

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



## 4CFF MEETINGS CALENDAR



### General Monthly Meeting

Via ZOOM February 25, 2021  
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>

### Virtual Board Meeting

March 2, 2021  
Own home or Trinity Lutheran Church (maybe)  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

### 4CFF Board Members, Chairs and Directors

- President:..... Steve Kopp
- External Vice President - Outings:..... Kevin McClurg
- Internal Vice President - Programs:..... Marion Hiller
- Secretary:..... Bruce Aigner
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- Education Chair:..... Klaus Lohse
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- Membership Chairs:..... Cassandra Spitzer
- Directors:..... Angus MacArthur, Dean Bates, Kevin Formway
- Events:..... Bob Cooper

# President's Message

## **February President's Message**

Last month we had our largest turnout yet for a virtual club meeting, with numerous guests, good fishing stories and an exciting tropical presentation to get us all dreaming of vacations and traveling again. This month is back to a love of mine and many of you, dry fly fishing, with Skip Morris.

Locally we are off to a strong start for the year for fishing and fish. If you're feeling a bit of cabin fever after all the grey, we've been lucky to see quite a few sun breaks and WDFW says we can now fish for steelhead (and also bull trout, and whitefish) on the Skagit until April 15. Fishing only Saturday through Tuesday from the Dalles bridge in Concrete up to the Cascade Rd bridge in Marblemount - single fly, barbless, catch and release. The Sauk is also open same days from the mouth up to the Sauk Prairie bridge. And closer to home, the North Fork Nooksack is still open until February 15<sup>th</sup> from the Hwy 9 bridge up to the Kendall Ck hatchery. With the cooler weather the flows have been fishable and the water quite clear so I'm hoping to sneak in a few more hours on the Nooksack before it closes.

And for the fish, from a conservation perspective they are off to a good start. Another salmon farm has left Puget Sound, as Cooke Aquaculture removed another of its net pens. This one was inside the Orchard Rocks Conservation Area near Bainbridge island that had a history of viral outbreaks and sea lice infestations. Recently British Columbia also announced that it would be decommissioning 19 fish farms in the Discovery Islands / Campbell River area over the next 18 months.

The big fish news of the year so far is a proposal from Idaho congressman Mike Simpson for a \$34 billion infrastructure and clean energy jobs package that would remove 4 dams on the lower Snake River, much to the benefit of the salmon and steelhead. This seems like the most realistic proposal for such a project to date, with a stronger focus on local economies and infrastructure. If you want to learn more about this, the Seattle Times [article linked here](#) provides a good explanation. I hope most of you can get out and find a fish this month, and join us for the February meeting. Its not as good as the country club, since you have to be your own bartender, and nobody brings you desert, but it's a good substitute for a while.

See you on the water,

Steve Kopp, President 4CFF



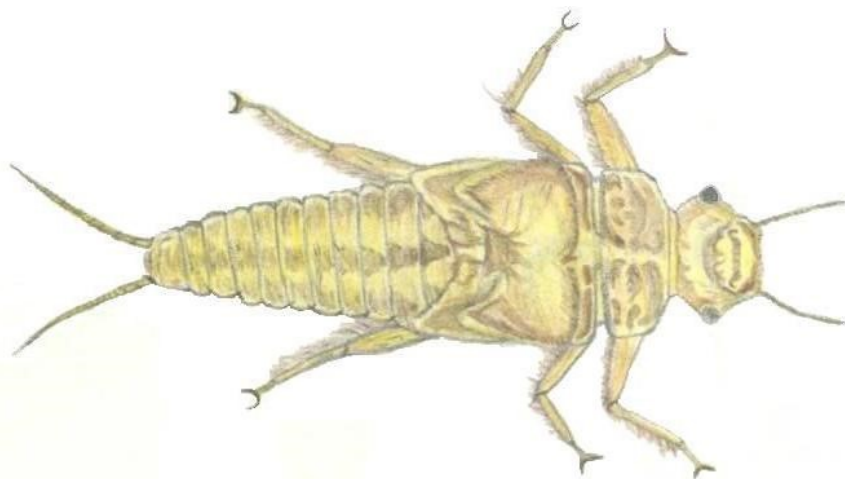
# Conservation Report

## February conservation report,

First and foremost, I hope everyone is safe and healthy. 2020 was a bad year for many reasons. With the vaccine maybe we can look forward to an in person meeting by the end of the year. The conservation committee had a zoom meeting in December and decided that having an auction next fall might not be the safest course of action. It would be better to err on the side of caution and postpone the auction to the following March. By then everyone who wants a vaccination will have had one and life should be returning to normal. We can hope so. Till then, wear your masks and be careful.

Tight lines,

John Leighton



# Treasurer's Report

## February Treasurer's Report:

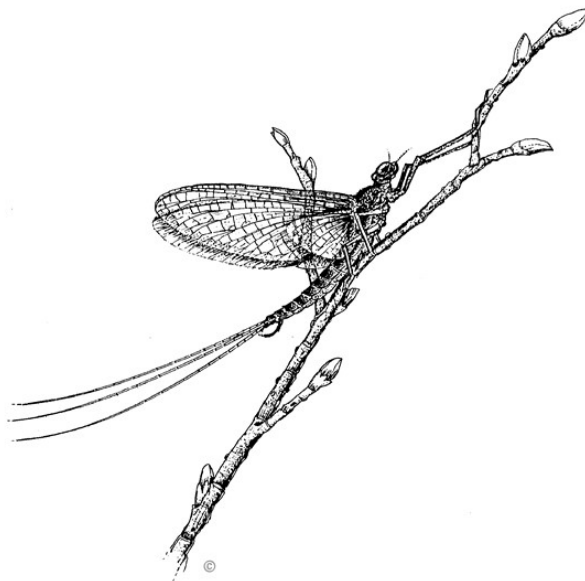
Welcome to the second month of 2021. Hopefully you are all staying safe!

Since this is February it is time to remit your dues and maintain your membership in this worthy group. To date I have received dues from 31 of you. (single: \$60, family: \$90) Remember on March 1<sup>st</sup> you can add \$10. Please make your check out to "4CFF" and send them to Po Box 1543 Bellingham, WA 98227.

Believe me. I would rather be harassing you at a membership meeting with a beverage in hand! The next best thing join us at our Zoom Virtual membership meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Stay Safe

Frank Koterba, Treasurer



## Monthly Zoom Meeting

February Zoom Presenter is **Skip Morris**

Skip Morris is among the most prolific fly-fishing and fly-tying authors alive—his name is known to anglers around the world as a noted fly fishing author and speaker. Over the many years that Skip Morris has fished and written about fly fishing, he's uncovered many nuggets of information that have helped him and others to catch more fish. Whether it's trout, bass or panfish Skip has something to share that will improve your odds. Perhaps you heard him as a presenter at the a Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show.

As a speaker and clinician, Skip is well-known as an entertaining, concise, and knowledgeable presenter, with a sly sense of humor and an easygoing manner that draws in the audience. As our presenter for February, Skip will do a fly tying demonstration for us during his zoom presentation.

He has written twenty-one books on fly fishing and tying, including the established standard beginning fly tier's volume *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, and *The Art of Tying the Bass Fly*, *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes* (with lake-fishing guru Brian Chan), *Concise Handbook of Fly Tying*, and *Fly Fisher's Guide to Western River Hatches*.

*Skip has published over 300 articles on fly fishing and tying in magazines from Fly Fisherman to American Angler. For three years he was among the hosts of the "Fly-Fish Television Magazine" show.*

In addition he has videos and DVD's that range from instruction for tying nymphs, to tying bass flies, to tying and fishing flies for sea-run cutthroat trout.

He lives with his wife, Carol, amid the rivers and lakes and saltwater beaches of Washington State's wild and magnificent Olympic Peninsula.

Find out more about Skip Morris: <http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com>

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager

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# Outings Report

## 4CFF February 2021 Outings Report.

Greetings fellow fly fishers. We have some upcoming outings on the club website which include;

Pass Lake, Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Beach Outing for SRC. Date TBD.

Methow Valley Spring Lakes Outing at Big Twin, Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>.  
June – TBD.

4CFF Annual Classic on the Methow, Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Some other outings that are being considered include;

Mike Riber has offered to coordinate an outing to central BC (Snag Lake), however we will have to see when the border will open.

Frank would like to lead a small outing for SRC beach fishing this spring (date TBD). If you have a suggestion for an outing or would like to be a host for an outing let me know.

Thanks to Marion Hiller for arranging a great presentation by Gary Bulla on Amazon fly fishing. Some of the club members have expressed interest in a club outing to one of his guided Baja trips in 2022 (2021 is booked up). I've contacted Gary and he can accommodate a group of up to 11 people. Reservations for 2022 begin in October and a deposit is required. Cost is \$3090 for 2021 (air fare not included), final cost for 2022 is yet to be determined. For more info go to <https://garybulla.com/>.

Cheers,

Kevin McClurg





## 4CFF Activities



### 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 John Leighton 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. 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 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>.

Kevin McClurg 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 outing hosts.**

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*

Please try to contribute to folks that helped us in their time of need. Buy Gift Cards or Buy on Line!!!

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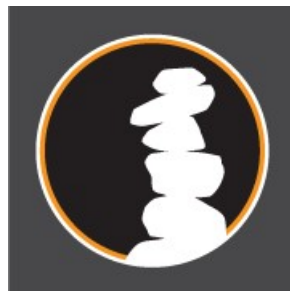
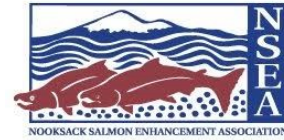


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