



# 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is time to touch on a reoccurring theme: change. It never stops. For the 4CFF it will always occur if we keep up. There are 9 directors on the board and of these there are 4 who have never held office and 1 more in a new officer's position. We have a new President, Outings Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Yours truly is the only one with board experience. We also have the reoccurring Conservation Auction chair this year. And finally the membership continues to grow.

We have spent a good deal of time and a bit of treasure to improve our ability to keep the club working. Communication is the lifeblood of any organization. At one time we could get by on a phone tree. Not anymore! A recurring issue which is discussed at the board meetings by those trying to reach you is "who has the latest most accurate roster and e-mail lists". Keeping track of everyone is more than a full-time job. That is why we are moving to the website and programs like Eventbrite. This year even the Conservation Auction is being managed online with its own website. And while you are there you can get your dinner and raffle tickets! ([https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015\\_4CFF](https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015_4CFF))

**WE WILL BE USING THE WEBSITE TO CONTACT YOU IN THE FUTURE!!!**

We all have a part in making this work. Recently you received an invitation to sign in to the members section of the website. By doing so, you can give us the accurate information we need to contact you. Please give us an update if your information changes.

This year has been an extended series of events that makes one pause. There were natural events that were strung together. First there was little snow. That led to low water in our streams and contributed to the wildfires that ravaged Eastern Washington. This month Crooked Island, a place a number of us have been visiting, was devastated by hurricane Joaquin. Many living in the latter areas were faced with the loss of everything they had.

Individual members have undergone shocks as well. Several suffered from severe injuries and other major medical issues. And finally, the Elwell family and our club lost Dennis in

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a tragic accident while he was fishing on Big Twin Lake. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

All the activities we do in the club should not distract us from the most Important part.....the members!

Frank Koterba  
4CFF President



“It is not in the book, yet it is human enough to spend a moment before casting in trying to imagine what the fish is thinking, even if one of its eggs is as big as its brain and even if, when you swim underwater, it is hard to imagine that a fish has anything to think about. Still, I could never be talked into believing that all a fish knows is hunger and fear. I have tried to feel nothing but hunger and fear and don’t see how a fish could ever grow to six inches if that were all he ever felt. In fact, I go so far sometimes as to imagine that a fish thinks pretty thoughts.”

Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It*

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# Monthly Meeting

As you likely already know, this month's meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers is being superseded by our biennial conservation auction. This is a wonderful event that provides the opportunity to enjoy a table-served meal, socialize with friends, and bid until your wallet runs dry...all in the name of conservation. There is a wonderful slate of items lined up for both the silent and the live auctions and you can also purchase raffle tickets for one of three great raffle prizes. It should be a fantastic evening.

The auction is being held on Thursday, Oct. 29 with doors opening at 6pm. As with past auctions, you MUST purchase your dinner tickets in advance so that the kitchen knows how much of each entree to prepare. Unlike past auctions, this ticket purchase will occur online and NOT in paper form.

Here are the details. To get signed up (please do so sooner rather than later) you need to start by visiting the following website: [https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015\\_4CFF](https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015_4CFF). Once you arrive at the site, you should register as a bidder (note from Frank: in the registration process you need to add a comment at the end to finish the registration). This will give you a bidder number and allow you to preregister your credit card to improve checkout times at the end of the evening. You will also be able to buy dinner tickets this way - and note that you can select from three entree options (flat iron steak with pinot noir demi glaze, roasted salmon with citrus lemon butter, or butternut squash ravioli with brown sage butter (veggie option)) and can buy either a single meal or a couples meal.

If you run into any difficulty using the site, please contact Frank Koterba (360-647-9715 or [fwkphotography@gmail.com](mailto:fwkphotography@gmail.com)) or Ed Dahl (360-734-2712 or [kedahl@icloud.com](mailto:kedahl@icloud.com)) and they will happily provide assistance.

I look forward to seeing you all at the auction, tight lines!

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Conservation Auction Update

The time has come. This is the auction month. We have stuff to auction. Now we need to have people register to get a seat and order the meal of their choice.

It is easy to register. There are no paper tickets to lose. This year we are asking everyone to go online at [https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015\\_4CFF](https://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/2015_4CFF) to register, make and purchase your dinner choice.

When you register you will need to supply your email address and your own password for your auction account. Next you will need to make a purchase. This is when you can make your dinner choice, buy raffle tickets or just reserve a seat for the auction. After you make your purchase you will be asked for a credit card number or to pay later. If you use pay later you will be sent an invoice by email. You will then be able to pay on the night of the auction with cash check or credit card.

If you chose to use your credit card to pay for your dinner you will need to fill in the fields on the window, then click the next button. The information you provide for your credit card is not recorded in the auction web site. We are using a Tier 1 credit card processing company for this service. This means that your credit card number is as secure as using it at your bank, PayPal, Amazon or your favorite fly shop. No one but you will have access to any of your credit card data on the auction web site.

On the night of the auction you will not be able to purchase any meals and extra seating will be limited. You will be asked to check-in. You will then be given your bidder package that will include your dinner ticket with your meal choice and your bidder number to use when placing your bid in the silent and live auctions. You will also be given the opportunity to register your credit card to pay for all of your winning bids and the purchases you made using the pay later function when you registered. When you register your credit card it will allow you to check out faster. We will use a card swiper like the stores use to record the card information.

When the auction is over we will check everyone out. If you have a registered card we will just confirm you have the winning bid items and let you leave. There will be an itemized statement sent to you by email in the following days that will confirm all purchases that you made. If you are paying with cash or check the check-out process will take a little longer. We will need to process your payment that night. You will also be sent a statement to confirm all of your purchases including the pay later purchases.

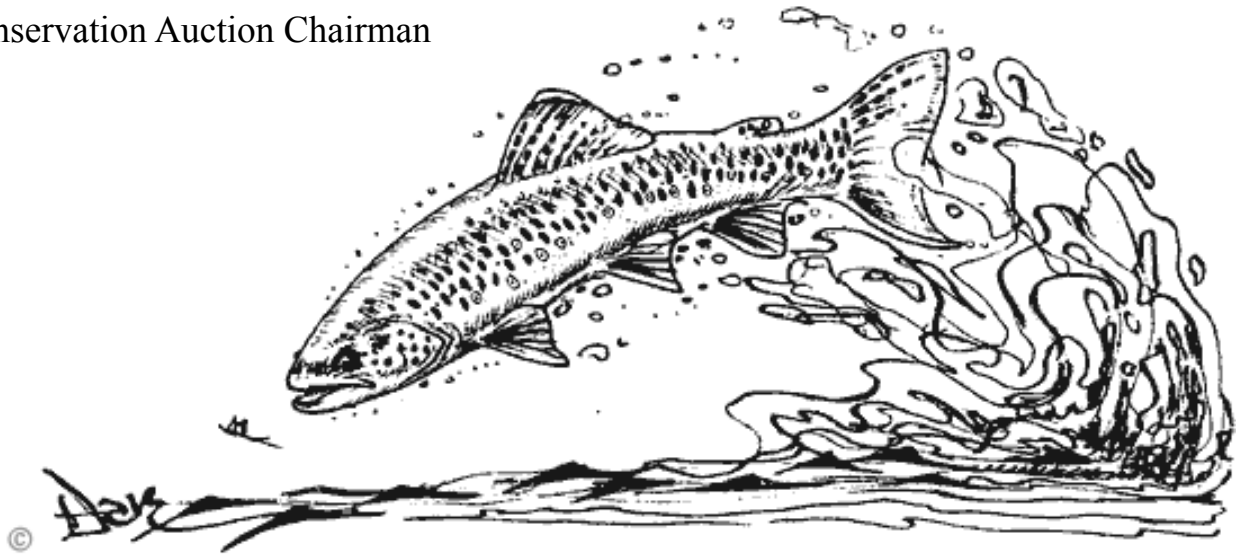
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The auction committee picked the auction software to specifically make it easier see and purchase auction items, to check-in and check-out faster and simplify the auction process for this auction and future auctions. Please support the 4CFF Conservation Auction by registering and purchasing your dinners now. Also invite friends and associates to join us, they can register too. If you are having troubles with the site give me a call at 360-734-2712, Frank Koterba at 360-647-9715 or any auction committee member.

Ed Dahl

Conservation Auction Chairman



## Treasurer's Report

Expenses during September included \$32.60 monthly fee for our QuickBooks software and \$267 in monthly meeting expense. The Conservation committee spent \$320 for auction supplies and conservation work.

This month we sold eighty raffle tickets (\$800) for the auction. Please remember to register for the auction on the WEB site to purchase dinners, raffle tickets and peruse items for the auction. The auction software will begin to deposit money collected on the WEB site directly to our bank account.

Club bank accounts include \$3,089 in Primary Checking, \$10,225 in Club Savings and \$6,531 in the Conservation Savings account.

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



# Dennis Elwell

It is with great sadness I share that my husband of 33 years passed away unexpectedly while vacationing in eastern WA. Dennis was 67 and died from a boating accident while fly-fishing in Winthrop, WA on Friday, September 11. Dennis will be remembered as a man who lived his faith. He was a gentle, honorable man -- with bit of wry humor thrown in! He is survived by our son Daniel, and his sisters Mary Ann Allan (Jim) and Sue Stednick (John). He is preceded in death by his brother, Tim.

A celebration of life was held on September 26th, at 10:00am First Congregational Church of Bellingham.

As a cancer survivor, Dennis was honored to participate in Reel Recovery, an organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for people living with all forms of cancer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dennis' memory to Reel Recovery at <http://reelrecovery.org>



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# Restoring Squalicum Creek

## Volunteers Needed

DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2015    TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PARKING: West side of Kmart parking lot of Sunset Drive

Bellingham Parks, Public Works and NSEA are working together to plant trees along the creek! REI will be there with volunteer shirts for the first 200 volunteers. Other gifts will include native plant coupon, a car wash coupon, or a dog bag dispenser. We have hundreds of plants that need to go into the ground, and we need your help! Park in the west side of the Kmart parking lot (off of James St.) to be shuttled to the work site.

Squalicum Creek is a tributary of Bellingham Bay located 2.5 miles east of the Nooksack River delta. The creek drains approximately 22 square miles, (originating in the Cascade foothills east of Bellingham and north of Lake Whatcom). Major tributaries include Spring Creek, Baker Creek, Toad Creek, and McCormick Creek.



Squalicum Creek historically provided approximately 32 miles of accessible salmon habitat (Williams 1976). It currently supports pink, chum, and coho salmon. [Spawning surveys](#) and smolt traps in Squalicum Creek and its tributaries have documented a population of resident and sea-run cutthroat trout, as well as occasional use by steelhead trout. Adult Chinook and sockeye are sometimes sighted during spawning surveys, although these fish are believed to be strays from salmon runs of nearby rivers (e.g. Nooksack / Fraser), which support large populations of these species.

Squalicum Creek has the greatest potential for high water quality and productive fish habitat within the Bellingham city limits. However, the health of the ecosystem

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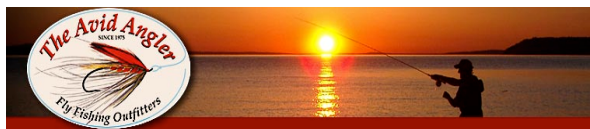


is in jeopardy. Symptoms of ecosystem stress include fish passage blockages, exceedances of water quality standards, and declining salmon stocks. Squalicum Creek water quality has been found to exceed Washington State standards for temperature, dissolved oxygen, and fecal coliform bacteria. The City collects data on water quality in Squalicum Creek each month as part of the Urban Streams Monitoring Program. Squalicum Creek is listed as impaired (Category 5) for dissolved oxygen (DO), fecal coliform, temperature, and a number of other constituents on the Department of Ecology 2004 303(d) list. For detailed information on 303(d) listings, see the [Department of Ecology's web site](#).

## 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.**

## Monthly Meeting

Oct 29,  
2015

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

RSVP to Matt for reservations:  
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>  
msr@deepsnow.com  
360-319-1350

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

## November's Board Meeting

Nov. 3, 2015  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

# 4CFF Board Members

## President

Frank Koterba

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Volunteer Needed!!

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Raffle Chairmen: Pete Lamb

Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Rick Todd, Nathan Weston and Hugh Lewis

**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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