



4th Corner Fly Fishers



'Fishing Buddy'



Dear 4CFF Members,

Some recent events in the club resulted in a response from me that included a discussion of 'fishing buddies' and what it means to be a 'fishing buddy' - at least what I think it means to be a fishing buddy.

This got me to wonder – Is there a general definition of what a 'fishing buddy' is?

Being curious of how others define 'fishing buddy' – I Googled it. The Google results didn't include any specific definitions (at least that I felt comfortable quoting in this message anyway), in fact, Wikipedia didn't even have a definition. However, there appears to be many different definitions, and uses, of the term including products such as the Hummingbird Fishing Buddy, and the Fishing Buddy calendar (which I don't have – in the event you are wondering!) Of course, I'm sure some of you will now search to find out what the 'Fishing Buddy' calendar is!

I did find the following quotes from the Google search results that are more in line of what I am thinking a 'fishing buddy' is:

"Morris lauded his longtime fishing buddy..."

"I'm fairly new to fly fishing and would like to find a fishing buddy ..."

"Jim is a good friend and fishing buddy..."

"I lost my favorite fishing buddy and my mentor..."

Country Star Luke Bryan welcomes a baby boy: "My fishing buddy is finally here!"

"Granddad's Fishing Buddy" by Mary Quigley, Stephanie Jorisch, Illustrator

Clearly, many people of all ages have, or are, a fishing buddy. Granddad's fishing buddy is his granddaughter. Luke Bryan's newborn son is his fishing buddy – and his son doesn't know a fish from a finger let alone be old enough to fish. Yet, his son is his 'fishing buddy'.

I gather the broader definition of 'fishing buddy' might very well be different for each person, as it should be, but there must be some common elements for every fisher person as to what a 'fishing buddy' is.

As with ‘friends’, probably the most common element of a fishing buddy, that we all share, is simply- do we like the person? Is their personality such that you enjoy being around that person, all day, especially when the fish aren’t biting? I have to believe that trust must also be a common element of fishing buddies. Your fishing buddy is someone you trust to: help you if you’re in danger, to keep the secret fishing hole a secret, follow through with what they said they would do, share in camp responsibilities, and, of course, share a lot of laughs.

My experience has been that a group of fishing buddies has a ‘soul’ to it. It’s actually hard to describe. Perhaps it’s like a family, in that I know that my fishing buddies have my back at all times and all places – as I have their backs. It’s a comfort and spirit that is forever present. You can always rely on a ‘fishing buddy’ – even when you’re not fishing.

Depending on what you fish for or how – you may have more than one group of fishing buddies with each group having a unique ‘soul’. In one of my groups of fishing buddies – there’s always a ‘rookie’. This would be the last guy invited into the group – doesn’t matter how good of a fisherman he is or how old he is. He will simply be the rookie, nick-named the rookie, and will always be the rookie until a new guy is invited in, which may be never.

If you don’t have a fishing buddy, I hope you find one. Maybe your fishing buddy will be someone who doesn’t fish at all, but is the camp chef or your spouse. Maybe your fishing buddy is imaginary, has four legs, or is simply - Mother Nature

Nonetheless, I believe there is nothing like having a ‘fishing buddy’.

With warm regards,

Lin Nelson,

Club President



“April days can be as cold and wet and miserable with wind as December days. April rivers can be swollen and thick with flood. But April is still as beautiful as its name, the true spring month that breads our world out of winter into something nearly summer. It could not be right to keep anglers away from their rivers at such a time, and I think they seldom are kept away, unless by the ice of a high altitude or a late year.”

Roderick Haig-Brown, “A River Never Sleeps”

CONSERVATION

Spring is finally poking her head through the clouds and we are finally having our first work party at 10 Mile Creek School site this Sat. April 9. We will start at 9:30 AM and should be done just before noon. Frank will be serving us all a nice lunch so I need to have each of you who are coming out to call or Email me ASAP so Frank can order enough food. There will be a lot less weed control but we will be pruning, raking, seeding some new grass in picnic table area and chipping up a lot of debris. A few weed wackers are still needed, loppers, rakes, gloves and if anyone has one a wheeled lawn seed spreader. Pete and I have visited the site and feel that last year's efforts are very apparent and should make our job this year more pleasant. Prospective members are strongly encouraged to attend as work party opportunities are seasonal and fairly limited in numbers.

On another note, some of you are already aware of the proposal to bring numerous, large trainloads of coal through the city of Bellingham to a new shipping terminal near Cherry Point. It is not the place of our Flyfishing Club to reach a consensus opinion on the outcome of this proposal, but as the Conservation Chairman, I strongly encourage each club member to gather information as to the pros and cons of this venture and to voice your educated opinions to the Bellingham City Council as this proposal moves through the political process. All of us will be effected by this project for many years to come make it a point to become informed about this very important issue.

Dan Coombs, Conservation Chair FCFF



Pass Outing Pictures



Pass Outing Pictures (cont.)



Doc Hackle's Fly Tying Corner

D. H's Damsel Nymph #1

Hook	2XL Nymph Hook
Thread	Olive 8/0 or 70 Denier
Tail	3 Strands of Ostrich Herl
Rib	Peacock Crystal Flash
Body	3 Ostrich Herls With Peacock Crystal Flash
Thorax	Olive Synthetic Seal Dubbing
Eye's	Med. Olive or Red Ultra Chenille
Wing Pad	Ostrich Herl



STEP #1 Anchor thread on the hook and run it down to the bend. Now tie in 3 Ostrich Herls at that point with the tips out behind the hook about hook shank length. Now run the thread back up to the hook eye .

STEP #2 Now take 2 strands of Peacock Crystal Flash and tie them in and run the thread back down to the hook bend where the tail is tied in. One of the strands is to be used for the ribbing and the other is to be used to make a Ostrich Chenille body.

STEP #3 Now take three more Ostrich Herls and tie them in at the tie in point of the tail with the tips pointing forward. Next take one of the Crystal Flash strands and loop it so the length of the loop is slightly longer than the Ostrich Herl, then tie in the tag end at the tie in point of the tail. Clip the remaining portion of Crystal Flash.

STEP #4 Now take the Ostrich Herl and Crystal Flash, putting them together, then twisting them in a clock-wise way thus making a Ostrich Herl noodle. Now wrap that Ostrich Herl up the shank about four fifths of the way.

STEP #5 Now take the remaining herl and tie it on top of the hook shank up to the eye. It should be laying flat on top of the hook shank. Now take a small length of Ultra Chenille and tie it in just behind the Ostrich at the eye of the hook. To attach the eye material you lay it cross ways to the hook shank and anchor it with figure eight wraps.

STEP #6 Now pull the Ostrich Herl over the eye material and tie it off. Now take the thread down to the point where you tied off the Ostrich Herl noodle and add a small amount of the Olive synthetic seal dubbing to the thread in a clock-wise twisting motion. **STEP #7** Now wrap the fur covered thread forward and back and take an additional two or three wraps of thread. Now pull the remaining Ostrich and Crystal Flash over the dubbed thorax and tie it off.

STEP #8 Now trim the exes Ostrich and Crystal Flash leaving about 1/8th of an inch. Next trim the eyes close to the thorax. Add a touch of head cement to the tie off point and you are finished.

NOTE: this fly is easy and quick to tie once you get started. You can also use a little bit of 015 non-lead wire, or copper wire under the thorax to add a little weight.



April Outings

Every time I think the club reaches a plateau in activity it seems to go higher. This last month was no exception. We completed the current schedule of fly tying sessions with events at Klaus Lhoses', Mark Brovak's and finally at Jack Salstrom's. All had great turnouts with the collection usual suspects and a healthy addition of new tiers. To give you an idea how well this series of tying sessions went, last year we had a total 28 attendees. This year 78 brought their collections of materials, patterns and expertise to share. I would like to say "**Great job!**" to all those who hosted or participated. You missed something if you weren't able to make it!!

We also had our first outing at Pass Lake. To say it was well attended would be an understatement. People showed up to knock off the rust, launch new boats, trade a lot of stories, pick each other's brains, have lunch, and get a shot at the flybox Ed Ruckey put together. When Ed passed out the tickets for the flybox he realized we might need a larger bucket! 34 members and guests made the trip. I can only think of one other outing in the last couple of years that was larger. Oh and by the way, Brian Faloon once again was the holder of the ticket and eventually the fly box.

As far as results out on the lake, it was the usual spread. The hot hands were in Rick Todd's drift boat with his brother Dave and Matt DeSpain-Tonjes aboard. They had a small red chironomid working very well. Errol McWhirk landed a really nice brown on a small chironomid as well. And finally I watched Ed Ruckey take a 23-4" brown and about a 19" rainbow on a size 16 olive chironomid. So yes the small patterns were working.

The location outing for the weekend of April 15-17th is a bit murky. Our first choice, the Yakima River, is likely to be running very high and will be tough to fish. The second choice, Fish Lake still has a fair amount of ice on it. If it clears, the fishing should be pretty amazing. If that doesn't work we will go to option three, Squalicum Lake on Saturday the April 16th.

If you are planning on attending this outing please make your reservations at The Ellensburg KOA (509) 925-9319 for the Yakima or The Cove Resort (509)763-3130 for Fish Lake. We will be sending Detail Documents for the Yakima and Fish Lake along with the newsletter. We will make the decision no later than Wednesday based on the conditions of the water and the potential fishing.

Next month we will be holding the first ***Fourth Corner Classic Outing*** at Big Twin Lake near Winthrop. In addition to the usual festivities we will have an extended schedule. It will include a mini potluck and *early bird* flybox raffle on Thursday night. A spaghetti feed, for those arriving on Friday. And on Saturday the evening meal will be a potluck built around another couple of big pans of paella. There is also talk of a breakfast on Sunday morning!! There will be another of Ed's killer fly boxes raffled off with additional raffles of "Fourth Corner Classic Hats" and in addition there will be a gift certificate for a FCFF Logo vest at Bergen and Company.

(April Outings Continued)

Aside from all the food, flies and clothing the fishing should be pretty good as well! There is a Big Twin Classic Outing detail document coming with the newsletter that has all the information you will need to plan your trip.

To help us plan and to make sure we have enough sites reserved let me know if you plan to attend.

As part of our commitment to improving our member's skills we have scheduled a casting clinic event with Scott Christensen. He is a former 4CFF member and a FFF Certified Casting Instructor. Not only is he a great caster he is a great instructor as well.. The event on Saturday, May 14th, will be at the Northwest Ponds and will have 2 classes on the same day with a pot-luck lunch in the middle. One class will be for novices, limited to 10 participants and the second will be for more advanced castors, limited to 15 participants. To help defray some of the costs there will be a \$10 fee per participant.

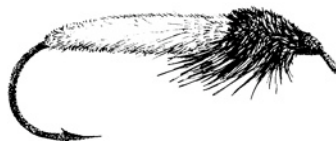
Given the level of interest, we will be holding a drawing at our next general membership meeting to select the participants in each class.

This will not be the only class we will be setting up with him this year. So if you are interested bring your cash to the meeting this month.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the club!

See you out there,

Frank Koterba
External VP



April's Program



Barrett Mattison "Far away Fly Fishing"

Atlantic Salmon Fishing on the
Ponoi River In Russia



April Culinary Corner

When I lived in Alaska, I always looked forward to this time of year. All winter long you had to put up with pretty tasteless fruit and produce. About the middle of April the first of the strawberries made an appearance. It was time to wake up those long dormant taste buds! Since I move here and started getting berries and such from Joe's Garden I realized that there was a much higher level available. But that was Alaska and "who knew?"

This is one of the salads I did to celebrate breakup.

Enjoy

Strawberry Spinach Salad

6 c. torn fresh spinach (8 oz.)

1 tbs. toasted sesame seed

2 c. fresh strawberries

1/4 c. salad oil (not olive oil)

2 tbsp. Toasted sesame oil

2 tbsp. red wine vinegar

1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 1/2 tbsp. sugar

1 1/2 tsp. snipped fresh dill or

1/2 tsp. dried dill

1/8 tsp. onion powder

1/8 tsp. garlic powder

1/8 tsp. dry mustard

Place spinach in a large bowl. Sprinkle with sesame seed.

Cut large strawberries in half; add berries to salad. In a

screw-top jar, combine remaining ingredients, 1/8

teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Cover; shake.

(Dressing may be prepared several hours before serving; chill. Shake well before using.)

Pour dressing over mixture in bowl; toss gently.

Makes 6 servings.



Frank Koterba, (*Official Camp Cook for the 4CFF*)



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 Klaus Lohse (671-8453) or Frank Koterba (647-9715) 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.

April's Meeting

April 28, 2011

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

Contact Gary Jones,
gary-jones@comcast.net
for all dinner reservations.

Be sure to check off your name on the list when you arrive for dinner.

BRING A FLY FOR THE
"FLY PLATE"!

May's Board Meeting

May 3, 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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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 a lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed in our club. Conservation projects, educational classes, and all chairman positions are always open for new and old members....including the "Newsletter Editor" position.

ATTENTION!!!

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.



4th CORNER FLY FISHERS



Aims and Purposes

The members of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers are united by our enjoyment of the sport of flyfishing 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 following are the aims and objectives as stated in our Constitution.

- To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding lands.
 - To promote the creation of fly only and/or quality fishing waters and encourage appropriate management of these waters.
 - To practice and advocate protection of the resource and the natural environment.
 - To improve the state-of-the-art of fly fishing and keep members informed of developments of interest.
 - To maintain high standards of membership by selecting as prospective members those persons who are dedicated to fly fishing, are good sportsmen, and are conservation oriented; and to temper organizational growth consistent with the maintenance of quality membership standards.
 - To develop and implement programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and better sportsmen.
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