



# 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:** *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 ◆◆

### 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

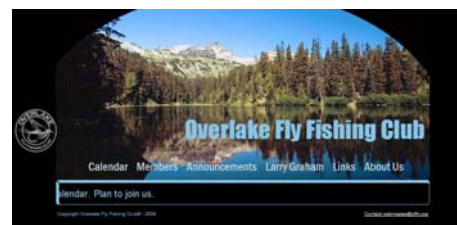
### November

- 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](mailto:webmaster@offc.org) for publication.

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

## President's Message



Interest in the monthly membership meetings remains high, and we continue to have a large

number of guests many of whom were 2nd or 3rd timers. I received several favorable comments from some of our members at the last meeting that I thought I would pass along. The first was that the food continues to be excellent and seems to cater to our taste. I have passed that info on to the management of the Issaquah Holiday inn. I'd also like to remind all of you that if you have any special dietary requirements, let me know, even on

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the night of the meeting. The kitchen staff seems to be able to accommodate us (Wow, great service!). The second comment that I received was that everyone at the meetings seems to be very upbeat, and they are having a good time. I have to commend all of you for this. I think that special commendation is due your board members who have made a significant effort to increase member involvement and create a generally congenial atmosphere at these meetings. Thank you all for your participation and especially for making our guests feel welcome.

The programs have been especially interesting with lots of dialogue between the membership and the speaker. The speaker at the March meeting was an excellent example. Jeff Korth, the fisheries biologist for Adams and Grant counties, gave us a presentation on "Fishing the Eastern Washington Lakes." He gave us far more information than anyone expected and even discussed lakes that are outside of his jurisdiction. He started the presentation by passing out a table of Eastern Washington lakes which contained information on the plants that have been made in the last few years. Then he went on to discuss the current and projected situation at a number of our favorites including Lenice, Nunally, Lenore, Dry Falls, Dusty, Aneas, Chopaka and many more. It was so well done that I think I will probably spend less time fishing in Canada and more time east of the mountains. I have extra copies of his handout so that if you weren't there and want the information, I can get one to you. Just let me know.

I have mentioned several times in this column that we will try to be more proactive in the conservation area this year. Alan Jones has indicated that he would like to start planning for uses of the money in the Larry Graham Fund, and we will attempt to reactivate the committee under his guidance to start the effort. The other major event that we need to start planning is the 2009 Auction. Tim Allen has volunteered to head this effort and we will start active planning in the next month. If any of you are interested in participating in either of these efforts, please contact Alan, Tim or myself and let us know that you would like to get involved.

Lastly, the Club has committed to help out at the upcoming FFF Conclave in Ellensburg on May 3. A number of us have indicated that we would like to help out at this event. If you would like to contribute a little time at this event, contact Vern Jeremica or Dick Lange. They need help with fly tying instruction and with assembling packets of materials.

Thanks in advance for your interest.

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 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.

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](mailto:education@offc.org).

## OFFC – Rocky Ford Creek Report

Report by: Lee McKenna

April 5th, 2008



I met up with John Waggoner and Tim Allen at the Starbucks in Issaquah at 6:15am the morning of April 5th 2008 to car pool to Rocky Ford Creek in Eastern Washington. The trip was an outing for the Overlake Fly Fishing Club. John was kind enough to drive, so we plied into his "Fishing Car" and off we went.

Going over the pass on I-90 was un-eventful for use. There was still a dusting of snow on the trees, left over from the recent spring snow that we continue to get. The road conditions were clear and dry. As it turned out, our timing was about perfect. The next day, there was an avalanche across that closed the pass for several hours, and had traffic a mess for the whole day. This was a sign of thing to come.

After the two and a half hour drive over the pass, we stopped at the Desert Fly Anglers in Ephrata, WA for supplies and info. The fly's recommended were 14-16 grey scuds, egg patterns, and 18 Blue Winged Olives. From there, we were off again to the Creek. After leaving a grey rainy day in Seattle, the weather was great at the creek. Clear sunny and fairly warm. The wind did pick up a bit, but nothing that would stop the fishing!

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Rocky Ford Creek is a spring fed creek that runs into Moses Lake. It has two public fishing areas. The upper area is about a mile long near the head of the creek, just downstream from a hatchery. This is the area we fished. There is also a public area below a stretch of private land which is rumored to have more, smaller fish.

The creek is fly fishing only, barbless, up to two flies, with no weight allow on the line or leader.

Also there is no wading allowed in the creek. In the better fishing area, there was very little current in the creek. The banks were lined with reeds with multiple paths down to the water. We met up with Mike and Jason, who were also there for the outing. They had actually been there the day before, and reported that fishing had been tough. Even though there was no wading allowed, we put on our waders to protect us from the muck on the bank. This turned out to have been a good choice.

Tim and I started fishing on the east side, just downstream from the foot bridge. We were both using a nymph rig with an indicator about 3-4 feet above our flies. Tim was using a scud pattern, and I had on a scud and a micro egg dropper. John hiked downstream to find some good dry fly areas. Tim and I would cast out our rigs, and let them drift. The wind was blowing up-stream so there was some movement. It wasn't too long before I heard a whoop from Tim. He had landed his first fish. Shortly after, my indicator twitched, and I hooked up with a nice fat 19" rainbow.

Both Tim and I had several hits that took the indicator down, but couldn't hook up. The best spots seemed to be points along the bank that had a drop-off nearby. We continued getting regular hits. The fish seemed to like to take after the indicator had been stationary for a while. Generally they didn't seem to hit on the retrieve. I had changed over to a small green brassie as a dropper, when my indicator went down hard. The fish made a run towards me,



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From the east, exit the freeway at Moses Lake and head north on Hwy. 17. From the west, follow I-90 to Hwy.283. Follow 283 to Ephrata, turn right on Hwy. 282 and drive about six miles to the lower access area or turn north on 17 to reach the upper access

- Best Fishing
- Fair Fishing
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Disabled Sportsman Access
- Parking

Remember: NO WADING

and I saw it was a nice fish. While fighting it, I grabbed my camera, and got a action shot of the fish in the water. He made a couple of runs that took me into my backing before I worked him into shore. I was just going to take another shot of the fish when my camera slipped out of my hands and into the creek.

Now, some background on the shore of this creek. Along the shore, there are several holes deep holes right off the bank. Tim had found this out when he was playing a fish, and his foot slipped off his perch. Before he knew what happened he was up to his hip, and dunked almost his full right side.



To continue with my camera story, it was sitting in about 3 inches of water, so I think, if I get it quick, maybe it'll be ok. So while trying not to loose my big fish, I reach for the camera. Well, the mud it was sitting on was hiding one of these holes, and as soon as I touched the camera, it fell thru. I finally grabbed the camera after it sank about the length of my arm. All thru this, I'm trying to keep my fish hooked up. I did finally get it landed. It was a fat rainbow about 24"-25" that took the green brassie. Unfortunately, I couldn't get a picture, because my camera was dead! I doubt it will ever recover.

After a few more hits, we walked downstream to the end of the public area. In this area, the creek is significantly smaller, and has some current. John had picked up a few on drys earlier in the morning. When we got down there, there were several risers, and you could see others feeding. I tied on a 16 BWO, which I could barely see in the water and started casting. After a couple of runs thru a little seam that was less than a foot deep, I got a hit, and hooked up with a nice 17"er. Up stream of me, Tim drifted a scud thru a little pool, and also picked up one. After that, I had a couple of more but no more hookups.

When the hits slowed, we decided to start back. Tim couldn't pass up one more spot, and picked up a final fish. We hit the road about 5:00pm, and after an un-eventful drive back to Issaquah, I retrieved my truck and made it home around 8:30.

Overall, I think Tim had the best day. He seemed to have the right technique dialed in.

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Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



Overall thoughts:

- 1.The crowds were actually quite low. The speculation was since several of the nearby lakes had just opened on April 1st, they were taking up the pressure. Good thing to remember for next year.
- 2.Using waders was a good idea because of the muck by the bank
- 3.A sinking line with a semi-seal leach might be effective in the upper pool area
- 4.Get a waterproof camera, or at least a lanyard!

Eagle Creek Planting

**When: Friday, April 25th, 10am – 3 pm**

**Where: Eagle Creek,** near Eagle Creek Elementary School, in Arlington (contact Kristin at 425-252-6686 or [kristin@stillysnofish.org](mailto:kristin@stillysnofish.org) for directions)

Come celebrate Earth Day (a few days late) by helping to restore salmon habitat! Join the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force, the City of Arlington, and volunteers from the Everett Naval Station on Friday, April 25th, to help plant native plants and livestakes along Eagle Creek, a coho-bearing tributary to the South Fork Stillaguamish River. This event offers volunteers the opportunity to be a good steward of the land, improving flood control, water quality, and habitat for fish and other wildlife. You will also have the opportunity to view and learn about a large woody debris project that was recently completed at this site.



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