



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new Outing and Program VP's are well on their way to giving us some exciting opportunities. We start off with a program from Phil Rowley about the giant 'Bows in Jurassic Lake. And Tom Langley is busy working on the new outings schedule. It should be a fun year with a mix of new waters and old favorites. And look for a number of opportunities to celebrate our 45th year of existence.

Given all the possible events that are being sponsored by the club; it can be a problem keeping track of it all. So I would like to make a suggestion: use our website and the calendar there. The postings will include descriptions and appropriate links to each event. It is also a way to keep track of the latest version of the roster. I also just posted most of the new schedule of the tying sessions and the internal education events will soon begin to hit the calendar.

It takes some effort to keep the club operating and we owe a hearty thank you to all of those who make that effort. Ever since I joined Sid Strong and more recently, Steve Runge have edited "Random Casts", our newsletter. Steve just informed the club that he will be leaving the area to pursue new employment. Thanks guys for a great job! So that leaves an opening for one of you to pick up the pen or mouse and become our new editor. Steve and Sid are available to walk you through the process.

This is also a Conservation Auction year and I would like to get a Co-Chair. Given all the work the last committee especially Ed Dahl put in the auction is a much easier work load and I have some ideas on spreading it around.

There many ways you can lend a hand on one of our activities. We have a great year planned and it can only get better with your investment of a little time and effort. I promise you a good return..

I am looking forward to spend some quality time with all of you.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

Confluence Fly Shop and the 4th Corner Fly Fishers are pleased to welcome Phil Rowley to Bellingham for a lively evening as he presents Land of the Giants-Malbec, Meat and Monster Trout. The event will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, February 22. Phil Rowley is one of the most prominent names in stillwater fly fishing and is known across North America as an author, fly tyer, TV personality and energetic speaker at the many instructional seminars he hosts. Read about Phil's program following the details about making your reservation.

This event takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The Wet Fly, a social time/open bar time, will begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:45. Phil Rowley's program will begin at 7:30 P.M., followed by a raffle for all in attendance. The raffle will include a chance to win a variety of items, including signed copies of Phil's books and DVD's. In addition, other autographed books, DVD's and tying materials will be available for purchase with cash or check the night of the event. Following the raffle and a break, members are invited to stay for the monthly business meeting. To attend please make a reservation.

Reservations are required and must be ordered in advance through Eventbrite, our online ordering system by Monday, February 20 by 12:00 P.M., a midnight deadline. When making your reservation be sure to indicate if you'll be having dinner or just attending the meeting as either a club member or as a non-member. Your reservation will be checked at the door where you will then be given a ticket for the raffle after the presentation. Remember that a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay. Getting your reservation in on time helps us provide an accurate count for the kitchen and we very much appreciate your help in placing your reservations on time.

There are kinds of registrations: Dinner with Program, or Program Only.

4CFF Members:

Dinner with Program: \$17 (payment at the door as usual)

Program Only: No Charge

Eventbrite at: <https://philrowley2017members.eventbrite.com>

Deadline: Monday, February 20 by 12:00 P.M

Non-Members:

Dinner with Program: \$25

Program Only: \$7

Eventbrite at: <https://philrowley2017.eventbrite.com>

Deadline: Monday, February 20 by 12:00 P.M. Or, contact our Eventbrite manager by email at bxxcoper2010@gmail.com or by phone at 360-961-4398 to set up a reservation.

Phil Rowley Presents "Land of the Giants-Malbec, Meat and Monster Trout"

Located in Patagonia, Lago Strobel, better known to some as Jurassic Lake is home to a rich population of what is arguably considered the largest sized trophy rainbow trout on the planet. Lago Strobel are large, strong wild fish, more steelhead or salmon than your typical stillwater rainbow trout. Lago Strobel rainbows average 15 lbs, fish 15-20 lbs are common, almost every week of the season fish over 20 lbs are caught and, fish over 25 lbs are caught each year.

Join Phil Rowley as he details all aspects of visiting this bucket list destination. Phil will provide detailed information on how easy and safe it is to visit this distant destination, what equipment to bring (including flies), what to expect in terms of accommodation and presentation tactics. The food, wine and culture only adds to this experience. In addition to the world class trout fishing Lago Strobel and the surrounding lacunas (lakes) has to offer, Patagonia offers stunning scenic beauty and wildlife abounds.

Phil's presentation offers a wide audience appeal from scenic travel to detailed fishing. Prior to his presentation, Phil will provide an on camera tying demo featuring a number of Lago Strobel favorites. Patterns that also work equally well on local water too. For more on Phil Rowley, check out his website at [http:// www.flycraftangling.com](http://www.flycraftangling.com).

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

Outings Report

The outings selection group met on Friday Feb 3rd. 17 club members signed up to attend but Mother Nature whittled that down to 10 with a snow storm and bad driving conditions. We began the meeting with several proposed outings and by noon had completed our work which resulted in a short list of outings for this year. In addition to the traditional outings we will be developing a few new and exciting opportunities to see some new country and try our hand in unexplored waters for some of us. I will be sending out an email this week with the list and tentative dates.

Tom Langley



Communications Report

The website is performing well. We are still adapting to some of the technical challenges that came along with our enhanced security package. The most bothersome change is that we can no longer upload and download Excel spreadsheets for the member roster.

Consequently, when I receive an amended roster from Bill F. I will convert it to a pdf and upload it to the roster page on the web. This can be downloaded and printed by any member who wants a hard copy of the roster for phone numbers or addresses. If you need an Excel version (to send bulk emails, for example) please contact me and I will email it to you.

Another problem that has cropped up a couple of times recently are login issues for existing members. Sometimes members register twice, by accident, using different email addresses. When this happens the login process can become unreliable. If it happens to you, just get in touch with me and let me know which of the email addresses you want to keep. I will delete the other one and reset your password if necessary.

We have several new committee chairs who are coming up to speed with calendar postings on the website and with Eventbrite listings and signups. Please be patient, and grateful that we have members willing to put in the time and effort.

Phil Terzian

Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for December of 2016 included the following:

Painted Lady Raffle	\$340.00
Guest Status Application Fee	30.00
Christmas Rod Raffle Income	535.00
Total	\$905.00

Monthly expenses for December of 2016 included:

Member Awards	217.69
Conservation donations	2,950.00
Annual Liability Insurance	257.00
QuickBooks Monthly fee	26.09
Total Expenses	\$3,450.78

Bank account balances as of December 1, 2016 were \$19,506 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,885 (Conservation Savings).

Invoices for 2017 annual dues are being e-mailed to the membership. Dues for single membership remain at \$60, and family memberships are \$90. The deadline for payment of club dues is February 28. Dues may still be paid after the 28th until the end of March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Memberships not paid after March 31 will be cancelled.

CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO: 4th Corner Fly Fishers, PO Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



Conservation Report

Hi Members,

As I looked out my window this morning all the branches on the trees are covered with an ice coating. It's hard to believe that we will be starting our outings and work sessions in about a month from now. Our first conservation function will probably happen in late March followed by at least two more in April. The sites will include our last session at 10 Mile Creek School as well as work at Smith Creek and Squaticum Lake. Once Tom sets his outing dates I will fill in the work session dates as well so check the club website in a few weeks for all this information.

I have received mailings from NSEA, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group and the Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest thanking us for our timely donations. These organizations become even more important as our country's new leaders seem bent on undoing some of our environmental safeguards. The least we can do is stand up for clean water and healthier salmon runs here in the Northwest through these organizations and from direct conservation work on our local streams.

Every little bit helps so make a point of getting involved in the important conservation work our club performs each year.

Best to you all,

Dan





Gilly Report

Somewhere in an undisclosed location, Brian Faloon was caught fishing with gear. Remember, the club is always watching.

(Photo courtesy of Lin Nelson)

A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>





4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Conservation Projects

Conservation is the cornerstone of our club. Projects are continually being added to our calendar. The only thing that is needed is the willingness to give something back to the resource will all love. Contact Dan Coombs to sign up to be put on the list of volunteers.

Fly Tying Sessions

Fly tying sessions are constantly being held. Whether you're an expert or just beginning, please join us. Check our website <http://www.4thcornerfly.com> for dates, times, and locations. R.S.V.P.'s are required.

Education Classes

We need Volunteers to help teach fly tying and fly casting at various places throughout the year. Even if you have tied for a little while, your presence is needed. Please contact Klaus Lohse if you wish to participate.

OUTINGS

Our club has a constant list of fantastic outings every month. We also have smaller outings for those who can only make it on the weekends. For a list of outings, their dates, and locations, please check out our website <http://www.4thcornerfly.com>.

is our present Outings Chairman.

If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend ANY outings, it's wise to bring your own lawn chair. (it's better than a rock or a tailgate.)

For more information, please contact the hosts.

Monthly Meeting

Feb 22,
2017

Bellingham Golf and
Country Club
Wet Fly: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Program: 7:30 pm

RSVP to Matt for reservations:
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

Don't forget to
bring a fly for the
FLY PLATE!

Next Board Meeting

Mar 7, 2017
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

President

Frank Koterba

(360) 647-9715

External Vice President-Outings

Tom Langley

Internal Vice President-Programs

Marion Hiller

Secretary

Paula Faulkner

Treasurer

Bill Faulkner

CONSERVATION

Dan Coombs

EDUCATION

Klaus Lohse, Chair

Brian Duim

LIBRARY

Tom Langley

Website

Phil Terzian

Newsletter

Steve Runge

Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Steve Hiller

Raffle Chairmen: Nathan Weston

Directors: Sid Strong, Steve Hiller, Bruce Aigner, Mike Riber, and Angus MacArthur

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed in our club. Conservation projects, educational classes, and all chairman positions are always open for new and old members.

It is the responsibility of ALL members for ALL of the outings to obey ALL local, state, and national regulations.

We represent an outstanding conservation and fishing club. Let's set a great example to ALL.

All entomology sketches are drawn by Jack Salstrom, Member of the FCF.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCF Member Dan Homel.



4th CORNER FLY FISHERS



Aims and Purposes

The Members of the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers (located in Bellingham, WA) are united by our enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing and by our desire to preserve and enhance fishing opportunities for all. To these ends, we will strive to promote conservation of angling brotherhood and to broaden the understanding of fellow anglers.

The purposes for which the Club was formed are:

- To operate a social club for the pleasure, association and recreation of its members engaged in fly fishing activities.
 - To work to protect wild fish and the habitat which sustains them.
 - To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding land.
 - To improve the "State of the Art" of flying fishing and to keep members informed of developments of interest.
 - To develop and carry out programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and to promote ethical use of the resource.
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