimously to oppose, with every means at our disposal, the proposed inundation of Crab Creek. The Crab Creek valley at the Columbia is a superb and unique environment containing several of the best fishing lakes in the state and some of the best habitat for birds and wildlife in the Northwest. The Bureau and the Corps have flooded enough land in the last century. That must be the end of this prodigal behavior.

In the future, sensible water policies must be adopted that emphasize water conservation and pricing that reflects the

value of water. There isn't any "new water". What we have is it, as you well know.

We understand that the cost of moving water to the Odessa Subarea may be up to \$33,000 per acre. This is an unacceptable expense to the tax and rate payers. and an unacceptable taking and loss to the thousands who are repeatedly enriched by the wonders of the Lower Crab Creek area, but whose enrichment diminishes the treasure not a penny for those who come later.

Kevin Ryan  
Conservation VP  
WSCFFF

### 2007 Holiday Slide Show on DVD

If you would like a DVD of the 2007 OFFC Holiday slide show let me know and I will burn you a copy. A donation of \$2.00 per copy delivered at an OFFC meeting, or \$5.00 per copy delivered to your mailbox, would be appreciated.

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