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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 Check for date changes*

♦♦ OFFC Calendar ♦♦

May

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

June

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

October

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

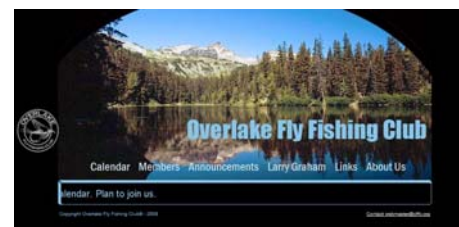
November

- 4 Board Meeting
- 10 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



Benefit through involvement. There's a thought that was really brought home over the last month. Carol

and I participated in the Hudson Springs outing and the recent FFF Conclave in Ellensburg. The rewards were far more than we would have expected before we were actually involved.

The Hudson Springs outing organized by Ron Romig was an opportunity to fish waters that we had heard about but never gotten the chance to experience. We signed up, cleared our calendars and loaded all our gear in the truck so that we could spend the week-end fishing and

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schmoosing with fellow club members. The week-end started with a great dinner served up by Ron, a bit of libation and an early bedtime (a rare event for me). We awoke bright and early to a beautiful sunrise over Sun Lake and a bluebird day that foretold ideal fishing conditions. Ron served up a bountiful breakfast and then we headed off to the lake at a respectable time of 8:30 am. Seems as if the fish at Hudson Springs are very considerate, not being active much before 9:00 am or so. We had a very good day catching and releasing some very impressively sized fish. Even the smaller ones put up quite a show and made the catching very interesting. It was especially interesting to watch other club members' techniques and I learned a lot by watching and asking questions. I must admit that my success with chironomeds improved significantly by talking to and watching some of our experts. We headed back to the lodge in the late afternoon and gathered in the lounge area while Ron cooked up another great dinner. It was a great opportunity to talk technique and look over the patterns that were particularly successful that day. Once again it was an excellent learning experience and in addition I got to learn much more about the depth of experience and background of the members who were there. Sunday was much like the previous day, more learning opportunities, some nice fish and a lot of great companionship. Carol caught one of the largest fish she has boated in the afternoon on Sunday. She now knows a lot more about how to properly fish chironomeds. "Carefully watch that strike indicator!"

The other event we attended was the FFF Conclave in Ellensburg. The event was well organized, another great learning experience and another chance to see the club members involvement in making this conclave a great success. Vern Jeremica and the other OFFC FFF board members were instrumental in organizing this event and their efforts were very obvious. Vern had organized the fly tying demos and Dick Lange organized a fly tying instruction table for beginners that was manned by OFFC members. I saw at least 20 of our members at the conclave and most were participating in either the demonstration tying or at our instruction table. I think that the most fascinating demos that I watched were Joe Kristoff tying his version of a Sculpin fly that he found very successful on the Alagnak and Harry LaMere tying Atlantic Salmon flies with out a vise. I really appreciated listening to Joe's philosophy on what led to his design of his version of the Sculpin pattern. I also was very impressed by Harry's patience as I watched him tie on the wing of the pattern he was building at least 8 times to get it "just right".

I guess that the bottom line of all this is that we get the maximum benefit of being a club member by participating in the club events, learning from other members, sharing in their experiences and enjoying the comradeship that results. From my perspective that is what it is all about.

Tight Lines!
Ed Kane

Chubski Meeting – Learn to Tie Flies at OFFC

YOU ARE INVITED! Make sure to check date changes.

We are really having a great time at the monthly Chubski Fly Tying Round Table at the Issaquah Brew House
<http://www.rogue.com/locations-issaquah.html>

Last month's braided damsel nymph by Ron Romig, Bill LeFever's Olive Willy tie and Joe's expert advice for our beginning tiers were all well received.

For the May meeting we will be tying caddis patterns hosted by our expert tiers. Caddis patterns make excellent flies and can be used on many rivers throughout the northwest. If you'd like to see some various patterns, look here on the club web site under "Members", then click the "Fly Tyers' Page" link. Once there, click on the "Search Flytiers page" and type in "caddis" or "deer hair caddis" or whatever, and you'll see lots of different patterns and recipes. Our club tiers will have the best patterns at the meeting, of course!

For beginning tiers, or those who would like to brush up on basic skills or learn better use some of those nifty fly tying tools, Joe Kristof will be there to get you up to speed. Joe is a fantastic tier and a great person to learn from. No tools, or materials are necessary, just bring yourself!

Please remember to bring a tying lamp or light if you have one, and an extension cord would be great too. We'll start tying around 6:30 pm, but some have been coming earlier to get a bite to eat. Please stop by and we'll see you there!

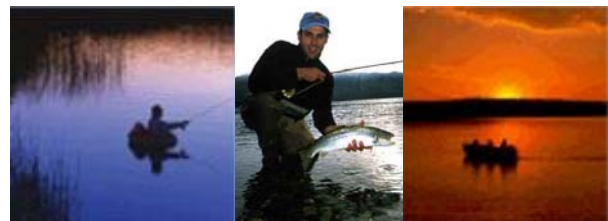
IMPORTANT!!! Revised dates for the rest of this year's Chubski Fly Tying Round Tables: May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, and November 10.

See ya there,

Tim & Mike.

OFFC May Club Meeting – Jim Kerr

Jim Kerr fly fishing the Olympic Peninsula Rivers



Jim Kerr has been fishing, guiding and working on the water his entire life. He has Fly fished extensively in the Northeast Saltwater for Striped Bass and blue fish, in the Florida Keys and Everglades for Snook, Bone Fish, Tarpon, and red fish, and for trout in the American West. He now resides on Washington's Olympic Peninsula where he guides full time for Steelhead, Trout, and Salmon. His guide service has been featured in articles in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, Western Outdoors magazine, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal

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magazine, as well Doug Rose's new book on fly fishing for winter steelhead, "The Color of Winter". He can also be seen from time to time on The Out Door Network, and Northwest Outdoors TV, guiding for anglers such as Skip Morris, and doing fly tying demonstrations of his original fly patterns.

"Every trip I fish is different but my goals are always the same. Catch fish, have fun, relax, and enjoy pristine, natural, uncrowded surroundings. If there is something in particular you want to learn about, let me know. Maybe good beaches for sea-runs, how to cast farther, good presentations for winter steelhead, or hatch timing for Peninsula streams. (If you want me to just shut up and row the damn boat, I can do that too.) I believe that fly-fishing is, at its best, a vehicle for understanding the interconnectedness of natural systems. Trout fishermen must understand the life cycles of insects if they want to capitalize on every streamside opportunity. Winter Steelhead anglers study the drainages they fish to help them predict ever changing water levels and clarity. When we venture out of the rivers and into the salt we realize that we have to follow the movements of baitfish, which are influenced by tides, currents, moon phases and the availability of their prey, plankton, euphasids, barnacle spawn...And on it goes.

Like every great pursuit each hard won answer brings a sense of accomplishment, and reveals a thousand new questions." Good fly-fishing can be a complicated and endless study, or a few hours to forget the rest of the world and loose yourself on a great stretch of river.

OFFC Conservation

Stilly Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force



18th Annual Social & Salmon BBQ

When: Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: The Manor House, 13032 Admiralty Way in Everett (directions provided with RSVP)

Join Task Force staff, board, partners, volunteers, members and guests to acknowledge our hard working volunteers and project partners. Help celebrate our accomplishments, and enjoy good food and great company. For dinner, we're serving Kip's famous BBQ'd salmon, delicious side-dishes and lots of desserts.

You can also bid on our great silent auction items, and proceeds will support future Task Force salmon enhancement efforts. And new this year: Live Mini Auction! A handful of our most sought after silent auction items will be auctioned off in authentic auction style!

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, Contact Cara at (425) 252-6686 or cara@stillysnofish.org

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Citizen Soundkeeper Training

When: June 4th, 6pm-9pm

Where: Everett, WA

Come Join the Task Force and Puget Soundkeeper Alliance to learn about what you can do to help Puget Sound. A short training session will be led by Katie Kolarich from Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. The class will include a tour of the Everett waterfront so bring a sweater! A few snacks will be provided, but we encourage you to eat beforehand.

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, Contact Jesse at 425-252-6686 or jesse@stillysnofish.org

WA Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Exposition



OFFC President Ed Kane assists a young fly tyer at the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Exposition in Ellensburg, WA on May 3rd. The OFFC had a strong presence at the event as fifteen members took part in the fly fishing conclave.



OFFC member Bill Mackay receives the Individual Conservation Award from Kevin Ryan at the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Ellensburg, WA on May 3rd.

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OFFC member Vern Jeremica receives the Council Award of Excellence at the Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in Ellensburg, WA from Council President Carl Johnson on May 3rd.

Pictures and Captions courtesy of Lory Watkins

Hudson Springs Fun



Keep fishin'! Take a friend!



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