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◆◆ **Club Meetings** ◆◆

Club Meetings

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

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

Board Meetings

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

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

Chubski Roundtable

Place: *Brew Pub (across from Issaquah Library)
35 West Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA*

Time : *6:30pm*

◆◆ **OFFC Calendar** ◆◆

March

- 4 Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- 10 Chubski Roundtable
- 25 Dinner Meeting - Fishing Eastern Washington Lakes - Jeff Korth, DFW Fisheries Biologist
- 28-29 Outing - Salmon River Idaho- Steelhead

April

- 1 Board Meeting
- 5 Outing: Rocky Ford Creek-Trout
- 8 Chubski Roundtable
- 22 Dinner Meeting: Steelhead & Salmon on Olympic Peninsula Rivers - Jim Kerr
- 26-27 Outing: Hudson Springs Outing

May

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Chubski Roundtable
- 27 Dinner Meeting-Fly Rod Design & Technology-Chris Andersen (Sage)
- 31 Outing - Pass Lake-Trout

June

- 3 Board Meeting
- 10 Chubski Roundtable
- 24 Dinner Meeting-Carp in Eastern WA - Dave Williams
- 26 Outing - Rattlesnake Lake(BBQ) -Trout

July

- 17 Outing - Cedar River (BBQ) - Trout
- 22 NO DINNER MEETING
- 26 OFFC Club Picnic

August

- 9 Outing - Snoqualmie River - Trout
- 26 Dinner Meeting - High Alpine Lakes - Dave Weyrick

September

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Chubski Roundtable
- 23 Dinner Meeting - Wenatchee River - Steve Joyce (Red's Fly Shop)
- 27 Outing - Cooper Lake (BBQ)- Trout

October

- 7 Board Meeting
- 14 Chubski Roundtable
- 25 Outing - Lone Lake - Trout
- 28 Dinner Meeting-Grande Ronde Steelhead- Ron Romig & Bonefish on a Fly - Ed Kane

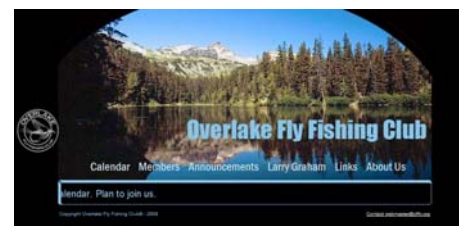
November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 11 Chubski Roundtable
- 25 Dinner Meeting

December

- 2 Board Meeting 6:45
- 9 OFFC 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...

Please send picture files to: webmaster@offc.org for publication.

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

President's Message



The year has started with a lot of interest in increasing membership participation. The turn-out for the first two

membership meetings at the Holiday Inn has been very good and a number of potential new members have attended.

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I want to thank those members who took the time at each of those meetings to make these new folks feel at home. I received several comments from these visitors during the break that indicated further interest and reflected the time and interest that each of you contributed. Great work, keep it up.

As for our plans to increase membership participation, I'd like to recount a few of the things that we plan to do during the coming year. Starting off with the Website, it is just great. A number of the visitors were there because of information, pictures and resources available on the new version. Several others were steered in our direction by the folks at Creekside so we should thank them for the help when we stop by. The Chubski Flytying Roundtable has moved venue to the Brew Pub across from the Issaquah library. Tim Allen is encouraging new as well as experienced tiers to attend. They will meet in the Brew Pub conference room and food & drinks will be allowed. If you go to the Website and look at the list of outings you will notice that we are planning some locally that will include a barbeque. We are especially hopeful that these will be attended by both new as well as current members. These will be a great opportunity to share your experience and knowledge with those that could greatly benefit from what we have to offer.

We also want to do a bit more in the way of Conservation efforts in the coming year. At the last board meeting, the board voted to contribute \$150 to an effort to restock Lake Chopaka with 1000 near quality size fish. This is being done because the WDFW has committed to stock the lake with 8" to 12" size fish after the recent poisoning to rid the lake of the rough species that had somehow found their way into the waters. The FFF has a number of worthy projects but I'd like to include some that reflect the interest of the club members. If you have some suggestions please contact our Conservation chair or myself.

One last reminder, if you attend the monthly membership meetings please think about making a night of it and treat yourself to having dinner with us. The food has been great and there are always sufficient quantities. Feel free to check with me on the planned menu for the evening and if it is something that will not agree with you, I can arrange for an alternate main dish for you. I'd prefer some advance notice but it appears that the hotel kitchen staff is capable of responding to a relatively short notice the evening of the meeting. You might even think of bringing your wife or significant other and treat them to a night out. The programs have been very interesting the last couple of months and well worth the price of the dinner. See you at the next meeting on March 25th at the Holiday Inn in Issaquah.

Tight Lines!
Ed Kane

Chubski Meeting – Learn to Tie Flies at OFFC

YOU ARE INVITED!
Tim and I have been working to increase participation in the
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club's fly tying endeavors. We are hoping to make Chubski a monthly event that everyone looks forward to and finds it informative, relaxing and fun. To that end, the location of the monthly event has changed to the Issaquah Brew House(<http://www.rogue.com/locations-issaquah.html>). The Brew House is located across the street from the downtown Issaquah Library. The Brew House will allow attendees a relaxed tying location, access to food and beverage, and the ability to remain as long as they want. We will be tying chromids in order to prepare for the upcoming lake opener. I know many of you have a special pattern that everyone would appreciate seeing. Please invite anyone you know to the event! If you know a club member that wants to learn to tie, this is a great pattern to begin - give them a call. Even if you don't want to tie, come out and have a coke or beer and tell some fishing stories.education@offc.org.

OFFC – Rocky Ford Creek

April 5th, 2008



An outing at Rocky Ford Creek is planned for Saturday, April 5. This spring creek is fly fishing only with no wading in the water permitted.

Directions to Rocky Ford Creek: Travel East on I-90. East of George, exit at Hwy 283 to Ephrata. In Ephrata, turn right on Hwy 282 and go 5 miles. Turn left on Hwy 17 and go 3 ½ miles to Troutlodge Rd. Turn right and continue to handicapped access parking lot at hatchery. Plan to meet at 10 AM. It is a 3+ hour drive from most Eastside locations. Fishing Report: Olive scuds, black midge patterns, and egg patterns were productive on recent trip. Fish with or without indicator. Cast and strip brown or black leeches or woolly buggers for larger fish in slow water. We saw a 5 lb fish hooked on black leech. Fluorocarbon tippets in 5x or 6x are recommended. Desert Fly Angler (509 754 4070) in Ephrata is good source for latest information or last minute supplies.

If you are interested in attending, please contact John Waggoner at outings@offc.org or 425 277 6799. This is help members with car pooling.

OFFC Conservation

Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



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 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 or 425-252-6686.

Oregon Council FFF 20th Annual Fly Tyer Expo



OFFC members Joe Kristof and Vern Jeremica joined over two hundred other fly tyers at the Oregon Council of the FFF 20th Annual NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany, OR on March 7th and 8th.

WSCFFF WA State Fly Fishing Conclave

About Our WSCFFF

www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

The WSCFFF will be holding the Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, Washington on May 3, 2008. If you enjoyed last year's event, then this year's program will knock your socks off.

The Conclave will consist of fly tying and casting demonstrations, classes, seminars, games, and competition throughout the day, followed by a reservation only dinner.

This year's dinner will feature Bob Jacklin as the keynote speaker.

If you're interested in learning fly tying techniques, seeing every kind of fly pattern from micros to saltwater streamers, this will be the show. Vern Jeremica has lined up demonstrations that provide something for everyone.

The Overlake Fly Fishing Club is heading the education program which already has confirmed seminars from:

- Brian O'Keefe on Fly Fishing the Methow
- Joe Warren on Fly Fishing the Columbia River Basin
- Jack Cook on Fly Fishing the Sauk and Skagit Rivers
- David Williams on Fly Fishing for Smallmouth..

The Northwest Fly Anglers will handle hospitality.

The Council is looking for clubs and individuals to assist with Set Up/Tear Down and Registration. If you or your club is interested in assisting with the Conclave please contact Carl Johnson at 425-308-6161 or flyfishalso@verizon.net.

Club support for this event is already building.

In The FFF Corner

FFF Conclave 2008 - Whitefish, Montana

The 2008 International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave will be held in Whitefish Montana, July 22-26. As always the first two days will be primarily meetings with a few workshops offered. The last three days, July 24-26, is for our full Conclave schedule.

Nestled on the shores of Whitefish Lake, Whitefish is a small mountain town in northwest Montana. It is in a great location and only 15 miles from a major airport. Daily Amtrak service stops right in town and Whitefish is just 24 miles from Glacier National Park. The fishing opportunities are excellent and varied. The area features great lake and river fishing for bass, northern pike, grayling and several trout species.

We will have more information available in the coming months, but mark your calendars now to be sure you don't miss this great event!

Alaska Rivers Fly Fishing Adventures

By Dick Lange

Alagnak Fishing Trip – Rainbows & Graylings

June 15th -22th, 2008

So far, I have 4 people from the club going on this trip: Ed Kane, John and Joe Kristof, and myself. (June 15-22nd) I am about to push this out to Hills Discount Web Site, and the trip will fill, but wanted to see if there were any others from the club interested in joining us. If I can get a couple more people from the club to go, I can drop the price to each club member by about \$500 per person. Let me know if you have an interest. We will float the Alagnak, from its headwaters down through the 'braids' and onto the flats – about 45 miles – to our floatplane pick up. The 'braids' is a 20 mile section of the river – where the river breaks up into smaller streams and sand bars that join and come together, to split out again, and rejoin. These bars and small streams offer hundreds of miles of excellent rainbow holding water. We center our trip around the braids, maximizing our fishing time in this area, with two or three campsites of two days or more. While in the braids, you can walk from one stream to the next, from island to island, from bar to bar, in search for that trophy rainbow or salmon. New, different water, everywhere you look and fish. The average rainbow you will encounter ranges from 18 to 24 inches. This year, the largest rainbow- caught by Dan Landeen was 30 inches long, and over 10 pounds on Funnel Creek (The September Moraine Trip). These fish are hard fighting, heart stopping adventures. When that 22 inch fish skyrockets out of the water, you stand in awe and hope you can bring him in...

The cost of the Alagnak trips is \$2500 per person, from King Salmon to the river and return to King Salmon. You will need to purchase airfare from your home thru Anchorage to King Salmon and return from King Salmon. This year we required two planes to fly us into the lake, which added to the cost of flying us into and back from the river. I am being told that – due to insurance and fuel, the rates are going up again next year. Typically airfare from Seattle into King Salmon is about \$500-800.

If you are interested in joining me for the 2008 season, please contact me as soon as possible, so I can confirm your first choice. I will provide assistance and guidelines to you to help you decide what rods, reels, flies, and other equipment and clothing you need to bring. I handle the camp supplies; you just need to bring a sleeping bag and mat.



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