



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

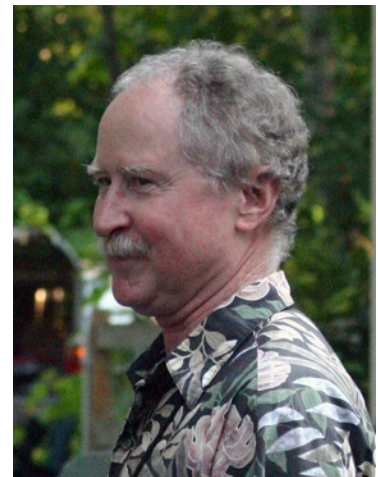
Dear 4CFF Members,

The mildness of February, at least as it has been presented to us so far, has been somewhat intoxicating, portending the prospect of [dare I say it?] TROUT FISHING [woot woot!] in later springtime. A drive last weekend to Duvall, sharing the pleasant company of Joe Kelly in order to attend a board meeting of the Wild Fish Conservancy, provided opportunities to observe bald eagles, red-tailed hawks and rough-legged hawks in great abundance in the trees along the way. Comfort from such sights came from the knowledge that those birds are there because other critters, including the fish that draw us so irresistibly, are also there, in numbers sufficient to sustain a web of life of beautiful complexity.

Your new Board of Directors and I have had two great meetings so far this year. I can say without reservation that your interests are well-represented by this Board. We're working together to refine the ways in which the Club communicates, both internally with its members and also with the outside world. We're maintaining the traditions of education and service to the community that the Club has built up over the years. And we're looking forward to providing Club members with continuing opportunities to become better fly-tiers, casters, rod-builders, fish-stalkers, story-tellers, outdoor-appreciators, and mentors to others with similar interests.

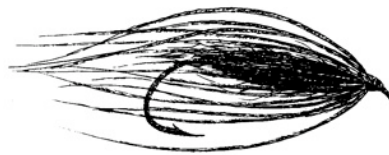
The collective spirit of the Club is magnificent. I'm honored to be of service.

Hugh Lewis
President
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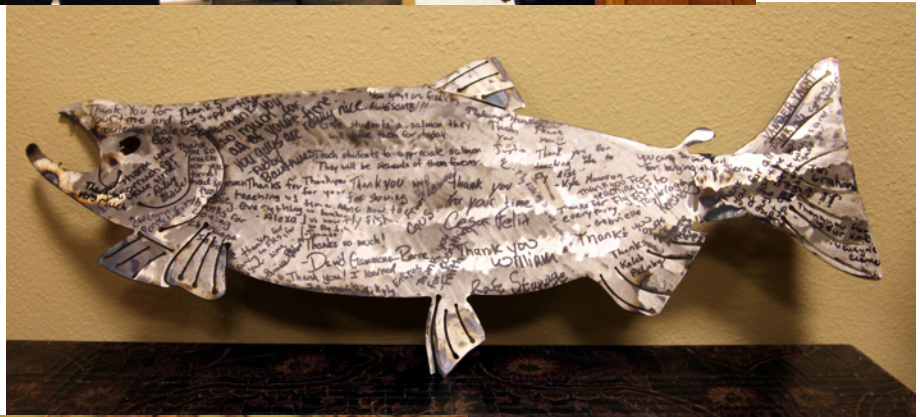
“Although there are wet and dreary days in February, sometimes bitter days with ice rimming the pools and trudges through foot deep snow, for some reason they are lost to memory. More remembered is February light on broken water accompanied by the cascading song of the water ouzel – a gay spirited little bird that flits from rock to rock doing the continuous bob and weave of a boxer on the ropes. And there are memories of nightfall with frog-song near and far across the meadows and swamps after a couple of 50-degree days grouse them from winter’s sleep. From a log in the alder bottoms a ruffed grouse may burst into first breeding season drum – regrettably, a sound so low in pitch my ears have not discerned it for ten years beyond the pulse of it in the blood of my memory. Each time while passing through sunlit white alder trunks lining the edge of green water there is the fond hope to hear it one last time....”

Bill McMillan, “May The Rivers Never Sleep”



AWARDS DINNER





CONSERVATION REPORT

Fellow Members,

Below is the 2013 Conservation budget as approved by the club Board last Tuesday:

•Insurance	\$165
•Club projects and Materials	\$300
•Auction Expense	\$500
•Nooksack Salmon Enhancement	\$800
•CCA	\$750
•Wild Fish Conservancy (Elwha Dam Project)	\$400
•Education (1 Scholarship plus flytying supplies)	\$450
•Skagit River Conservation Group	\$250
•Little Twin Lakes aerator project	\$300
•Native Fish Society (Casting and conservation Forum)	\$300
•Conservation additions to club library	\$150
•Beaver Control program 10 Mile Creek	<u>\$500</u>

Total for proposed expenditures for the year: \$4865

I was out at 10 Mile Creek site on Tuesday. NSEA's Washington Conservation Corps workers were out there all day placing protective screens around trees to prevent further Beaver damage. The crew of 6 saved all of us a lot of work for this coming Spring.

Please remember as you are tying new flies for the 2013 season to pick up non-lead wire and beadheads for your new flies to help our environment.

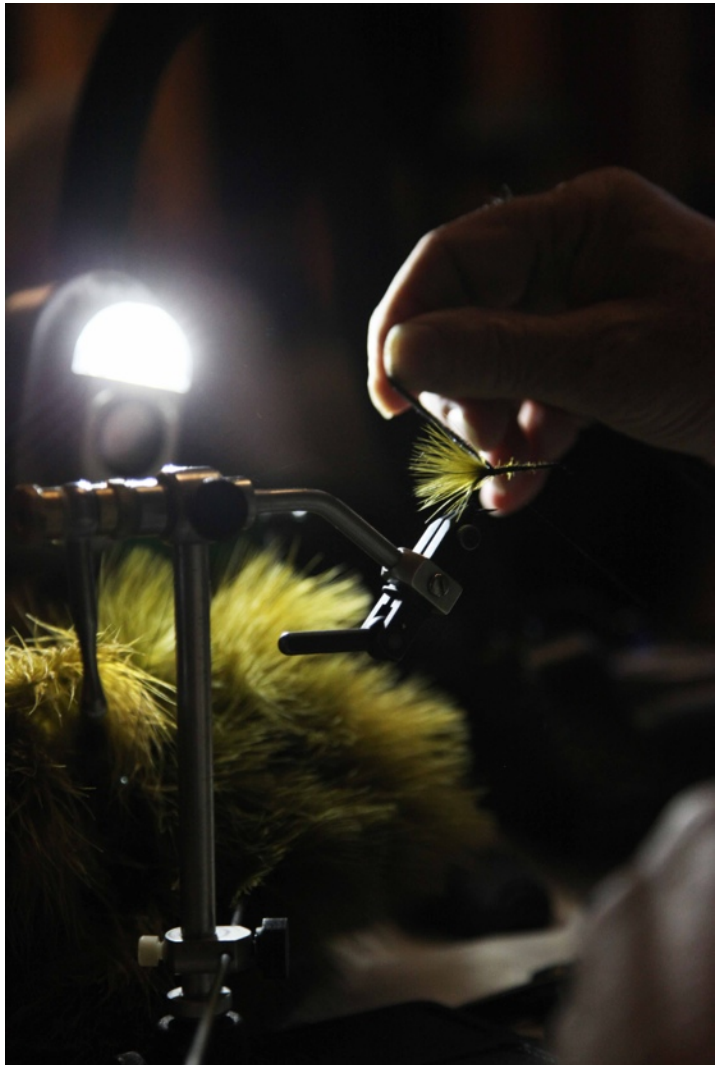
I'm pleased to announce the addition of John Leighton as my assistant and right hand man for the 10 Mile Creek project and as a new member of our Conservation Committee. Thanks for stepping up John.

Have a great February,

Dan Coombs
Conservation Chairman
 360-398-1637
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January Meeting Highlights



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on February 28, 2013. 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 program features our newest member, Scott Willison. Scott will be presenting a brief slideshow to discuss his approach to swinging flies for winter steelhead and engineering effective fly patterns, along with rigging and fishing them. Following the slideshow, Scott will demonstrate some of the important tying techniques and principals in creating large profile winter steelhead patterns that move and breathe in the water, exude life and translucency and most importantly, do not cast like a waterlogged chicken.

Scott grew up in the Seattle area and has been fly fishing and tying for 28 some years. He credits his mom with getting him started on his 12th birthday by presenting him with a cheap, Thompson Model A vise which functioned well beyond its useful life through a series of nuts and bolts, cotter pins and coat hangers. He started tying under the false premise that it would save him money on fishing flies, but has grown to love it as both an art form and means of relaxation. At the age of 21 he hooked his first steelhead swinging a Max Canyon on the Snoqualmie River one October evening and was henceforth ruined for most other fishing. Having married a Wisconsinite, however, he can often be found in May and June faithfully casting streamers and poppers for Lake Whatcom smallmouth out of some bizarre sense of Midwestern obligation. Consequently, most local steelhead rivers are either closed or in spate during this time. Scott has fished for steelhead extensively in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, with some of his favorite fisheries including the Skagit, Stilly, Nooksack, Olympic Peninsula rivers, the Squamish system in BC, the Deschutes in Oregon, and skating dry flies for inland summer runs on the Methow during the fall. His latest guilty pleasure in steelheading is beat up click and pawl reels that make a lot of noise and alarm bystanders when a fish is hooked. Scott currently works as a guide, fly tyer and spey casting instructor for Cascades Fly Fishing Expeditions and co-owns and operates the Confluence Fly Shop in Bellingham, Washington. He is also an active member of the Native Fish Society and Youth Activities Chair for the North Sound chapter of CCA Washington.

Please RSVP at <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>(preferred), via email at msr@deepsnow.com or by phone at 360-319-1350.

I look forward to seeing you on the 28th!

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs
Internal Vice President and Program Chair



February Outings Report

While there are various groups in our club still out there pitching flies at different populations of anadromous and tropical fish, in the formal part of the calendar fly-tying sessions are all the rage. Brian Faloon recently played host to over twenty members and guests at a lively session that included some great food, swapping ideas on places to fish, and the patterns to use. There was quite a bit of teaching going on as well. Brian also got to show off his heavy-duty equipment for the trip down his family is taking to Baja Mexico.

Ken Kloehn followed up as host this week. The 8 or 9 of in attendance tied everything from chironomids to bone fish patterns. In addition to the usual topics we added the query, "Where do you get Finnish raccoon in burnt orange?" The white chili was tasty as well.

Upcoming tying sessions:

The next session will occur at the Klaus Lohse's home on **Wednesday, February 20th** from 12:30-4:30. He will be providing a light lunch. If you plan on attending give him a call 671-8453 or send an e-mail. [Klaus' e-mail](#)

Saturday March 9th 12:30-4:30 at Frank Koterba's, there will be food. 647-9715
[Frank's e-mail](#)

Thursday March 21st 5:00-8:30 At Tammy Findlay's, there will a light dinner.
220-7879 [Tammy's e-mail](#)

There might be more to come.

Outing Schedule:

We (the Committee and I) are putting the final touches on the outings schedule. There are still some adjustments that are being made but here is what it looks like.

March:

23rd Pass Lake

April:

27th Silver Lake Pancake breakfast

May:

9th-12th Peter Hope Lake with the Osprey and Totem fly clubs

15th -19th Big Twin Lake

June:

Post Father's Day Interlake District (Hwy 24) Canadian lakes. 1 week plus

July:

Mid-month Steelhead on the Stillaguamish

August:

7th-11th Classic at Big Twin with Osprey's

23rd Club Picnic

September:

4th-8th Upper Skagit

18th-22nd Yakima River

This is a pink salmon year so we will be adding day trips and floats for the various opportunities as the runs develop.

Other Events:

We will be scheduling a set of casting classes with Scott C again. I will be sending out a potential schedule soon.

A third edition of the small Stream course will be given.

A boating safety event will be held with Ed Megill.

We will be scheduling a tour of the Ford fly fishing collection at WWU.

I want to thank all of you who offered any suggestions for the upcoming year. I will be adding the last details and the schedule will be available at the next general membership meeting and check our website for the latest information.

The Fly Fishing Show is once again scheduled for February 16th & 17th at the Lynnwood Convention Center. While you are there go ahead and stop by the Confluence Fly Shop (Scott Willison & Ed Megill's) and see what is coming to your town.

I think this going to be a great year for outings!

Frank Koterba

Your External Vice President/Outings Chair



Tying Session at Mayberry's





February Culinary Corner



As I was putting together the menu for the last couple of Conservation Dinners I was looking for a way to add starch to the main course. It had to also add color and structure to the plate. The menu had a decidedly Mediterranean basis so the usual suspects were out. (No mashed potatoes, cous cous or polenta.) I also wanted something that would fit into a cooking schedule and would work in an on the fly "kitchen".

I will admit I don't spend as much time on this as I would if I was still working as a catering chef. I hit the library and the internet to see what is out there and make changes as necessary. I ran across this in a cookbook titled "Olives and Oranges" by Sara Jenkins and Mindy Fox. When I looked at the ingredients, the method and finished dish I knew this would work. I could prep everything in advance, it didn't take much time to cook, it would hold well, it looked good, and with the adjustments it tasted great!!

I pushed the herbs toward what I wanted and added the preserved lemons. (It didn't hurt that Haggens just happened to start stocking packages of tri-colored micro potatoes.)

Here is my adapted effort.

(Almost) TEVERINA TINY POTATO SALAD

SERVES 4-6

- 2 pounds tiny new potatoes, ½-inch in diameter or smaller, preferably fresh-dug
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1½ teaspoons Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup mixed chopped fresh herbs, such as flat-leaf parsley, oregano, basil
- Grey sea salt and coarsely ground black pepper
- ¼ cup garnish of diced preserved lemons.

1. Place potatoes in a medium saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook until potatoes are tender but not falling apart, about 8 minutes.
2. While potatoes are cooking, heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add onions and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, about 5 minutes.
3. Remove the pan from heat and whisk in mustard and vinegar, then whisk in remaining tablespoon of oil to combine. Add herbs and stir to combine. Season this to taste with salt and pepper.
4. Drain cooked potatoes and place in a large bowl. Add warm dressing, preserved lemons and toss to combine. Season as needed with salt and pepper, and serve warm or at room temperature.

I will be making up a new batch of preserved lemons tomorrow. I will put this in next month so I can shoot some pictures of the process. I think you will want these on your pantry shelves from this point forward.

Enjoy

Frank Koterba

Campsite Chef of the FCFF





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.

February's Meeting

THURSDAY,
FEB. 28, 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

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"!

March's Board Meeting

Mar 5, 2013

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Raffle Chairmen: Errol McWhirk

Directors: Klaus Lohse, Craig Carlile, Ed Dahl, Jim Darden & Dave Johnson

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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