



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am going to start this message with the last line from a month ago:

The members!

One of the strengths of this organization has been the talent and generosity of our members. Since 1972 we have had a succession of individuals who have stepped in when there was a need to fill or task to complete. The contributions have ranged from assisting at work parties, teaching others to tie flies or casting courses, to accepting the responsibility of serving on the board.

The prerequisite for these activities isn't so much a high level of expertise as the willingness to serve, although I am amazed by the capability we constantly find in our membership!

As our club continues to progress and grow, the amount of support required does as well. We have incorporated technology where we could to make a lot of our activities possible. In the end though, it still comes down to someone saying: "Yea, I will do that." We have been fortunate that for a long time there has been stability in the groups who have produced our activities and programs. To ensure that this continues, we need to create partners with the current committee and other chairs. In particular, the Education Committee and Outings Committee could use someone to utter those words. When Matt took over the program chair he worked with his predecessor, Gary Jones for half the year to get up to speed. Having several of us available to step in when needed, creates some flexibility to adapt when things change and we must find replacements for critical people.

One other benefit from getting the new blood is an infusion of new ideas. As a case in point, we just completed the most successful Conservation Auction we have ever had. I want to say thank you to all those who were on the committee. (Chairman Ed Dahl, Barb Dahl, Paula Faulkner, Pete Lamb, Larry Irwin, Dan Coombs, Mike Reed and Bob Cooper) They put in months of effort and it was an amazing event. I have been involved in every auction since I joined 4CFF and this one was the gold standard. Ed spearheaded the use of the software which included the website, enabled the use of credit cards and

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allowed us to close out the evening with few problems. He also devised a scheme to organize a huge number of items for the Silent auctions which enabled the committee to set up the room in record time with minimal confusion. We will also have a working framework in place for the next one.

We also want to thank all of the donors and everyone in attendance for your generosity.

Frank Koterba

4CFF President



## Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on November 19, 2015 (one week early because of Thanksgiving the following week). The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month we welcome back our friend, Molly Semenik. Molly will take us to Christmas Island, 1,200 miles SW of Hawaii. She will talk about casting, the history of the island, and the fish that can be caught including: Trigger Fish, Bonefish, Milkfish, Blue-Tip Trevally and Giant Trevally. Molly will show an action-packed 20-minute movie of her last trip to the island in 2012. Molly counts this as one of her most memorable fly fishing trips and she looks forward to sharing it with you.

Please RSVP for the membership meeting by Tuesday, November 17 (midnight deadline) by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@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 to pay. Also, a reminder that getting your RSVP 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.

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Conservation Report

What a month was October! Not only did we have a very successful Conservation Auction, but we voted to take on a new conservation project at Squalicum Creek under the auspices of the City of Bellingham. Last week's fundraiser was the best one ever, so the Conservation Committee thanks all of you who participated and/or contributed to it's success. Special thanks go to members of the Conservation Auction Committee - Frank Koterba, Mike Reed, Larry Irwin, Bill and Paula Faulkner, Pete Lamb, Bob Cooper, and especially to the Chairman and his wife, Ed and Barbara Dahl. Be sure to give these folks an extra "Thank You" (maybe a beer!) next time you see them, as they spent many hours in the auction's preparations so that each of you could just show up and have a good time.

We have set a date for the Conservation Committee meeting for Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 pm at my house. This is when new organizations/projects are considered for monetary support by our club. All members are welcome to attend; so if you want to come, please reserve a spot on Event Brite. If you have a good idea for the committee's consideration, send me an Email ahead of that meeting date so we can bring it up for consideration.

Our new role at Squalicum Creek will be evolving as this newly established creek channel develops into its full potential as a salmon spawning area. 4CFF has adopted the new section of creek between James St. and the I5 overpass. Our early functions will be monitoring the newly laid creek channel for changes as the winter comes on, watching for invasive plant species, and doing general clean-up and maintenance of new plants. Any major plantings in the future along the creek will be accomplished by the City of Bellingham and NSEA, with our club participating in a minor capacity. At times, our club can supply funds for new bare root plants, help with redd surveys, and consider any other support functions that may be needed. So, now our club has a very local, interesting project that won't require the heavy work that was necessary at 10 Mile Creek and other projects.

Lastly, for those of you who want or need to get some Conservation hours in, here is a list for November 2015 projects available to you. Both groups provide boots, gloves, tools and refreshments.

NOOKSACK SALMON ENHANCEMENT ASSOC. 715-0283

Nov. 7th 9-12 am SQUALICUM CREEK - Join NSEA, Re Sources, and the Port of Bellingham to remove invasive vegetation and clean-up this lower section of Squalicum Creek. Parking is available at Squalicum Park at 1001 Squalicum Way off the Squalicum Parkway. Look for signs and the blue NSEA tent.

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Nov. 14th 9-12 am LITTLE SQUALICUM CREEK - Join NSEA and Bellingham Parks in restoring this section of Squalicum Creek. We will plant native trees, remove invasive weeds, and spread mulch. Park in the lower Technical College parking lot and follow the NSEA signs.

Nov. 21st 9-12am SOUTH FORK NOOKSACK RIVER - Join NSEA and Whatcom Land Trust to plant native trees and shrubs along the South fork Nooksack River near Acme, WA. From Bellingham, head east on Mt. Baker HWT (SR 542) for about 15 miles. Turn right onto HWY 9, just outside of Deming, and follow for about 7 miles. Turn right onto Tarkington Rd. Parking and shuttles are located at the Acme Elementary School.

SKAGIT FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUP 360-336-0712 EXT 304  
Carpooling recommended

NOV. 7th 10am to 1pm PLANTING AT COLONY CREEK - From I5, take Alger exit 240. Go right (east) on Lake Samish Rd. Take 1st right (south) onto Colony Rd. Follow Colony Rd. for 1.5 miles. Turn right (west) onto Fox Hollow Lane. Follow Fox Hollow Lane to the end (0.4 miles) and follow signs for parking.

Nov. 14th 10am to 1pm PLANTING AT SKAGIT RIVER AT DALLES BRIDGE - Take Hwy 20 east to Concrete. Turn south (right) just after mile post 88 (at Valleys West Realty) onto Concrete -Sauk Valley Rd. Just before the Skagit River bridge turn left onto Gordon Rd.

Nov. 21st 10am to 1pm PLANTING AT IRON MOUNTAIN RANCH - FROM Hwy 9 in Clear Lake turn left onto South Skagit Hwy and go east for about 15.5 miles. At around mile 15, a large open field will be visible on the left (north) side of the highway as well as a barn. Pull into the driveway to the barn and park along the circle driveway near the highway. There is no street address, so if you see one you're probably in the wrong driveway. If you cross O'Toole Creek, you've gone too far (unless you came from Concrete).

Thanks again,

Dan Coombs  
Conservation Chairman  
360-398-1637  
djcmbs@nas.com



# Outings Report

November 12 marks the last scheduled outing for the club this year. It will be at the Stave River in BC, and should be a good outing since we have had some rain and now the river is getting into good shape. Sign up soon if you plan to go.

This year the club had over 20 outings. Many of them were well attended by members old and new, and by aspiring members as well. I hope that everyone who chose to attend these events had a good time, I know that I did, in spite of less than perfect conditions near the end of the summer due to low rainfall and a thin snow pack at the start of the season. I just read that Mt. Baker already has over a foot of snow, so maybe 2016 will be a more normal year....here's hoping.

I would like to find someone who is interested in helping me out with the outings scheduling, invitations and lining up hosts for 2016. If you think you would like to get involved please give me a call.

In the meantime, happy holidays

Phil Terzian

Outings Committee Chair

## Upcoming Opportunities

Klaus has several days of classes with the Ferndale High in support of NSEA with the tying and casting classes as follows:

- Monday, 11/16th. from 9:30 to 1:00 (we meet in the REI P/L at 9:00)
- Tuesday, 11/17th. from 9:00 to 2:15.( we meet in the REI P/L at 8:30)

I'm looking for 4-5 volunteers to help with this, Good opportunity for new members to get their feet wet.

Please Contact me at (360) 671-8453 or at [kpstnlhse@gmail.com](mailto:kpstnlhse@gmail.com)

The Confluence Fly Shop has been invited to trim a tree for the Whatcom Museum Holiday Fair. If there is interest from the fly club, we could do a joint 4CFF/Confluence Fly Shop tree. I'm thinking flies in bulbs like we do for the BP party. Let me know if you want to put this out to the club and I'd be happy to coordinate things with anyone interested. I'm planning to go in to decorate on 11/17 at 9 am. Anyone who wants to help is welcome or people can bring their flies down to the shop and I will put them in bulbs.

Scott Willison: 360.224.4043 [willisonscott@msn.com](mailto:willisonscott@msn.com)

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The 4th Corner Fly Fishers have been invited to participate in the BP Kids' Holiday Fair tying flies and assembling ornaments at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in the Pavillon on Friday, December 4th from 4 pm to 8 pm. We are expecting lots of eager kids aged 4-16 anxiously awaiting their turn to create a stunning fly and ornament for their family and we'll need as much help as we can muster. We need volunteers for set up and clean up, helping kids tie and assembling ornaments.

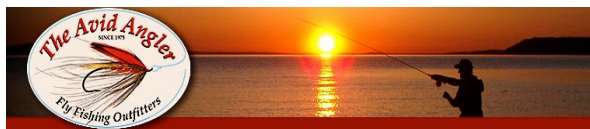
- 2:30-4 pm (set up)
- 4-6 pm (fly tying, ornament building)
- 5-7 pm (fly tying, ornament building)
- 6-8 pm (completing fly tying, ornament building, and clean up)

Please contact Scott Willison ([willisonscott@msn.com](mailto:willisonscott@msn.com)) to sign up for one or multiple sessions and specify what you'd like to help with.

## 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

Nov 19,  
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!

## December's Board Meeting

Dec. 1, 2015  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

## 4CFF Board Members

### President

Frank Koterba

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## LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

## Website

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Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Nathan Weston

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 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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