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*Thank you to the 2009 Officers & Board*

## ◆◆ 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  
7:30 pm – Business Meeting  
7:50 pm – Break  
8:00 pm - Raffle  
8:10 pm – Speaker / Presentation  
9:15 pm – Adjournment*

### Board Meetings

**Place:** *VFW – Redmond  
4330 148th Avenue Northeast,  
Redmond - (425) 883-2995  
<http://www.vfwpost-2995.org/canteen.html>*

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

### Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable

**Place:** *VFW – Redmond  
4330 148th Avenue Northeast,  
Redmond - (425) 883-2995  
<http://www.vfwpost-2995.org/canteen.html>*

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

## ◆◆ 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>

## President's Message



Hello

Well the cold and snow has tightened up the rivers, frozen over the lakes and probably kept most of us off the water. It will change in the near future and we will soon be able to get out and chase some steelhead in our local rivers. It

is a good time to tie some flies. Keep the faith!

The transfer of club leadership occurred at the Holiday meeting on December 8th. The meeting was well attended, fun, with a great raffle and slide show. Dick turned the reigns over to me, and away we go for a new and active year. I am very excited about serving as club president for the upcoming year. I believe the club has some challenges to address and I will be working closely with the board to create a vibrant and active club. I know that for our work to be successful, it will require every member to contribute in some way. Some of us will be putting in considerable time, others may only be able to assist once or twice during the year and others may only be able to write an article or donate something to the raffle. I do know that everyone is capable of being involved in the club at some level. Participation, whether going on an outing, taking or teaching a class, presenting at a meeting, getting donations, writing an article, holding an office etc, makes a club vibrant and FUN. So here are a few areas that I want to focus on this year.

1. Participation – Involve all members in some club activity or club need
2. Membership – Establish a membership drive program – Grand Prize will be a multiday hosted trip. More to come on this at the January meeting.

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3. Meetings – Create a fun, event atmosphere at the meetings with a fly tier, video, casting challenge during the social time. You will see this at the January meeting.
4. Programs – Bring in speakers that will really teach techniques and strategies versus showing fish pictures. You will see this at the January meeting.
5. Education – Offer the following classes during the year – fly tying, fly casting, rod building, rowing a raft/driftboat, lake fishing strategies, river fishing strategies, steelheading with a fly. These classes may be 1 hour events or all day events on the water.
6. Value -Increase the value of being an OFFC club member whether through gaining new fishing friends, developing new knowledge and/or skills, or seeing new fishing locations on club outings.

Also, I wanted to let you know that Board has been diligently working to find a meeting location that can meet our needs and reduce the financial impact to the club. There is a strong possibility that we will be moving our club meetings, chubski, and board meetings to the VFW in Redmond. You can take a look at the facility by taking a look at their website - <http://www.vfwpost-2995.org/canteen.html>. We are currently in negotiations with the VFW in establishing a price for the hall rental. As soon as the contract is signed, I will begin advertising this change to all club members.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks for your support and get out there and take a club member fishing.

Joe Kristof  
President, 2010



**Location:** VFW – Veterans of Foreign War Lodge  
4330 148th Avenue Northeast, Redmond, WA (425) 883-2995

**Directions:**



**From: I-405 North Bound**  
Merge onto WA-520 East via Exit 14 toward Redmond.  
Take the 148th Ave. N.E. – North exit  
Turn right onto 148th Ave N.E.  
Continue 1 mile on 148th to 4330 148th N.E. on the right

**From: I-405 South Bound**  
Merge onto WA-520 East via Exit 14 toward Redmond.  
Take the 148th Ave. N.E. – North exit  
Turn right onto 148th Ave N.E.  
Continue 1 mile on 148th to 4330 148th N.E. on the right

**Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable**



Hey, it is a New Year and a new place for our Chubski Fly tying roundtable. You are all invited, new or old members, beginner s and advanced tiers, you are all always welcome. And it is fun and educational and a benefit for being a member! Mark your calendar for the 2nd Monday of the month, January 11th, tying starts at about 6:30 but come early and get a brew or a burger. Joe Kristof will be teaching us how to tie an “Intruder”.



No tools or materials necessary just bring yourself! Come and see some of our great tiers in action and know they are all ready to teach a few of their tricks. Remember we have moved to the VFW at 4330 148th Ave NE in Redmond: north of Sears and 520. It is a great

location and check out their website. <http://www.vfwpost-2995.org/canteen.html>

We are moving to a new location at the Veterans of Foreign War Lodge in Redmond. It is a great facility with a restaurant, bar and plenty of parking. And the lighting is even better. Come join the group in having a bite to eat, a beer and tie a few flies for the upcoming steelhead season. Joe Kristof will be showing us how to tie an "Intruder". This is one of the standby winter patterns to have in your fly box. You can see from the pictures that it is a dynamite looking fly.

See you at Chubski!

## OFFC 2010 Outings - Planning

When	Target	Where
February 13 or 20	Winter Steelhd	Sauk River or Stilly
March 20	Rainbow Trout	Rocky Ford
April 17 or 24	Rainbow Trout	Lake Lenice
May 15 or 22	Trout	Cooper Lake
June 19	Summer Steelhd	Toutle
July 16	Trout	Cedar River
August 14 or 21	Trout	Snoqualmie River
September 25	Rainbow Trout	Rattlesnake Lake
October 23	Trout	Yakima River or Lake Lenore
November 13	SeaRun Cutthroat	South Sound

### Other Possible Destination

Merrill Lake during July or August evening for Hex Hatch fishing for brown trout

Pass Lake

Copaka Lake

San Pao River in eastern Washington

Olympic Peninsula Steelheading

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years,

Ray Kanemori

New Trustee and Outings Chair

## OFFC January Club Meeting – Winter Steelhead



Leland Miyawaki ~ Winter Steelhead on a Fly

We are extremely lucky to have one of our local renowned fly fishermen to speak at our January 26th fly club meeting.

Many of us know Leland as the Bellevue Orvis Store Manager. He is also an accomplished fly tier, caster, guide and fisherman. Leland has promised to ditch the fish pictures and really teach his strategies, flies and fishing techniques for catching winter run steelhead in our local rivers. He has some special fly patterns which tend to be smaller than what we typically fish. Leland will be demonstration tying some of his favorite fly patterns during the social hour of the club meeting. Here is a little biographical information about Leland. Make sure to mark this on your calendar!

Leland began fly fishing in 1968 when he sent away for a complete flyfishing outfit. After receiving his new rod and reel, he laid down his spinning rod forever and began to teach himself to cast and tie flies. Exactly one year later to the day, he caught his first fish on his own fly. Leland has fished most of the streams and lakes in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington; the well-known hotspots in New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana; the great steelhead rivers in British Columbia; and one well-guarded secret river in Idaho. Leland fishes and guides on the local Puget Sound beaches for searun coastal cutthroat with his surface fly exclusively – the "Miyawaki Beach Popper." He loves ditching his fleece and waders to fly south for bonefish and permit. He is a fairly accomplished speycaster and without too much of a push, would chuck it all and become a steelhead bum.

See you at the January meeting!

## OFFC Conservation 2009 Wrap-up

Conservation of sportfish and their habitat is one of the purposes of the OFFC and a number of accomplishments were achieved this year. First off, the club bylaws regarding the Larry Graham Conservation Fund were simplified to make it easier to disperse funds up to \$400 using a simple majority vote of the board. Subsequently, a donation of \$400 was made to the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (MCFEG) to help in the restoration of Jack Creek, a tributary to the North Fork Teanaway River. A legacy of roads, grazing, and timber harvest has left the stream with little shade or complexity. The MCFEG intends to relocate a road to higher ground, plant the stream banks, and place large wood throughout the floodplain. The MCFEG is non-profit organization dedicated to restoring self-sustaining salmon and steelhead populations through habitat preservation, restoration and education projects and partners with a variety of government and conservation groups to achieve their goals.

You can help the OFFC during 2010 by keeping an eye out for worthy conservation projects that we can support through donations. The club will also be looking for opportunities where members can participate in conservation efforts such as river clean-ups, riparian tree plantings, or non-native vegetation removal. This past year Dick Lange led a clean-up effort on the Skykomish River that resulted in removing

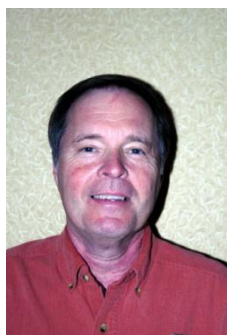
nearly two 55-gallon drums of garbage. Participation in a conservation effort is good for the fish resource, builds a sense of club and personal accomplishment and satisfaction, and can also be fun.

Alan Olson

## OFFC 2009 Holiday Party

There was a grand gathering of 53 club members, spouses, and friends to celebrate the holiday season and the fishing forays of 2009. The festive event had holiday music, fish stories and a wonderful dinner. Dick recognized the board members for their efforts during the year. Incoming President, Joe Kristof, presented Dick Lange with a beautiful wooden fly box which was engraved with his name for his leadership during 2009.

Club awards were announced during the meeting. The recipients for 2009 are:



### Outstanding Service Award

The recipient of this award is selected by the President and is given to a club member that has made significant contributions to the club and club activities over the past several years.

John Waggoner



### Paul Hammer Award

The recipient of this award is selected by the previous recipient as determined by what is important to the past recipient.

Tim Allen



### Hall of Fame Award

On December 5, 2006, the Board met and passed a resolution to have an OFFC Hall of Fame Award. This honorary award is presented each year to honor a member's outstanding lifetime contribution to the Overlake Fly Fishing Club. Each year's recipient is selected by the OFFC Board.

Previous recipients were; Bill McKay, Lory Watkins, and Dick Scales. This year's recipient is Mac Smith

The event culminated with a fantastic raffle that included a grand prize of an Orvis rod, reel and line, as well as numerous baskets, wine, fly tying materials, and a rod building kit. The final activity of the evening was an 18

minute slide show that displayed the fishing success and enjoyment of many of the OFFC members during the past year. It is safe to say that everyone had a great evening.

Thanks to everyone who made this fantastic event possible!

## FFF Annual Conclave 2010

The location for 2010 will be in West Yellowstone, Montana. The dates are August 23 – 28. More information will be posted to the site in the coming months. Mark your calendars!

## Start Planning Your Trip

Huge Columbia River spring chinook run forecast - 2010  
Fishery scientists forecast that some 470,000 spring chinook will return to the Columbia River next year, which would be the largest run since 1938.

That huge run size would be good news for sport, tribal and commercial fishermen who all place a high value on chinook, considered one of the finest-tasting salmon in North America.

But scientists who advise Columbia River fish mangers have struggled in recent years to come up with accurate run predictions, which have been based heavily on the numbers of immature jack males that return to the river each year. Based on the jack model, the past several years of forecasts have overstated actual runs by about 45 percent, according to Stuart Ellis, a fishery scientist with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The 2009 jack run was a record, but scientists were wary of using this jack return to project 2010.

"The number of jacks that returned in 2009 was four times greater than anything we've seen before, which made the number a statistical anomaly," Ellis said. "At the same time, we know the environment for young salmon appears to be changing and we need to account for that."

The new forecast is based on an expanded set of models. Accurate forecasts are necessary to set harvest at levels that meet treaty obligations and conservation requirements under the federal Endangered Species Act.

## OFFC Membership

As membership chair, I have experienced the trials and tribulations of getting all club dues paid in a timely manner. As a club, budgeting is predicated on club dues and our reserves. Help the club as well as next year membership VP and president by getting your dues paid by January 1. In an effort to encourage/bribe members to do this, I am offering the following incentive. Here is how it will work.

### OFFC Dues Renewal Incentive

I will donate the labor to build a custom fly rod for one club member who has paid his/her dues by January 1, 2010.

Rules:

1. Each club member that pays his/her dues by January 1, 2010 will have their name put into a drawing to be held at

the club meeting on January 26, 2010.

2. The winner will purchase the rod components (The rod components can be purchased at wholesale through me and can be any size or weight rod).

For example: A custom Beulah 11'6" spey rod could be built for around \$170 or less depending on the components,

3. The rod will be jointly designed. Handle configuration and shaping, wraps, trim wraps or feather art is included and will be completed by me. Or if the winner wishes, we can jointly build the rod - a private rod building class.

The finished rod will be an heirloom for a lucky club member. If you have any questions about this incentive, feel free to give me a call.

Joe Kristof  
Membership VP 2009

### **OFFC Fish Tales - Tell Me a Story**

Remember those great events that left you laughing, scratching your head or just smiling. Well the state of the art Website needs fishing stories highlighting those fun tales. Those goofy events that gave fun to a great time, humor to a much too serious experience, and feelings that bring you back to the rivers, lakes and salt water for more. It might even be something that moved you from wish'n to fish'n or better might move others.

Go to our website [www.offc.org/fish\\_tales.html](http://www.offc.org/fish_tales.html) to view more details.

The following are stories to entertain you and get your creative memoirs going:

#### **Memories of Days Gone By**

By Mark Hays – Taken from the Sun Coast Fly Fishers Newsletter

Remember many years ago when your dad came into your bedroom long before daylight, told you to get up and get dressed because today was the big day? Getting dressed was easy because you were so excited the night before you dressed before going to bed. Breakfast was something fast while Mom packed a lunch and Dad sipped hot coffee between drags on a cigarette.

This was the day you were going fishing on a boat. No docks, seawalls or muddy bank, but in a real boat! The car ride to the marina seemed to take forever. Short legs stretched straight out on a massive car seat, and no seat belts. Ours was a '55 Chevy.

The marina was an exciting place. The smells of salt, old bait and gasoline mingled in the air. Trailers backing down the ramp and grizzled, unshaven men carrying tackle down the docks, looking very serious as they went about their work. Here is where you meet the captain, usually a friend of Dad or Grandpa, or maybe an uncle.

With the sun starting to peek above the horizon, you are strapped into a life jacket and now resemble a Sumo wrestler

from a Johnny Carson skit. "Just to keep the Old Lady happy", says Pop. "We can't come home without the kids", says the Captain. Forget the embarrassing life jacket, you are in a boat!

After 27 yanks and several words that you had better not bring home, the engine sputters to life and the Captain disappears in a cloud of blue smoke. With a clunk, the engine is in gear and we are off. Could there ever be anything better?

Have you ever had an experience like this? Was it hot, cold, or raining? It didn't matter; this was the time of your young life. You can relive this excitement; all you need is to slowdown and take the time like the old Captain did for me.

#### **Uncle Burney and Aunt Zada's Tank**

By David Williams – Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Newsletter

"Okay kids! It's time to go fishing". I announce to the many cousins at the annual Williams' Thanksgiving Day reunion at Uncle Burney's and Aunt Zada's ranch. Aunt Zada and my Dad are busy mixing up the dressing. Everyone has said their initial hellos. No football games on the television yet. Just a couple hours before the feast begins. Time to wet a line. Partly to pass the time – somewhat to show off to the very young second cousins that "Uncle Dave" is the master angler – more to see if the kids might be interested in trying it themselves.

There is nothing like it. I come back every year interested in seeing if there are still some fish in Aunt Zada's tank out behind the ranch house. It's just a small, earthen dam watering hole for the cattle. It's seen plenty of Texas droughts but I've never seen it this low before. But I suspect that, as in previous years, there is still a fish or two waiting to be caught.

Some years I bring the fly tackle, others I keep it simple for the kids and bring spinning rods.

My cousin's 12 and 9 year old boys come with me and I show them how to rig a plastic worm Texas style. A slow drag across the grass shows them how to finesse the bait while keeping your rod tip down, always ready to set the hook. First cast – let it sink – count slowly to 10 – it's moving – there it goes – one yank a little slashing around and an eleven inch largemouth is at hand. I'm giddy. The kids are amazed. My cousin's 7 year old daughter just came down and wants to touch it. The fish goes back in the tank and we rig another rod so the kids can join in the fun.

If you were wondering, we landed about 11 fish before the action died down. Two are nice thick perch and we probably hooked a couple fish twice. Only forty five minutes of action, but you had to see the gleam in the kid's eyes (and mine) every time that rod started to jerk. I'm glad it is still as much fun for me as it is for them. I sure am glad that Uncle Burney paid to have a bulldozer make that little tank and then have it stocked with fish. He is no longer with us physically, but I imagine that he is still somehow getting a kick out of seeing his favorite nephew (me) take his grandkids fishing. It's another great family tradition that I plan on keeping for as long as I can.

## ◆◆ OFFC Calendar ◆◆

### January

- 4 Board Meeting
- 11 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 26 Dinner Meeting

### February

- 1 Board Meeting
- 8 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 23 Dinner Meeting

### March

- 1 Board Meeting
- 8 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 23 Dinner Meeting

### April

- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 27 Dinner Meeting

### May

- 3 Board Meeting
- 10 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 25 Dinner Meeting

### June

- 7 Board Meeting
- 14 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 22 Dinner Meeting

### July

- 5 Board Meeting
- 12 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- Dinner Meeting/Picnic

### August

- 2 Board Meeting
- 9 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 24 Dinner Meeting

### September

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 28 Dinner Meeting

### October

- 4 Board Meeting
- 11 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 26 Dinner Meeting

### November

- 1 Board Meeting
- 8 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- 23 Dinner Meeting

### December

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 Chubski Fly Tying Roundtable
- Holiday Dinner Meeting

Keep fishin'! Take a friend!



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