

# Creel Notes from the



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Monthly Meeting Notice

June 20, 2000

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The College Club, 505 Madison St.

Seattle, Washington

Phone: 206-622-0624

Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

## June Program - New England Striped Bass with Nate Keen

by Gene Gudger, Program Chairman

Nate Keen will present June's program on his experiences with Striped Bass and Bluefish fishing in the northeast. While not readily accessible to the membership, this fishery is resurgent and should be of interest. Nate has fly fished throughout the Northwest for the past 13 years pursuing primarily steelhead and trout fishing rivers from southern Oregon to the Skeena system in BC. He started teaching fly fishing and fly tying six years ago with classes at Patrick's and Creekside. Nate also developed his own classes and taught them through local community colleges.

The past two summers he ran the Orvis Cape Cod Saltwater Fly Fishing School in Chatham, MA teaching 200 students to fish for Striped Bass and Bluefish. Nate has been a resident of the Northwest for 20 years and worked for Nordstrom previous to getting into the fly fishing industry. He is currently the manager of the Avid Angler here in Seattle. Come enjoy!!!!

## Have You been Missing Something?

By Lyle Manson

Some time ago on one of our fishing trips I came home with an Orvis Graphite rod. It was in a metal case. The rod was too long so a 2 or 3 inch piece of the rod fit into the end of the case. I would like to get this rod to the right person. Call Lyle Manson at (253) 939-0267.

## Casual Dress

You may come to the June meeting in casual dress. See the President's Riffle for additional details.

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## Alpine Lake Plants??

by Doug Schaad

In the recent report from Heather Bartlett, she mentioned a number of lakes that had been planted with 'Tiger' trout. Never having caught any of the same, I showed my ignorance and asked for clarification. Her response follows:

Doug,

Glad the attachment came through. The Tiger trout are 'experimental'. They are a cross between a brown and a brook that results in a sterile offspring. If this continues in the positive fashion it has started...the fish present a sterile alternative for lakes (particularly) alpine that we have over reproduction or bull trout concerns. The latter is more the problem I am interested in solving.

## Armstrong Lake

If you get this *Creel Notes* by Wednesday, (or even if you don't) don't forget to come on out to the fishout at Armstrong Lake east of Hwy 9 just north of Arlington. See you there. Ed.

## Fishing Reports

### Is it ONE HOOK....or more??

by Dick Thompson

On Dry Falls lake during the recent Club outing, Bruce Clingan was decidedly out-fishing me (and most others) with his chironomid emerger. I tried a TDC, but hooked naught but weeds.

Decided to put on a large dry fly (with the point of the hook removed at the bend) and suspend a TDC about 12 inches below it. Then hooked three fish on four casts before the action was over.

Talked about this at the campground that evening. Some asked why I removed the point of the hook. Responded that I wanted to remain legal. Others argued that two hooks were permissible.

After reviewing the regulations pamphlet, some were not quite sure just what was legal there or on other bodies of water. [Let's not confuse 'legal' with 'ethical', at least for this discussion.] One person of 'legal mind', after reviewing the nebulous and confusing regulations, said that he could argue successfully, either way...depending upon whether he was the prosecutor or defense counsel! Thus, nothing was really resolved in the campfire discussion.

Back in Ellensburg, I contacted the local WDF&W enforcement detachment for a clarification. They stated that they, too, had been having a bit of difficulty, both in explaining the regs to anglers and also as to what was really the 'law'. The matter had been discussed within the Department and was still being debated. Region 3 headquarters posed the question to the legal counsel in the Olympia Office. Here is a partial quotation from the legal office: *"Selective gear rules allow the use of a dropper fly or flies. Selective Gear is intended to be less restrictive than fly-fishing only. In fly-fishing only, the maximum is a single fly. Selective gear goes back to the general rule (1 line - maximum 3 hooks), except "flies" or "lures" (plural forms used in the rule) may have only a barbless single hook and no bait is allowed. Since the rule discusses flies and lures in the plural, I cannot see how a court would interpret it in the singular. If the intent of the Fish Program differs, there will need to be a rule proposal. ..."*

Please note and remember that there are three regulatory categories of recreation fishing waters: (1) State-wide General Rules, (2) Selective Gear Rules, and (3) Fly Fishing Only Rules. Under General Rules (p14): "You may not use more than one line with up to three hooks while fishing...". The remainder of that first category can be ignored for this discussion. The "Sport Fishing Rules, 2000/2001 pamphlet edition", defines Selective Gear Rules (p.13): "Only unscented artificial flies or lures with one barbless single hook are allowed; bait is prohibited; fish may be released until the daily limit is retained. ..." [Note that the word "one" above conflicts with the quoted statement from the WDF&W legal office.

To agree with that office's interpretation of the Selective Gear Rules, this should read "Only unscented artificial flies or lures with ~~one~~ barbless, single-pointed hook(s) are allowed. ..." On page 12, a single hook is "A hook with a single point". Clear enough. But, in some of the language in the regulations there seems, to me, to be some confusion as to whether or not the use of the word 'single' refers to (a) the number of hooks on the line, or (b) as an adjective defining the number of points on a hook or hooks. I have recommended to Enforcement that where it is defining the number of points on a hook that it be expressed as 'single-pointed', instead of just 'single'. Thus, it appears that, in waters under "Selective Gear Rules" one line with not more than three hooks (General Rules, p 14) can be used, as long as the hooks are single-pointed, barbless and rigged with unscented flies or are on lures (p 13). However, on page 13, as quoted above, only one hook may be used. Which rule will the judge apply to an angler using more than one hook in a Selective-Gear-Only body of water?

However, in waters that are designated "Fly Fishing Only", "...an angler may use only the following tackle: a fly with a barbless single hook..." This states clearly that 'a fly' means just that—only one fly on one line!

After all of this investigation and interpretation, apparently I did not have to break off the point of that dry fly at Dry Falls to remain legal. So, remember what rules (probably) exist on the body of water where you are fishing and how many flies can be legally used there.

If the WFFC and/or individual members disagree with these definitions and rules in the regulatory pamphlet, perhaps the Club or individuals should express its/their opinion(s) to the Department for the next review/revision of the regulations. At least with a request to get things straight!



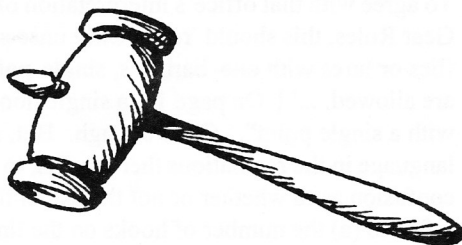
### Dry Falls - May 22-24

by Lyn Gross

In three days of fishing, I hooked only three fish and legally released two, including a 14-inch triploid.

They were taking adult damsels in the afternoon, but my poor imitations didn't fool them. Boyd Aigner's Grey Ostrich Chironomid and Gil's Nyerges Nymph were the successful flies. The weather was ideal during the day, but banshee winds at night.

## President's Raffle



### President's Raffle June, 2000

by Greg Crumbaker, WFFC President

Let me start by thanking the high number of members who are currently involved in the activities of the WFFC that help make this a respected Club. I'll not name names, as the number is over 20 members. The instructors of fly casting at Green Lake have done a super job. There have been over 50 students and I have received a phone call and a letter from participants telling me what a wonderful job our Club members do. The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been meeting the last two months, and is in the process of writing up a final draft to submit to our Board. Conservation continues meeting monthly, struggling through pending legislation, the Ebey Lake accessibility problem, and reviewing project requests. Another person always working for the welfare of the Club is the raffle Chairman who each month gathers up an array of fishy items.

And then there's always the *Creel Notes* editors who monthly put in hours to publish a quality and timely newsletter. There are many more. As you prepare for your fishing trips this summer, try to think of how you can contribute. It does take the work of all to keep this a respected Club.

If this letter arrives in time, I hope you're planning to attend the Lake Armstrong outing the evening of June 14<sup>th</sup> (if you're not, you should be). This outing is in response to the LRPC questionnaire about outings. Lake Armstrong, it is hoped, will accommodate the members that cannot make an overnight trip or travel great distances due to work, family, age, etc. A special thanks to Donn Mills for coming up with the location and putting this together. He even reports some fish in the lake. Non-motorized boats or float tubes work well here. Also a good place to bring a guest or prospective member.

Due to the **July Board** meeting date falling on the day before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it is being moved up to **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars. At the June Board meeting, it was decided that casual attire will be the dress of the day at the June, July and August meetings. (*Does this imply that the WFFC accepts the concept of global warming as factual? Ed.*) This means that coat and tie are optional, but shorts are inappropriate. For those of us with just one suit and tie, this makes a perfect time to send it out and get it cleaned. Just make sure you get it back though for the September meeting.

Until our June 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, stay well and fish smart. I look forward to your reports.

Greg Crumbaker  
President, Year 2000

### In Retrospect

*From Creel Notes vol. XL No. 6, June, 1990*

Lake Chopaka, May 26-27

Ron Dion

Fished on Saturday in the sunshine and Sunday in the steady downpour. On Saturday I had difficulty finding the correct pattern, which turned out to be a black hatchmaster, size 16 (Callahan style). On Sunday, continued with the black hatchmaster and had one of my best days ever on Chopaka. The fly had to float to be effective.

#### Auction Report

Saturday night, May 12, 1990 marked the beginning of a new and exciting development for the Washington Fly Fishing Club. Our first conservation auction was held, netting proceeds in excess of \$21,000. All of the net proceeds have been deposited in a new conservation fund and will be used only for conservation projects approved by the club's trustees. ...

The auction Committee was chaired by Ed Pettigrew and Perry Barth. Its members included Chuck Ballard, John Cadigan, Milt Douglas, Bob Graham, Dave Hawkinson, Curt Jacobs, Ken Jarvis, Paul Lingbloom, Hu Riley, Cam Sigler, Ted Rogowski, Frank Webster and Denny Westover.

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## WFFC OUTINGS FOR 2000

### DRY FALLS LAKE First Edition

*Full Moon, May 10*

May 13/14 Get the kinks out of your casting arm, and your backing.

### LAKE CHOPAKA

*Last Quarter Moon, May 26*

May 27/28/29 Chopaka the last few years has produced good size fish in the 13 to 24 inch range. The weekend includes the Saturday evening potluck, and the Sunday morning pancake breakfast, and the world famous Ken Jarvis Tempura Fish Fry. This is a great family outing. With the immortal words of Fred DeWitt ringing in our ears, "**Bring lots of Firewood**". Fire wood at or near the lake is becoming very hard to find.

### YAKUTAT ALASKA.

June/July Salmon trip to the Northland, Pete Baird is the contact.

### BAJA & YUCATAN

*Full Moon, July 16*

July 8 through 22. Fishing for Tarpin, Dorado, Bone Fish, Permit, Trevally, Snook, and Makeral. Contact Gil Nyerges for this one.

### HIGH COUNTRY

*Full Moon, July 16*

July 20 through 26. Contact Pete Baird. Pete stated after being the recipient of a certain famous club award, "**This time we are going to go into the hidden lakes, one way or another**". The high country always provides a total experience for a fishing trip.

### DRY FALLS LAKE Second Edition

*First Quarter Moon, October 5*

October 7/8 Those evenings into early darkness, just after a full moon, always provide some excellent leech fishing. Everyone can tie-um big.

### WET BUNS

*First Quarter Moon, November 4*

November 4/5 Fishing for what South Sound has to offer, not to mention the beer and the great Dick Stern's bouillabaisse. Fred's words again, "**Bring lots of Firewood**".

# JUNE-JULY 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 JUNE Go Fishing!	12	13	14 MID-WEEK OUTING AT LAKE ARMSTRONG	15	16	17 Go Fishing!
18 Go Fishing!	19	20 WFFC DINNER MEETING 5:30 PM COLLEGE CLUB	21 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN HOTEL, 9TH & PINE	22	23	24 Go Fishing!
25 Go Fishing!	26 WFFC BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM COLLEGE CLUB	27	28 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	29 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM AT THE RAM PUB	30	1 JULY Go Fishing!
2 Go Fishing!	3	4	5 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM		7 JULY CREEL NOTES FROZEN	8 Go Fishing!
9 Go Fishing!	10	11	12 LUNCHEON EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:45 AM CAMLIN CLOUD ROOM	13	14	15 Go Fishing!
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