



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, my friends!

It's crisp and cold outside, and reports I've seen from the Vedder River are accompanied by photos of happy people holding big bright steelhead aloft for the camera's honest inspection. I'll confess to a pang or two of envy as it surely will be my office desk and computer, and not some lovely powerful fish, which will occupy my time this week.

But others among you, and you know who you are my darlings, will rise to this occasion. Will your rod and reel be new, a gift from someone special? Or an older outfit tried and true? The fish will never know, but with a wee bit of old-fashioned luck, a trek along some chilly river bank with either outfit in hand can set the stage for an epic struggle with some bright-sided fish never to be forgotten. Or, as has been the case more often than not for some of us, a trek along some chilly river bank will provide a break from work or normal home life even if all that was caught was a tantalizing glimpse of mountains in the distance, reminding us of the source of the waters we walk beside.

At our Board meeting this month, we'll be discussing our Club's budgetary needs for the coming year. Committee Chairs will be identifying projects and tasks that will impose burdens on the Club's coffers, but which will also produce real benefits to our Members and to the community at large in ways great and small. As I'm writing, I'm reminded of the many projects and activities that are now sponsored or supported by the 4th Corner Fly Fishers.

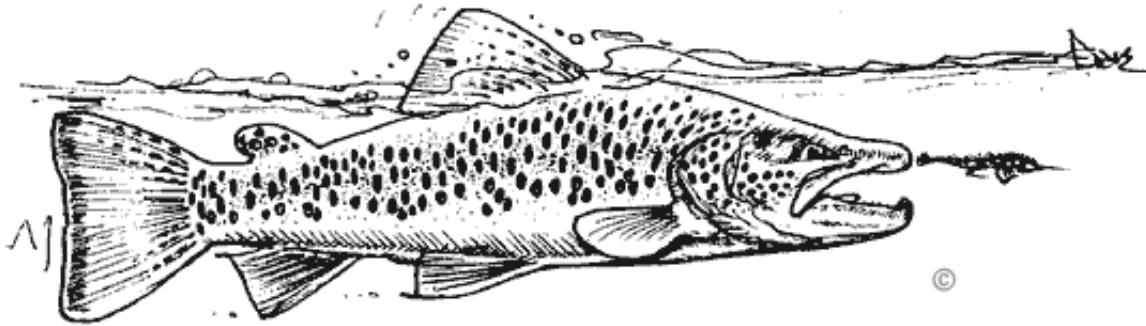
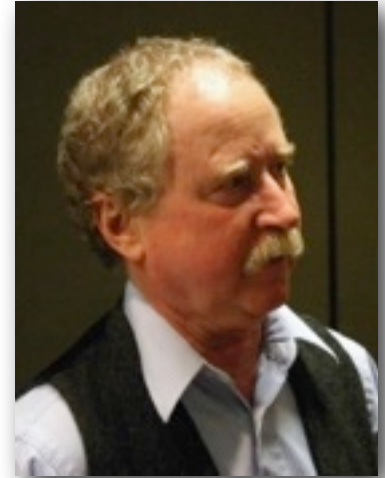
The financial aspects of our involvement in these things varies, activity by activity, project by project. But more important than any funds so expended are the gifts of time, energy, expertise, love and care that a small, committed group of our Members have made in the areas of education and conservation over the past dozen years or so. I'd like each of you

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to become intimately acquainted with one or more of these Club activities in the year to come. The benefits of such activities truly flow both ways.

In February, I’ll write a bit about “conservation” in several contexts. Do hold your breath, because I can’t attend the January Club meeting. In the interim, be well....

Hugh Lewis



“Between the wet winter darkness of December and February’s hint of spring, January conditions cannot be singularly described. In some years, cold rainstorms pound the rivers for weeks, only ever briefly retreating to allow for a few precious moments of sunshine. ... In other years, January may be a month of snowstorms or prolonged periods of dry, intense cold. When this happens on coastal rivers, frost and ice can frame the river’s margins for days and the mountaintops may remain pillowy white for weeks. In contrast, streams draining the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains may freeze over almost entirely, flows shrouded by the convergence of surface ice and anchor ice – headwaters snowbound for months ... January is best epitomized by the arrival of winter-run steelhead.”

Bill McMillan, “May The Rivers Never Sleep”

JANUARY MEETING

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on **January 23, 2014**. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm. The program will begin at 7:30pm and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month's meeting will kick off 2014 with a series of presentations that together will form a 'state of the club' address. We'll hear from a few board members and committee chairs about accomplishments from 2013 and new and exciting plans for 2014, enjoy a slide show of great photos from club outings and activities in 2013, and cap off the evening with our annual awards presentation! I hope you can join us!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 21 by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com> or by contacting me via email at mrs@deepsnow.com or by phone at 360-319-1350. Be sure to indicate if you'll be having dinner or just attending the meeting, and remember that a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment for you to pay. Also, a reminder that getting your RSVP in on time helps us provide an accurate count for the kitchen. Thanks for your help in placing your reservations on time!

I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Tight lines,

Matt

Matt Roelofs
4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair

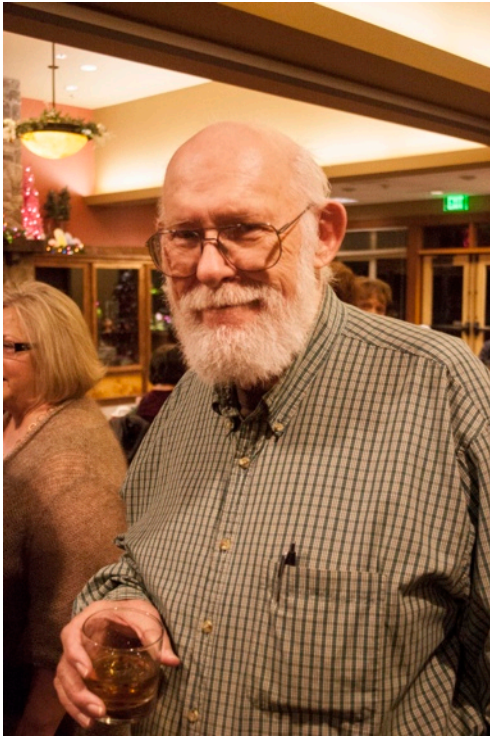


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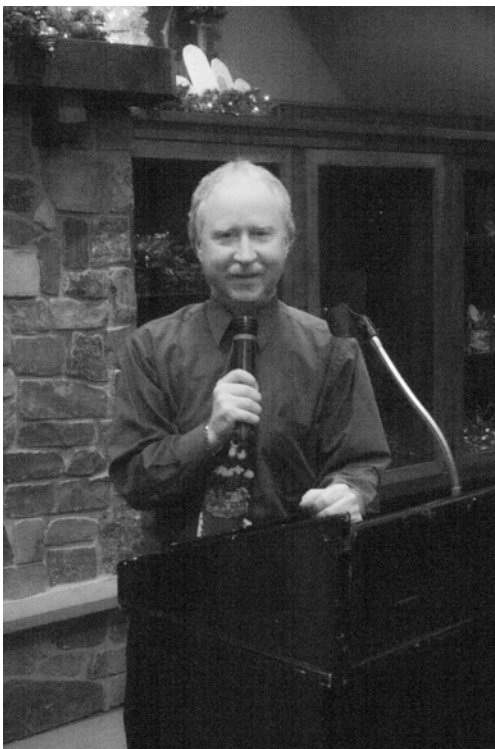
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LYNN SHUSTER REMEMBERED

We are deeply saddened by the passing of one of our members, Lynn Shuster, on Saturday, January 4. Those of us who knew him well remember that ever present smile and twinkle in his eyes. He was generous, kind and had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to tell stories and anecdotes usually based on truth but skillfully embellished and punctuated with his smile and infectious laugh. He always enjoyed the Conservation Auction and gave generously through raffle tickets as well as the live auction.

Lynn and his wife Ruth moved to Bellingham in 2003 but divided their time annually between the Chicago area and Bellingham. In 2012 they moved here full time. He was fairly new to fly fishing when he joined FCFE in 2008. The picture of Lynn with the rainbow was taken at Pass Lake in March of 2008 at a club outing and was his first trout taken on a fly. He will be greatly missed.

Charlie Scaief



TREASURER'S REMINDER

Happy New Year all you graphite waving devotees of the fine art of flyfishing. I've received one renewal so far for next year, but I'm sure we've all resolved to get those dues paid before Larry comes round with his hand out. Our current Newsletter Editor, Steve Runge, has the honor of being first to pay up for next year. I appreciate him getting the ball rolling for 2014.

Our year ahead 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.

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

Larry Irwin
Club Treasurer
larryandbarb@comcast.net



A Look Ahead At Education for 2013

Here are some upcoming dates and times for upcoming fly tying classes.

Blaine Middle School for 2014:

ADVANCED CLASS: from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Jan. 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, 30
- Feb. 4, 6

Fishing Day = Feb. 8th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

BEGINNING CLASS: from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Feb. 20, 25, 27
- March 11, 13, 18, 20, 25
- May 30

Fishing Day = May 31st from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Your Education committee,

Klaus Lohse, Bill Hall, Joe Kelly



“Self is like a fish, proverbially speaking. Give a man a fish and you’ve fed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and, if he turns into a dry-fly, catch and release angling fanatic up to his liver in icy water wearing ridiculous waders and an absurd hat, pestering trout with a 3-pound test line on \$1,000 graphite rod and going on endlessly about Royal Coachman lures that he tied himself using muskrat fur and partridge feathers...well, at least his life partner is glad to have him out of the house.”

P.J. O’Rourke, “The Baby Boom: How it got that way...And It Wasn’t Really My Fault...And I’ll never Do It Again.”

January Outings Report:

I hope you all had a great holiday season and welcome to 2014!! If last year is any indication this New Year should be another great one. We will be breaking some new ground (or water) in the outings program. There are so many opportunities to fish in so many ways that it is time to include more of you in the outings for the upcoming season. It has been seven years since I accepted the challenge of the outings chairmanship and it has been a great time. This year will be about getting more of you involved to find out how much better it can be. Much of this is driven by the fact that we are a growing club. When I joined in 2006 we were very different. I was one of the younger members. I became the outings chair with the support of the club and Ed Ruckey in particular. It didn't hurt that I could do a bit of cooking. We have now reached a point where we need to move forward. Initially I took on the responsibility to learn where to fish. Since then the club has gone through a great metamorphosis! We are younger, more diverse, and growing!

There are other changes as well...I-phones,-pads, data plans, Google maps, GPS, EIEIO! We are now living in a different era! The time has come to harness that potential. It is time to start turning the program over to you!

We have a lot of members who have put the time and effort to make our current outings successful. What we need is to take it further!! So here is the question... what do you want to do?? Where do you want to go? When do you want to go? How do you want to go? What gear do you need 1 hand? 2 hand? Switch? Ultra-light? Saltwater? Small stream? What species do you see as the goal?

If you have an idea for an outing; take it on! I and others will help you put it together.

We have the whole year to work it out. Let me know what you have in mind. I will do what I have in the past, but there is much more we can make happen, there are many of you out there who have great ideas for outings. Let's get them done.

I will be talking to you in the next month and the rest of the year to get this up and running.

I will be going over the potential outing schedule at our next meeting.

(Outings Continued)

Upcoming fly tying events:

For these events bring your tying materials and equipment. If you are just interested in see how it is done or want to get started let me know and we can use the club's equipment to get you started.

And please let the host know you are coming as they will be preparing food and refreshments.

Saturday January 18th: 1:00-5:00 pm

Brian Faloon will be hosting. The location is 713 Fieldston Road, Bellingham.

Contacts: (360) 733-4499 or bfaloon@hotmail.com

Saturday February 8th 1:00-4:30 pm

Dan Coombs will be hosting. The location is 1063 Sterk Lane, Bellingham.

Contacts: (360) 398 1637 or dwjmcoombs@gmail.com

Stay tuned as we will be adding more events to the schedule.

I am looking forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba

Your External Vice President/Outings Chair



"No one knows what game there is in a trout, unless he has fought it out, matching such a rod against a three pound fish, with forty feet of water underneath, and a clear, unimpeded sweep around him! Ah, then it is that one discovers what will and energy lie within the mottled skin of a trout, and what a miracle of velocity he is when aroused."

Adirondack Murray

January Culinary Corner

Hashed Brussels Sprouts with Poppy Seeds & Lemon Union Square Café

This is time of year when you have to make do with fewer fresh ingredients. But there are always some around to put to work. I have been playing around with various varieties of kale, yams, quince and others. This edition will highlight an old standby, brussels sprouts. I am always looking for new presentations and this one comes from a familiar source...Food 52. (If you have not checked this site out, now is as good a time as any!)

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound large brussels sprouts
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



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Directions:

1. Cut the stems from the brussels sprouts and halve each one lengthwise. Slice each half into thin slices, about 1/8 inch thick, and toss with the lemon juice in a large bowl.
2. Heat the olive oil in a sauté pan over high heat almost to the smoking point. Stir in the hashed sprouts with the garlic and poppy seeds. Add the white wine and continue stirring for about 3 minutes, until the sprouts are bright green and barely crunchy. Reduce the heat to low, season with salt and pepper, and cook for 1 additional minute. Transfer to a warm bowl and serve.

Have fun and enjoy,

Frank Koterba

4CFF Chef de Cuisine



Our Board at Work!

Courtesy of Lin Nelson



Upcoming Events



Lynnwood, WA (Seattle)
February 15, 16
Lynnwood Convention Center
info@flyfishingshow.com
www.flyfishingshow.com

A NEW BOOK BY A MEMBER

A 4th Corner Fly Fisher wrote a new book on a fact-based tale of the horror and brutality of war – and the compassion and courage hidden in us all to fight for survival...and salvation.

The Russian Army has invaded its long-time foe, Finland, while pursuing the German troops fleeing from Hitler's self-destructive attack on Russia. Aimo Kekkenen and the children of his village are put on a train for Nilstad, Sweden – and safety. But not for all. Aimo's sister finds a warm, loving home with Constable Sten Valheen and his family; but Aimo is taken in by the Blixdals: the Reverend Björn, a sadistic, egomaniacal collaborator; and his desperate, loveless and childless wife, Karen. And the remaining refugee children who are not taken in find themselves trapped in the hell of the town orphanage. The question isn't whether Finland will survive to welcome home its lost sons and daughters – but whether its sons and daughters will survive to return home.

In "Sunpath: The War Orphan Train," Aimo, his sister, cousin and best friend are torn from their idyllic lives in the countryside of Finland and thrust into a maelstrom. They are the "Finska Krigsbarn" (Finnish War Children): the estimated 70-80,000 children evacuated to neighboring Scandinavian countries, mostly to Sweden, throughout World War II. At war's end, over 15,000 evacuees never returned home – and of those who did, most did so to parentless lives.

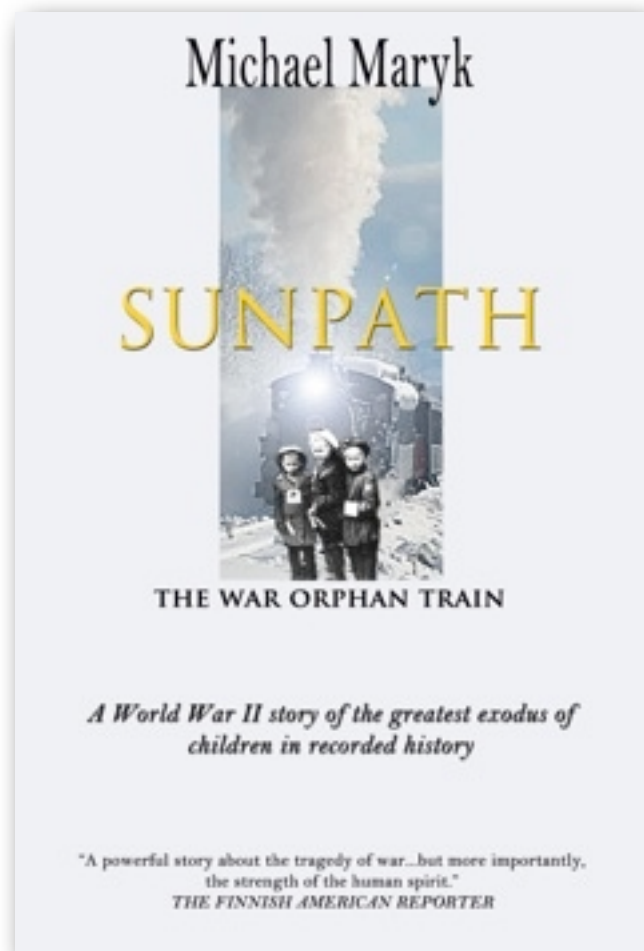
Based on author Michael Maryk's interviews with survivors and local research, "Sunpath" is, at its heart, an examination of the good and bad in all people and the too-soon shattering of childhood innocence – a theme sadly familiar in our world today.



Publication date: October 2013

ISBN: 978-0615886046

Availability: [Kindle](#) - \$3.99



“Fishing is a very flexible sport. You can make of it almost anything you will, from a considerable athletic effort to a quiet mood of observation and introspection. You can even combine these extremes and at the same tie enjoy many of the gradations between them, such as delight in the streams and lakes and salt water, joy in recognition of birds and other wildlife or wonder at the beauty of the fish themselves and the intricate mysteries of their ways.

Roderick Haig-Brown, “The Man Behind the Rod” [1961]

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. 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 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.

January's Meeting

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 23,
2014

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

RSVP to Matt for reservations:

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

mst@deepsnow.com

360-319-1350

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

February's Board Meeting

February 4, 2014
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Sid Strong, Rick Todd, Jim Darden and Ed Dahl

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 FCFE.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCFE 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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