



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do we have a great club or what? After hearing that we had several important positions vacant, two of our members raised their hand and said "Pick me!" Scott Willison is our new librarian and Ed Dahl is the Chairperson for the 2015 Conservation Auction Committee. Thank you both for becoming the line of one that gets things rolling.

Scott will be down at the Fly Fishing Show in Lynwood this weekend to add to our collection in the Library. We have invested in quite a body of materials over the years and it would be a shame to have their only use be filling up the cabinet. The library is open at our general membership meetings; you should check it out! Ed wanted to make sure that we had a successful auction this year and volunteered to be a member of the committee. When I asked if he would be its chairman he didn't hesitate to accept. Now it will be up to all of us to ensure his success. This event is the funding source for the Conservation activities we undertake and for club activities as well. With an early start and lots of participation we can make the 2015 event a high water mark.

For a change of pace we will be having two general membership meetings this month. The first will be the Phil Rowley presentation on the 18th. See the other articles in this newsletter for all of the details. We (the Board) decided it was not feasible to try and insert our regular business meeting into the night's schedule. It makes more sense to just hold the regular meeting at the regular time. We will have a lot to cover and we can take all the time needed for the budget, and new developments regarding the website, and our accounting practices. After dinner we will have an informal program. Matt will be providing the details.

We spend a lot of effort time and money on activities focused on individuals outside of the club. I would like to see us add to that an effort to improve the skills and experiences of our members. Stay tuned as this gets put together.

I look forward to this year and all the things it will bring. There will opportunities to fish some new water, meet some new people, and invest a little time and effort in making this a better organization, furthering the sport we all love.

Frank Koterba, 4CFF President



## 2014 Awards Dinner Pictures



## 2014 Awards Dinner Pictures (cont.)



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# February 18th Meeting

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 on Tactics and Strategies for Stillwater Trout. The event will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, February 18th.

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 and the program will start at 8pm. 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 midnight on Monday, Feb. 16. 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://4CFFMembersOnly.eventbrite.com> to sign up):

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

Program Only - No Charge

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

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.

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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>.

*Tight lines,*

*Matt Roelofs  
4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair*



# February 26th Meeting

In addition to our special event with Phil Rowley on the 18th, we are also going to hold a regular monthly general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on February 26, 2015. 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.

Since we will be enjoying a spectacular program with Phil's visit the week before, for this meeting we are going to keep the program part simple and do a BYOV (Bring Your Own Vise) Tying Night. If you have a vise and would like to come tie some flies, this is your chance. If you don't and you want to come watch or give tying a try, this is your chance for that too! We also have some very important club business to take care of, including voting in some new members and reviewing the club budget for 2015. Please join us if you can!

Note that in order to avoid confusion, I am going to hold off on opening up the sign-ups for this meeting until after the 18th. Once I do open up the Eventbrite site for sign-ups, I will notify you via email. RSVP's for the meeting should be in by Tuesday, January 24 and can be made 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



# Treasurer's Report

At the February board meeting, the Board approved a 2015 budget. It will be presented to the club at this month's business meeting on Thursday, February 26.

Dues for 2015 need to be paid by February 28 - \$60 for single memberships and \$90 for family memberships. Dues may still be paid in March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Persons unable to participate in club activities in 2015 may petition the Board for a leave of absence of up to two years.

Please bring a check made out to 4CFF, or Fourth Corner Fly Fishers to the February meeting or send it to Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, P. O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227. If you are mailing your check, please include your current phone number(s), home address and e-mail address with your payment. If you pay in person at the February meeting or elsewhere, please verify these data with me so that we can have current contact information for all members.

Members should be reminded not to forget to check off your name on the attendance roster when paying for dinner at monthly meetings. If you registered for dinner but do not check off your name you may be billed for your dinner commitment as a "no-show".

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



*"Fly fishing for trout is a sport that depends not so much on catching fish as on their mere presence and on the fact that you do, now and again, catch some. As for their size, the bigger they are, the better, to be honest about it...."*

*John Gierach, "Trout Bum"*

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# Conservation Report

Hello Members,

The conservation has two bits of news to report. The first is Terry McEwen's creel census report from Squalicum Lake, listed below:

## 2014 Squalicum Lake Creel Census

	#anglers	#hrs fished	#fish caught	Fish per hr	#triploid	#cutthroats
Jan	No reports					
Feb	No reports					
Mar	20	28	23	1.6	0	34
Apr	15	23	26	1.1	1	12
May	19	35	50	1.4	14	19
Jun	6	13	14	1	4	8
July	13	12	8	0.7	3	2
Aug	No reports					
Sep	6	12	25	2.1	5	15
Oct	5	8	29	3.6	4	20
Nov	2	5	5	0.4	0	0
Dec	No reports					

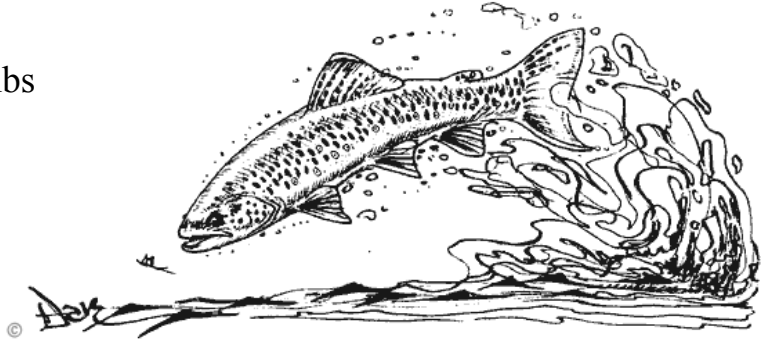
The second item is a summary of a situation with WDFW and their stocking program for Squalicum Lake. At their meeting on Tuesday (2/3), the board discussed recent communications from WDFW that suggest they might discontinue stocking triploid rainbows in Squalicum Lake. This seems to have come from their misinterpretation of the creel census information we've been providing them. Perhaps as few as one in ten people who fish there actually fill out the cards, so it might seem that the lake gets too little use to make stocking worthwhile. But FCFF members who go there know that the lake gets plenty of use and that the chance of occasionally catching a larger fish along with the smaller, more numerous cutthroat is a real attraction.

The board agreed that the Conservation Committee chair, Dan Coombs, should contact WDFW and try to set them straight. Additional suggestions included better signage at the lake to get more folks who fish there to fill out cards. We could also provide them with a letter signed by as many club members as possible at the next meeting. WDFW will start making decisions for their stocking program in March, so steps should be taken this

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Bob Johnson on behalf of Dan Coombs  
*Conservation Committee*  
[Robert.Johnston@nau.edu](mailto:Robert.Johnston@nau.edu)



## Education Report

Your Education Committee is very busy as usual! We are currently involved in tying and casting at Blaine M/S, where we are committed for a bit longer. Every Tue. and Thur. until March 19. Classes are from 3-5 and are very fun and rewarding to see the progress that the students show.

We have requests at this point to hold another session at the St. Joseph Cancer Center and a request from NSEA to hold a few classes at Options H/S in Bellingham. No dates as yet, but will keep you posted when we are able to coordinate dates.

Looking forward to the visit by Phil Rowley at the next meeting. It will be a great event and truly a learning experience.

I have seen him before and have one of his books. Don't miss!

Keep your head on a swivel,

Jerry Hill  
Education Chair  
425 445-1201



# Outings Report

We're gearing up for a variety of outings in 2015. Since the last report we have had to reschedule the trip to Port Townsend beaches in order to hit the beaches when fishing is at its best. We will now be heading over there on April 17. That means our first trip of the season will now be the outing to Pass Lake. I will be sending out an EventBrite info-invitation mid February. If you decide to make the scene please reply to the invitation as soon as you can so that we can plan for food. Ed Ruckey has generously signed up to provide one of his magnificent fly boxes at this event, as well as three others this year. Here is a listing of all the events planned for this year.

Date	End date	Start Day	Event	Host	Discussion points	Comment	Food
28-Mar	28-Mar	Saturday	Pass Lake	Brian Faloon		FLY BOX	Lunch
17-Apr	19-Apr	Friday	Port Townsend	Scott, Frank			
25-Apr	25-Apr	Saturday	Silver Lake	Errol and Brian			Breakfast
6-May		Wednesday	Spring Beach	Frank, Scott	Whidbey Ala Spit? Strawberry Pt	6 person limit	
8-May		Friday	Spring Beach	Frank, Scott	Whidbey Ala Spit? Strawberry Pt	6 person limit	
15-May	17-May	Friday	Big Twin	Rick Todd		FLY BOX	Multiple food
6-Jun	7-Jun	Saturday	South Sound	Frank, Scott			
21-Jun	21-Jun	Sunday	Fazon lake	Scott, Nathan	Kid's Derby		
22-Jun	28-Jun	Monday	100 mile house	Frank K			Potluck
4-Jul	10-Jul	Saturday	Montana	Hillers	Duck Lake near Glacier MT		Multiple food
23-Jul	26-Jul	Thursday	Classic, River Bend	Rick Todd	discuss River Bend venue	FLY BOX	Classic
15-Aug	16-Aug	Saturday	Small Streams	Sid			
22-Aug	22-Aug	Saturday	Sandy Point	Dan Coombs			
26-Aug	26-Aug	Wednesday	Ala Spit	Scott	Ala Spit pink salmon mid-week		
11-Sep	13-Sep	Friday	Yakima float	Nathan, Matt		FLY BOX	
26-Sep	26-Sep	Saturday	Skagit float	Jack Salstrom			
2-Oct	4-Oct	Friday	Chopaka	Mike Riber			
10-Oct	10-Oct	Saturday	Vedder	Errol and Brian	Pending river conditions	Food	
12-Nov	12-Nov	Thursday	Stave river	Nathan, Scott	Pending river conditions		
<b>Possible outings</b>							
Various			Alpine Lakes	John Leighton			
8-Jul	8-Jul	Wednesday	Summer Steelhead	Scott	Cowlitz?		
22-Aug	22-Aug	Saturday	Bush Point	Scott	Possible alternate to Sandy Point		

The other big news concerns an effort afoot to organize a few hiking-fishing trips into alpine lakes this year. These trips would differ from the traditional outings because they would be somewhat less formal and would require more physical stamina than an average outing. The idea would be to have a trip leader, like a scout master, lead a small group to the fishing spot and out again.

Hiking experience and physical fitness requirements would vary by venue. At the moment, a committee is being formed to pick a few spots and organize trips. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact John Leighton or Tom Langley. Once scheduled, trips will be announced, along with a description of hiking difficulty, in the newsletter or via email to the membership.

Please feel free to contact me any time with suggestions or comments.

Phil Terzian

[pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto:pterzian@pacbell.net)

## Upcoming Tying Events

### **Dan and Jane Coombs**

Date: Saturday, February 28th, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Place: 1063 Sterk Lane, Bellingham

Contact Info: Phone: (360) 398-1637, e-mail: [dwjmcoombs@gmail.com](mailto:dwjmcoombs@gmail.com)

*"You'll also meet a lot of non-fly-fishing types on the ponds..... Most of these people won't be automatically impressed by you; some will be curious, others amused. If you persist in wearing an up-downer hat over a clean chamois shirt and a bulging, jangling fly vest, you'll begin to feel overdressed. All you need is a Harley Davidson T-shirt, baseball cap, and a small box of wet flies. If you catch fish you may attract some favorable attention, but even then someone will sooner or later kindly inform you that a spinning rod is a hell of a lot easier."*

*John Gierach, "Trout Bum"*

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# 5th annual Trivia Night

a Fundraiser for the Nooksack Salmon

Enhancement Association

with trivia master jim helfield

## Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 PM

### Aslan Brewing Co, 1330 N. Forest Street

Awesome  
prizes for  
1st-3rd  
place!



\$5 donation  
to play

For more info  
please call 360-715-0283  
[www.n-sea.org](http://www.n-sea.org)

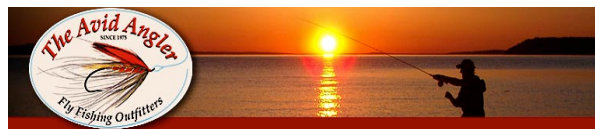
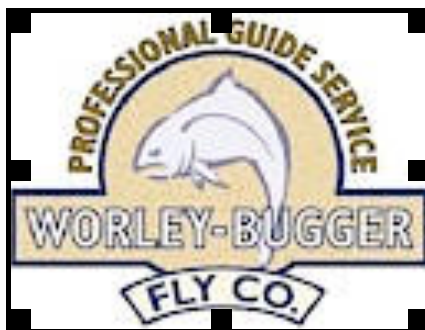


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## A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<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 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.

## January's Meeting

February 26,  
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!

## March's Board Meeting

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

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Frank Koterba

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## LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

## Website

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## Newsletter

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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**

**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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