



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well we are at that time of year when we can take a bit of a pause before the seasons open and things start to heat up. (Unless you are lucky enough to be heading someplace where you need flats boots.) It's time to start considering where you want invest your time and energy in 2016.

As far as where to drop a line, one place to start is the outings schedule that Phil Terzian and Tom Langley have put together. There is quite a range in the waters we will target and I know that there will be extra effort to add opportunities to spend more time together than just the fishing. There will also be who knows how many impromptu trips along the way. The Conservation Committee still some ongoing efforts at 10 Mile Creek and the major Squalicum Creek project should be a fascinating long term endeavor for us. Dan Coombs is also checking out a few new opportunities as well.

This year we will be getting the Internal Education programs going on a much larger scale. The fly tying sessions hosted by a number of our members will start shortly. These are opportunities to hone your skills at the vice, exchange ideas and information on patterns, or just swap stories. It is also a way to see what all the fuss is about for those of you who are free from this addiction.

All the sessions are listed in the calendar on the 4CFF website. ([4thcornerfly.com](http://4thcornerfly.com)) We will be using Eventbrite to get these set up. Here is the current schedule.

- February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm      ([Tying at Todd's Eventbrite link](#))
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00pm      ([Tying at Lohse's Eventbrite link](#))
- March 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm      ([Tying at Koterba's Eventbrite Link](#))
- March 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm      ([Tying at Kloehn's Eventbrite link](#))
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00pm      ([Tying at the Hillers' Eventbrite Link](#))

The casting program currently has a couple of programs in the works.

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2 Handed casts with a 1 handed rod; this is a chance to work on some techniques to use when you are backed up against it with your standard rod. The time and location will be posted shortly. This will be a 4CFF member's first program.

Sometime in June we will be having a Casting links tournament on Dan Coombs property. The course will be a number of casting holes set up to test your casting skill set. As soon as Dan and Molly Semenik get their schedules coordinated we will announce the date.

We are also going to put together standing casting practice schedules. I will be looking for feedback on putting that together.

All in all in 2016, there will be many opportunities to get out and enjoy our sport, our company and the place we live.

On a final note for this month I would like to congratulate those of you who received a number of 4CFF awards at January's general membership meeting. We thank you for all you have added to our club.

Club Service Awards to Phil Terzian and Matt Roelofs,  
Ralph Wahl Conservation Award to Bob Johnston,  
Chas. R. Dawe Achievement Award to Jack Salstrom,  
Hookless Barb Award to Bob Johnston

Frank Koterba  
4CFF President



## Treasurer's Report

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016. Single memberships remain at \$60, and family memberships are \$90. The deadline for payment of club dues is February 28. Dues may still be paid after the 28th until the end of March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Checks for 2016 dues can be made out to 4CFF, or Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and mailed to Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, P. O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227.

Persons unable to participate in club activities in 2016 may petition the Board for a leave of absence of up to two years. The board passed a budget for 2016 at their February meeting. Copies of the budget will be presented at the business meeting later this month.

Present bank account balances as of February 8, 2016 were \$3,916 (Club Checking), \$13,886 (Club Savings) and \$13,194 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



# Bonus Meeting Feb 18th!

The Confluence Fly Shop and the 4th Corner Fly Fishers welcome Phil Rowley on Feb 18th. Phil Rowley is one of the most prominent names in stillwater fly fishing and is known across North America as an author, fly tyer, TV personality and energetic speaker at the many instructional seminars he hosts. The Confluence Fly Shop and the 4th Corner Fly Fishers are pleased to welcome Phil to Bellingham for a lively evening as he presents *Tactics for Tough Days*. The event will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Here is a summary of the program:

*Not all trips work out exactly as planned. Fly fishers can take almost every factor into account but if the main guest of the party doesn't want to show up what is the fly angler to do? The program looks at the all too often reality of fly-fishing stillwaters. What to do when fishing is tough. For most the opportunity to get on the water is limited and not subject to quick rescheduling. Weekends, days off and vacation are typically booked and planned well into advance. This program takes a detailed look at what factors lead to tough stillwater fly fishing, the resulting effect on fish and most important off all what can fly fishers do to beat the odds. This program doesn't guarantee great fishing on every trip but when the odds are swayed in the opposite direction fly fishers should still be able to salvage a trip while others suffer in frustration.*

Doors open at 5pm and the evening begins with an extended social time / happy hour from 5 until 6:30. A delicious buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. A second social time from 7:30 to 8pm will provide a time for those who wish to only attend the program to arrive. The program itself will begin at 8pm. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

There are two ticket options: Dinner + Program or Program Only. Tickets are required and must be ordered in advance. To sign up, please use our online ordering system. Ticket sales will end at 8am on Wednesday, Feb. 17. No tickets will be sold at the door. Due to the anticipated size of the event the order deadline cannot be extended this time, so please get your orders in on time.

**For 4CFF Members** (use <http://PhilRowley4CFFMembersOnly2016.eventbrite.com> to sign up):

Dinner + Program – \$17 (payment at the door)

Program Only – No Charge

**For Nonmembers** (use <http://AnEveningWithPhilRowley2016.eventbrite.com> to sign up):

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Dinner + Program – \$25 (payment due online at time of order)

Program Only - \$7 (payment due online at time of order)

All attendees will receive a ticket for a raffle that will include a chance to win a variety of items, including signed copies of Phil’s books and DVD’s. In addition, autographed books, DVD’s and tying materials will be available for purchase with cash or check the night of the event.

**Here’s a brief biography of Phil:**

*Phil Rowley has been fly fishing for over 30 years. His love of fly fishing has taken him across North America in pursuit of trout, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, char, pike, walleye and numerous other species on the fly. But Phil is best known for his stillwater exploits.*

*A former commercial fly tyer, Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. He has authored three books and numerous feature articles and two regular columns. Phil's first book Fly Patterns for Stillwaters is a best seller. In addition to his writing, Phil has four instructional DVD's. In 2007, Phil was a member of the gold medal winning team at the Canadian Fly Fishing championships.*

*When he isn't on the water Phil Rowley travels North America performing at outdoor shows, providing seminars, speaking to fly clubs and conducting fly-fishing schools. Phil also provides instructional stillwater guiding on the lakes located a short distance from his Edmonton area home.*

*Phil has appeared on a number of T.V. shows including BC Outdoors Sports Fishing, Sport Fishing B.C., Fishing Alberta, Fishing with Shelly and Courtney, and Let's Go Outdoors. Phil is presently one of the co-hosts of the New Fly Fisher, an educational fly fishing production.*

For more on Phil Rowley, check out his website at <http://www.flycraftangling.com>.

Thanks - we look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

Tight lines!

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Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal VP / Program Chair





# Monthly Meeting Feb 25th

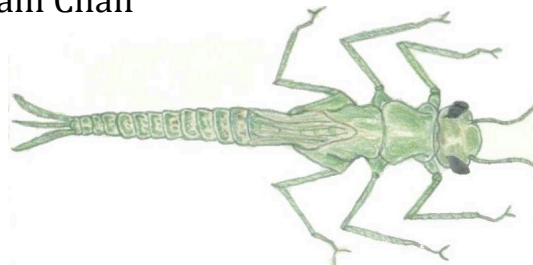
Join us for our regular membership meeting on the 25th. We have some of the usual club business to attend to...including voting in a new member! The program part is still up in the air - maybe a movie, maybe some fly tying, who knows - I decide once I get through the Phil Rowley event.

Sign-ups will start on the 19th to avoid confusion with the special event.

See you there!

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Matt Roelofs  
4CFF Internal VP / Program Chair



## Outings Report

There will be a meeting of the Outings Committee on Saturday, February 20 at 9:00 AM at Barkley Hagen's dining area. We will be finalizing the schedule for 2016 which currently has a dozen events listed. This schedule is still open to amendments, so please make the meeting if you are on the Committee, and if you're not then feel free to come by anyway or send your inputs in with either Frank or me. It should be a great year for club outings, especially with all this rain and thick snow pack.

The first Outing of the year will be at Pass Lake, as usual. In addition to the fun fishing, Frank will be cooking up some of his signature Chili under the canopy and there will be a fly box give-away. You don't want to miss the fun, so mark your calendar for March 26 and sign up on the web so we know how many tons of chili to make. Incidentally, the Fidalgo Fly Fishers will be there the week ahead of us and we look forward to some favorable reports from them.

Phil Terzian

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# Communications Report

The website continues to evolve and become more useful and usable for club members. We have switched over to a new server which specializes in WordPress web management tools. I'm sure everyone will be delighted by this news, right? Right? Well, it makes my job a little easier anyway. Also, we took the opportunity to renew our web hosting service (GoDaddy) for 10 years at about \$30 per year, a great value. This will show up in our budget this year as a \$300 expense, since we are using cash accounting, but for the next nine years the number will be \$0. We have also renewed our retainer contract with Sandie K for another year at \$25/month. She has done a great job for our club.

The club calendar can be viewed as either a composite or as individual calendars for each committee. The "Links" page now has some great links for conservation related groups that the club contributes to (thanks Dan) and some new weather and fishing links as well. If you have a favorite link you would like to share with the other members please send them along to me for inclusion. I working on the "previous outings" page, which is still a bit of a mess, but there is hope for a useful archive there eventually.

Please take a look at the web when you have a chance and navigate around to see what you think. The address is [4thcornerfly.com](http://4thcornerfly.com). If you have trouble logging in to view the Member's only pages just let me know and I can reset your password if you are unable to do so.

Phil Terzian

## Request for Help

I need your help this coming weekend! Are you planning to attend The Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood on Saturday / Sunday? If you are, I would greatly appreciate it if you would keep your eyes and ears open for possible program ideas. I won't be able to attend and historically this has been one the best sources for program contacts. If you meet someone that you think would make a good visitor, grab a card and pass it on to me!

Thanks...it takes a village,

Matt Roelofs  
4CFF Internal VP / Program Chair

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# Conservation Report

Hello Everybody,

Many of you that attended the January meeting gave us positive feedback on the Whatcom Land Trust's program. The conservation committee is currently considering a Stewardship role on a piece of property near the South end of Whatcom Lake. The Land Trust owns this parcel and would like have us check in on it periodically and to report to them if any changes occur. More on that after we visit the site.

I'm also pleased to report that our club's tour of the new NSEA property was very successful and quite interesting. Over 20 club members were in attendance despite the cooler than normal weather.



NSEA really went the extra mile with three of their Board Members helping with our tour as well as Adrian Schulock who was the main tour guide. This new site is developing along nicely with all areas of development to be completed within a year or so. The hosts also served us coffee, tea, sweet goodies and some delicious deli



treats. We may revisit in a year and a half or so when the equipment barns, classroom and covered work/potting areas are completed. Thanks to Bob J. for supplying photography skills during the tour. Think GREEN!

Dan, Bob, Terry, Don and Mike

Dan Coombs  
Conservation Chairman  
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## 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 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>. Phil Terzian is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (408) 410-0969.

**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

Feb 25,  
2016

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!

### Next Board Meeting

Mar. 2, 2016  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

## 4CFF Board Members

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**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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