



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### October President's Message:

#### Conservation Auction News:

The big news for October is that we are again having the 22<sup>nd</sup> Conservation Auction Fundraiser and Auction. This is an opportunity to support our activities in the areas of Conservation and to some extent Education. Given the current trends these activities become more critical with each passing year. So bring your friends, and bring your wallet and let's see how much fun we can have!!

This fundraiser/dinner event will be held on October 14th, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, and will consist of silent and live auctions as well as a "conservation raffle" of items and services contributed by businesses and individuals throughout the area. The proceeds of our event are applied to annual conservation projects and educational activities that our club undertakes. In addition, 4CFF lends financial support to numerous conservation groups including Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc., Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Wild Fish Conservancy, The Native Fish Society, and the Liam Woods Fly Fishing Class at Western Washington University.

We are introducing a new raffle this year....."**The Pick of the Live**" On the night of the auction you can buy as many \$20 tickets as you want. The winner will have the option of picking any one of a set of designated "Live auction Items for the winner.

We are again using the same website to promote and manage the event. You will be able to go up online and see all the items in the program. After registering, you can also purchase your raffle and dinner tickets. It would help our cash flow if you went ahead and completed the purchase now, However you can wait and pay the night of the event. The website is: [4CFF Conservation Auction 2017](http://4CFF Conservation Auction 2017)

There will be committee members at the picnic, the next membership meetings, available if you need assistance from now until the night of the auction. If you have questions you can email me at [2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com](mailto:2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com) or call me at 360.927.0544.

If you have any more donation please get them in quick. We are finalizing the Auctions and Raffles on Sunday.

**Bylaw change:**

After the vote held in the last General Membership Meeting, we are moving the Awards Ceremony from the January Meeting to the December Holiday Party. It should be noted that the 2017 Awards Committee members are: Nathan Weston, Ed Dahl, John Leighton, Scott Willison, Errol McWhirk, Dan Coombs and Molly Semenik.

If you have any nominations for an award, please forward them to these folks.

**Who will be our next treasurer??**

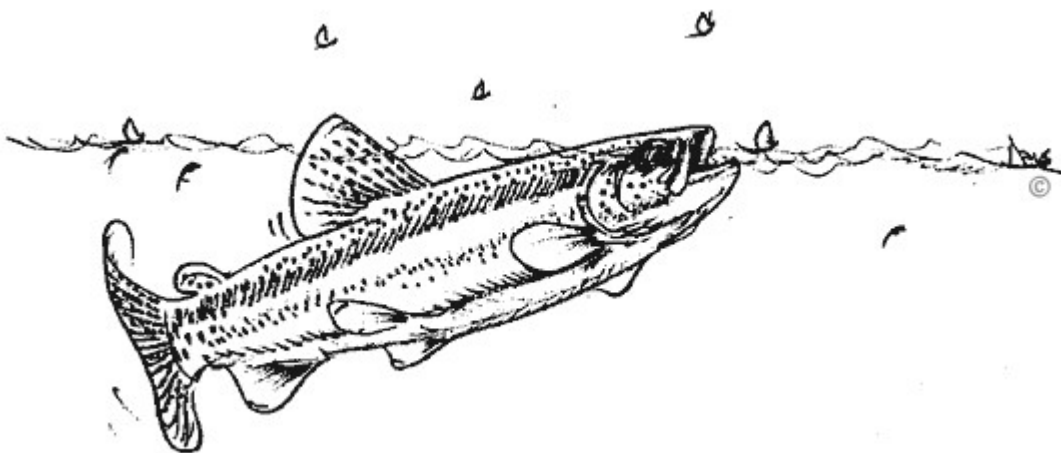
Bill Faulkner extended his term as treasurer to the end of this year. If you have a background that would lend itself to taking over for him let me know.



I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba, President 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

*"...before 70 we are merely respected at best and we have to behave all the time. But after 70, we are respected, esteemed, admitted, revered, and don't have to behave unless we want to." ... Mark Twain*



# Conservation Auction

## Save the date: Oct. 14, 2017

Bellingham Golf and Country Club, 6pm—10pm, Dinner and Auction

This years Conservation Auction is turning out to be a stellar one with donations piling in at a grand rate. Top choices are:

**The first raffle choice** is a two night stay in a Mt. Robinson room at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. It includes 1 breakfast and 1 dinner for two. This is a prize that has been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is very popular choice.

**The second raffle choice** is a catered dinner for up to 10 people by Frank Koterba and the members of the 4CFF. The venue for the dinner is yet to be determined. This is a prize that has also been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is a very popular choice.

**The third raffle choice** is a Dogfish pram. This is an 8' rotomolded dinghy made here in Bellingham. It is a tough maneuverable vessel that will fit in the back of your pickup, works in fresh or salt water, and is stable enough to allow you to stand while casting. There are many upgrades available to the base model in the raffle.

The tickets will be available at every meeting, outing or event and on line. Make sure to get your ticket book(s) and get selling.

Massive amounts of fly tying material and fly fishing paraphernalia (high quality donated by Joe Kelly's sister/estate) will adorn the silent auction along with numerous items donated by our sponsors and...??? Check out the web site: [4CFF Conservation Auction 2017](#), you won't be disappointed!

**We want to thank all of the donors to this year's auction and all of you who will be making it a great success!!**

I look forward to seeing you there,

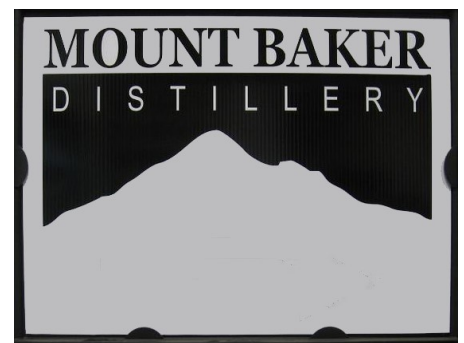
Frank Koterba, President 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

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# Conservation Auction Supporters



"A Respite for the Body, Mind and Soul"



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, October 14, 2017. The evening begins at 6:00 P.M. with The Wet Fly, a social time/open bar. Dinner follows at 6:45. The evening's Auction begins at 7:30 P.M. October Biennial Conservation Auction Saturday, October 14.

## **October's Program:**

As you likely already know, this month's meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers is being superseded by our biennial Conservation Auction slated for Saturday, October 14. This exciting event 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 terrific slate of items lined up for the silent, the online, and the live auctions. You can also purchase raffle tickets for one of three great raffle prizes. It should be a fantastic evening. The auction is being held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club with doors opening at 5:30 P.M., beginning with silent auction items displayed when the fun begins.

**There is a change to our regular use of the Eventbrite sign up process.** You can use the website [2017 Conservation Auction](#) to register, to select a main entree, to purchase raffle tickets, and to review the items available in both the live and silent auctions. Once arriving at the auction site, fill out contact information then click next and follow the directions that follow. Please note that the dinner and raffle tickets are under the "purchase" tab in the menu.

If you have any questions or need assistance please call Frank Koterba (360) 927-0544 or email him at [2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com](mailto:2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com).

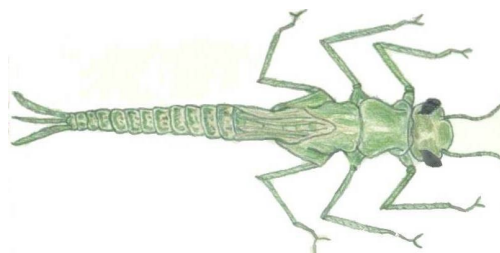
## **Future Programs:**

**November 16**, Thursday: Bob Warinner of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is to present the program "Experiments and Climate Change Connected to Spawning."

**December 21**, Thursday: Annual Membership Christmas and Awards Dinner

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager



# Treasurer's Report

## Expenses over the past two months included:

Monthly Speaker's Fee (September)	\$200.00
Software and Internet fees	194.57
Cooper Cooker Repairs	250.00
Annual Picnic Expenses	723.75
Conservation Work Supplies	52.59
Conservation Auction Expenses	245.97
Library Book Purchase	15.76
<u>Casting Class Supplies</u>	<u>2.43</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,685.07

## Income over the past two months included:

Guest Status Application Fee	\$30.00
Conservation Auction Donations	120.00
Conservation Raffle Tickets	600.00
<u>Monthly Gilly (September)</u>	<u>2.00</u>
Total Income	\$752.00

Current bank account balances are \$15,632 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,197 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner,  
FCFF Treasurer



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# Conservation Report

October Greetings to You All !

The date of our Conservation Auction on Sat. Oct. 14 is fast approaching. The auction committee has worked many hours so far accepting and arranging donations so that you all can have a great selection of flyfishing items and trips to bid on. We will be doing the final organizing this coming Sunday in my barn , and I must say that there's some really choice items for you. What we need now is for everyone to make his/her reservations for that evening ASAP so the Golf Club can prepare the meals. If for some reason you can't attend, call Frank or Cassandra Spitzer and at least buy some raffle tickets. It's so important that we all support this bi-annual function so we can continue our conservation agenda as we contribute monetary support to organizations such as Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Group, Wild Fish Conservancy and the Whatcom Land Trust. See you there.

Nathan Weston has set up his Fall Whatcom Creek cleanup event on Saturday October 21 at 9 AM. Take Iowa st. to Racine, go one block to the creek. Bring gloves and sturdy shoes. The rest will be supplied.



Best Regards, Dan and John L.

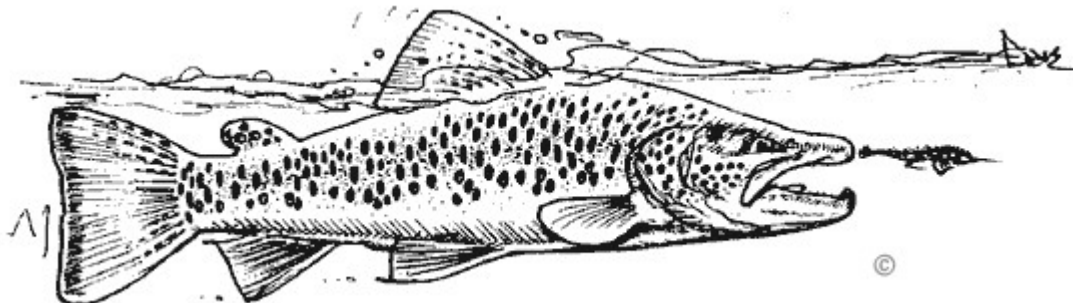
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## Web Site News Report

The website is working well. If you have any issues or need help logging in, please contact me.

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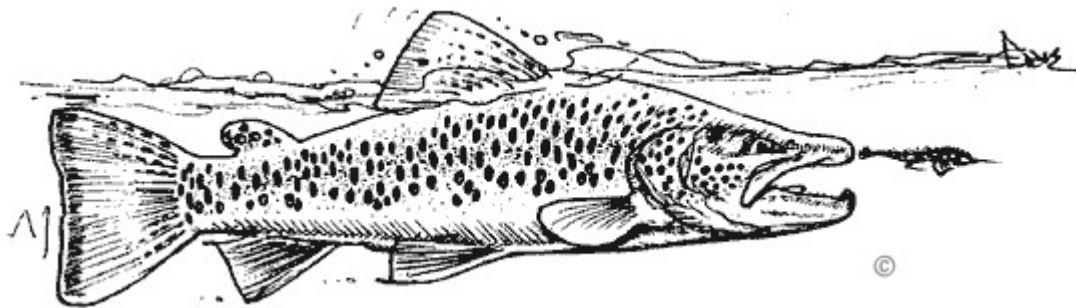
Phil Terzian



# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>





## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



### [Osprey Fly Fishers](#)

## Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

### [Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

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*"...come let's to supper...this Trout looks lovely, it was twenty-two inches when it was taken, and the belly of I looked some part of it as yellow as a marigold, and part of it as white as a lily, and yet methinks it looks better in this good sauce."*

*Izaak Walton, "The Compleat Angler"*





## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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.

### 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>.

Tom Langley 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

October 14,  
2017

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

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

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

### Next Board Meeting

Nov. 7, 2017

Dec. 5, 2017

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

# 4CFF Board Members

President

Frank Koterba  
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Tom Langley

Internal Vice President-Programs

Marion Hiller & Bob Cooper

Secretary  
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Treasurer  
Bill Faulkner

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Dan Coombs

Education

Klaus Lohse

Library

Tom Langley

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Phil Terzian

Newsletter

Jamie Harrington

Membership Chairmen: Steve Hiller

Raffle Chairmen: Scott Willison

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



# 4CFF Board Members



## 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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**Bellingham, WA 98227**

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*"On all the streams and little rivers and in many of the lakes there are spawning salmon in October; and the big rivers carry their own tremendous runs, becoming tributary to their own tributary streams."*

*Roderick Haig-Brown*