



# 4t Corner Fly

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear 4CFF Members,

This is my first time greeting you in my capacity as President of this amazing organization. As I recall, I became a member twenty-five years ago, and have watched the Club grow, contract and, most recently grow again with new members and a new spirit.

Unfortunately, I will miss January's Membership meeting, being required to attend a continuing education seminar in Tucson, Arizona on the 24th. As a consequence, I won't be there to express my personal gratitude to Lin Nelson for the positive influence his high-energy leadership has had on the Club in the THREE FULL YEARS during which he occupied the President's chair. Or my thanks to Gary Jones for the bang-up job he did for us in arranging the Club's programs, or to Brian Faloon for his quality work in the job of Secretary and his eye for detail in the on-going process of developing the Club's membership policies, or to Nathan Weston for his thoughtful consistency in service on the Board.

What I can say after all this time, though, is how important this Club has been to me since those early days ... attending outings, learning how to tie flies, learning how to double-haul and toss heavy flies at bigger fish, learning first how to restore old bamboo rods and then to build new ones from scratch, all the while enjoying the companionship of some really fine human beings. The Club presents us with seemingly endless possibilities to become a better fisherperson, and to become a better person in general. I have no real "agenda" for this year other than to help the Board develop effective Policies and Procedures to flesh out provisions of the Bylaws that were deliberately left somewhat skeletal when they were adopted, and to get to know some of our newer members better.

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The new Board contains a nice blend of both newer and long-term members, with talent and energy in great abundance. They are going to be doing most of the heaving lifting in the business of the Club, and I'm happily along for the ride. It's going to be a good year!

Hugh Lewis  
President  
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*“Beginning ten days after the winter solstice, January denotes the start of our calendar.... While the weather of January may be dichotomous; biologically it is a transitional month. It covers the last throes of fall’s spawning salmon and the arrival of winter steelhead just beginning their reproductive journey. Although some salmon remain alive, the dead outnumber the living. Carcasses in various pieces and states of decay are ubiquitous along the cobbled stream banks and vegetated benches. Skulls, spines, ribs, jaws, and bits of fins are most common. Each piece is a reminder that I am observing the final act of the salmon cycle, and the end of their annual evolutionary performance in the ecological theater of rivers...”*

*Bill McMillan, “May The Rivers Never Sleep”*



# Dues Reminder

Happy New Year to all of you 4CFFers – The twenty eight “paid up for 2013” folks as well as the forty or so who have made a resolution to get those dues in. Our year looks to be an exciting one with your Board busily planning programs, activities and outings that should interest all of us in one way or another. I urge all of you to take part in whatever comes along that looks like something you would like to do, learn about, or provide expertise to others by helping teach or mentor.

2013 Dues are set by the Board at \$60 for individuals and \$90 for families. Several members have opted for the family membership this year anticipating food charges and class charges for non-members will possibly make it worthwhile if they have a spouse or children who regularly attend 4CFF events. Give it some thought.

You can send your check to the 4CFF, PO Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227 or hand it to me at the next meeting. If any of your contact information has changed, please make note of that change so we can get our records brought up to date.

Remember to add an additional \$10 for any payment after February 28. Non-payment by April 1 will result in being dropped from membership. If, however, you have decided not to renew your membership, please let me or another Board Member know how the club might have better met your needs or interests.

Larry Irwin  
FCFF Treasurer  
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## Pro Tip:

*When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.*

*-Steven Wright*

## CONSERVATION REPORT

The Conservation Committee will be holding our annual budget meeting at my house on Sat. January 19 (the same day I am hosting our first fly-tying session). On our agenda will be contributions to NSEA, CCA, Skagit Conservation Organization, monies for upkeep of our 10 Mile Creek project and Squalicum Lake. In addition, we will be discussing possible expenditures for an aerator on Little Twin Lake (Winthrop Area) and beginning of a redd survey on chosen feeder creeks to the Nooksack. If any of you have advice and or input on these projects please attend our meeting that Saturday or email me before then.

If we decide to take on the wild steelhead redd survey project I will want different members to step forward to volunteer for this project other than our regular stream restoration crew members. The survey work would include 2 member parties walking along local creeks and marking locations of redds from April through June. Like Count Dracula would say, "I want some new blood for this job," so step forward and help the club.

Of course, Jane and I invite all of you to our house for the first fly tying session of 2013 on Saturday Jan. 19 beginning at 1PM. Even if you don't tie you will still learn a lot.

Happy New Year,

Dan Coombs  
*Conservation Chairman*  
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## JANUARY PROGRAM

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on January 24, 2013. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm. The program, which will begin at 7:30pm, has two parts:

The first part of the program is our annual awards ceremony. The awards will be presented by Brian Faloon (and a merry band of assistants). Come see who's contributions to our club and our sport stood out in 2012!

The second part of the program is being given by our education team (headed by Klaus Lohse with assistance from Bill Hall and Joe Kelly). One of my goals as Program Chair is to occasionally use one of our programs to give the functional parts of our club (education, conservation, outings) a chance to show off what they do. With regards to education this is particularly timely because the club was recently awarded an education grant for \$3300 from the Whatcom Community Foundation to strengthen and expand our club's outreach into local schools. A portion of this money was recently used to buy a document camera and projector to make illustrating tying methods easier. Klaus and company will use this new equipment to run us through a demonstration of how they teach children to tie flies -- luckily I know a few children who are happy to play the role of students. This will give us all a chance to see exactly what goes on in the school sessions that we hear about from time to time but which, for many of us, remain a bit of a mystery. I expect that this will give us all a greater appreciation for the efforts of the education team, and hopefully will spur more of us to join in their very important work.

Finally, a bit of a preview - as January's program is about teaching fly tying to complete beginners, February's program will offer a nice contrast as Scott Willison discusses and demonstrates tying of some of his innovative steelhead patterns. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Please RSVP at <http://4cff.eventbrite.com> (preferred), via email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@deepsnow.com) or by phone at 360-319-1350. I look forward to seeing you on the 24th!

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs  
Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Holiday Party Photos







## January Outings Report

I hope you have a great Holiday Season and are looking forward to 2013. This will be my 6th year as the External Vice President/ Outings Chairman and I have a confession to make. I think I have taken the program just about as far as I can take it. The greatest impediment to continuing to improve our outings program is--unfortunately--me! Therefore it gives me great pleasure to announce the inception of the Outings Committee. A number of fellow members have stepped up to add their welcome input into our outings program. Bob Cooper, Brian Faloon, Emil Ekman, Rick Todd, Sid Strong, Scott Willison, Mike Reed and John Boblett have joined Ed Ruckey and me to work on this year's program. We have had our first meeting and the future looks bright. For the club I want to say thank you!

I also invite anyone else to join us. Your level of participation is up to you. You could give a hand at an outing, research one (a great way to find out where to fish), take one on, or anything else.

We will be rolling out the basic schedule at our general membership meeting on the 24th. Given the results of that first meeting I can say that there will be some exciting news this year. I won't let any cats out of the bag just yet but I think you will be pleased.

I am looking forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba

Your External Vice President/Outings Chair







## January Culinary Corner



I am preparing for our last Conservation Dinner. There are a couple of appetizers that are easy and pretty tasty!! So I will give them up to those unfortunates who didn't buy enough tickets to win the Conservation Dinner last time!!! You will have another chance to win one this fall! By the way the best hummus and Zaatar can be found at Mediterranean Specialties here in Bellingham, just ask them what you need!

### Hummus Ravioli with Red Pepper Coulis



#### **Ingredients**

- 12 wonton wrappers
- 4 tbsp. Sabra hummus
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- Zaatar spice and sea salt to taste

#### **Instructions** (Serves 4 as an appetizer)

1. Lay out a large baking sheet with parchment.
2. Place the wontons on the baking sheet and dollop 1 tsp. of hummus in the center of each square.
3. Fill a bowl with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water. Wet your finger with water and use to trace half the edge of the wonton square. Fold in half and seal, pressing both sides firmly together.
4. In a nonstick skillet over medium high heat warm 2 tbsp. olive oil.
5. Sauté raviolis on both sides until crisp. Cool on drying rack.
6. Sprinkle Zaatar spice and sea salt on both sides, dip in red pepper coulis and enjoy!

## Roasted Red-Pepper Coulis

By roasting and peeling the red peppers before pureeing them, it boosts the flavor of the sauce and eliminates the step of having to strain out the papery skins.

- 3 large red bell peppers
  - 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1 medium shallot, thinly sliced
  - 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar
  - Salt and freshly ground white pepper
1. Roast the red peppers directly over a gas flame or under the broiler, turning occasionally, until the peppers are blackened all over. Transfer the peppers to a bowl and let cool completely. Peel the peppers and discard the skins, seeds and cores. Coarsely chop the peppers.
  2. In a food processor, combine the peppers with the olive oil, shallot and vinegar and puree until very smooth. Season the coulis with salt and white pepper.

## Toasted Goat Cheese Crostini with Basil and Red Onion Jam

This is another Food 52 sourced item. (If you want some great ideas about food just go there.)

This recipe is inspired by an impromptu hors d'oeuvre that saved the day when a batch of hot cheesy scallop thingies went missing 15 minutes before a party. We grabbed a baguette, a log of goat cheese and a jar of onion jam from the local gourmet shop and threw something together on the fly. Every one was eaten. I've since added a recipe for homemade red onion jam, but you can use almost anything you have on hand. (I often substitute homemade tomato preserves or store-bought hot red pepper jam.)

*Serves about 30 crostini*

### **For the red onion jam:**

- 2 medium red onions, thinly sliced
  - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - freshly ground black pepper
  - 1/3 cup red wine
  - 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar
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**For the crostini:**

- 1 baguette
- 1 log fresh goat cheese
- 30-40 small basil leaves, rinsed and dried

To make the jam, cook the onions, butter, sugar, salt and pepper in a covered saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the onions are soft and slightly caramelized, about 30 minutes. Add the wine and vinegar and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, until thick, about 20 minutes. Cool to room temperature before using. The jam may be prepared as much as two weeks in advance and refrigerated. (Makes about 2 cups jam.)

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Slice the baguette thinly on the diagonal and arrange on a baking sheet. Cut the goat cheese into 1/4-inch slices (unwaxed dental floss works well for this) and top each baguette slice with a basil leaf, followed by a slice of cheese. Bake the crostini for about 5 minutes, or until the cheese starts to brown lightly. Top each toast with a small dollop of red onion jam and serve warm.

Frank Koterba

*Campsite Chef of the FCFE*



**Pro Tip:**  
Safety first!  
When out on the water be sure to wear an approved flotation device!





## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### Conservation Projects

Conservation is the corner stone 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. Call Dan Coombs at (360) 398-1637 and 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 Bill Hall (305-0161), Joe Kelly (384-0623), Klaus Lohse (671-8453) 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>. Frank Koterba is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (360) 647-9715.

If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend outings, it's wise to bring your own lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

### January's Meeting

**THURSDAY,**  
JAN. 24, 2013

BELLINGHAM  
COUNTRY CLUB

3729 Meridian St  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-3450

Wet Fly	6:00
Dinner	6:45
Program	7:30
Meeting	9:00

RSVP to Matt for reservations:

<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

[msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@deepsnow.com)

360-319-1350

**Be sure to check off your name on the list when you arrive for dinner.**

BRING A FLY FOR THE  
"FLY PLATE"!

### February's Board Meeting

Feb 5, 2013

Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Klaus Lohse, Craig Carlile, Ed Dahl, and Jim Darden

**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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