



4th Corner Fly Fishers

President's Message

Dear 4CFF Members aka Fly Fisher Persons,

It's time for fishing reports and the ghillie will be expecting them!! The days are getting longer, not warmer, but longer - so clean your lines, sharpen your hooks, call your fishing buddy and trek to your favorite fishery, and if you don't have a one, then it's time to find one - after all we are a fly fishing club!

Wishing you all a great fishing season with many memories and many fish!

Your club President,

Lin J. Nelson



"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 PARTY

IT'S PARTY TIME!!!! work party time that is. Next Saturday April 14 we will descend on 10 Mile creek school site for a general spucing up of that area. I was out there with Darrell Gray last week and things are looking much better than they were 2 years ago. Since we are in more of a maintenance mode, we will gradually work some unfinished areas adjacent to the current site. We will meet out there at 9:30 AM and will be done before noon. Please bring eye/ear protection, weed whackers, rakes, loppers and your own gloves. Refreshments will be served. We need a goodly number of workers to accomplish our task so please E-mail me that you will be there.

Thanks to all, Dan

Need directions to the site? Call me 398-1637



APRIL'S PROGRAM

Join David Paul Williams, writer, presenter and "acknowledged master of smallies on the fly" as he takes you on a bass-filled ride down Oregon's John Day River. You will learn about the fish, what they eat & how to catch the big ones.

David Paul Williams caught his first smallmouth bass in 1972—and loves to share his knowledge of this amazing gamefish. David has written for numerous magazines, including, "Fly Fisherman", "American Angler", "Northwest Fly Fishing", "Fly Fusion", "Fly Fishing & Tying Journal", "Bassmaster", "Backpacker", "Northwest Travel & Seattle Magazine".

David is the "In the Field" editor for "Washington-Oregon Game & Fish" & gives media presentations to fly fishing clubs & outdoor groups. For more, go to www.thewriterealtor.com

Please contact me if you attending dinner!
Gary Jones, *Program chair, FCFF*



APRIL'S OUTINGS!!!

We are reaching another transition in our club's activities for the year. It is time to start making plans to get out of the house and onto the water. True, we might have a way to go before it becomes comfortable, but out there we will go!

Emil Ekman hosted what will probably be the last fly tying session for the year. 9 of us got together to trade ideas, material, patterns, and a few stories. We also did a bit of damage to his seafood chowder as well. It was mostly a gathering of "experienced" tiers and it evolved into a session where we dipped into the bottom of everyone's material pile. There was also a grab bag of fur and wild turkey! Thank you Emil!

Jack Salstrom had to cancel his session on the 7th due to a hatch of grandkids. If anyone wants to take the plunge and host one more session contact me and we can set it up. You don't have to be anything more than willing to qualify!

Before I do anything else, let me mention that you will need to display a Discover Pass when you have a vehicle in State Parks, DNR lands, and other state sites. If you are accessing a WDFW site you will need the WDFW pass that comes with your license. It would be a good idea to assume you will need some type of pass for almost anywhere you will be going. So make sure you check the requirements for an area out before you go. The Discover pass and the WDFW are good for 2 vehicles each, but you must write the license numbers on the passes.

The inaugural gathering of the FCFF clan for 2012 took place at Pass Lake on the last day of March and the last day your old license was valid. It was a test of optimism. The forecasts were not good with rain, wind, and cold. There were enough members willing to take a chance to go ahead and do it. In all 15 did make the trek.

The rain was pretty heavy on the way over and when we arrived we found that not only had another club arrived they got there at 6:30 to set up their cover on the only picnic table. I threw a table in the truck on a lark so we wouldn't have to serve the food on the ground. But like everything else it just seemed to work itself out. While the temperature stayed low, the rain diminished and the wind never did occur. And when we did serve lunch the other club had gone and we moved to the table after all.

I tried a new wrinkle on the lunch, not a dinner bell but an air horn! When you hear the blast you have 20 minutes before the meal is served. It worked pretty well. The only person who was really late was Errol. He took a bite and said "this is too spicy for me!"

I felt bad until I learned he was so late in getting into the water that he had the "chili" with the other club before he left!! ***I want to thank all of you who helped set things up, move them, and pack after the lunch. You gave me an opportunity to spend a lot more time on the water.***

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The fishing was not spectacular but most did get into some fish. (Ed Dahl also got into a great lake flybox put together by Ed Ruckey. It's nice to see a new face holding the winning ticket!) Soaking chromids under an indicator seemed to show the most success. There was an almost continuous hatch for the whole day. The sizes ranged from really small (32) to about 16's. There were some larger patterns used. At one point or another everyone did get into a fish. On some advice, I started out with a size 12 blood worm. I hooked 2 right away only to discover that the point of contact was well back of their mouth!! I have never had that happen! It occurred to me that I had a very small swivel between my leader and the tippet just about the size of the shucks on the water.....Duh!!

They were hitting the swivel and I was hooking them on the set. So I dropped down to a 16 and hooked one in the mouth. After lunch I used a Ruckey fly (What else) to land the biggest fish I have ever caught at Pass Lake, according to the ruler on my apron it was over 19". It was a good day all around.

As a side note this outing was a good test for your ability to handle marginal conditions. To succeed you had to deal with some of the issues raised in the Dahl's safety program.

We have several upcoming events in which the weather has a huge impact. After looking at the level of water in our mountains I really can't see a trip across the border to BC or an outing to the Yakima. The latter is running at a level where any kind of wading is very marginal and probably maybe dangerous. And crossing the border doesn't look very promising either. Therefore, Dry Falls is it. The dates are April 19th – 22nd. With a pot luck on Saturday the 21st. **(Late Breaking News) With the nice weather the Yakima has started to drop. I will monitor the situation to see what develops. I will contact those who have indicated that they are going to give you any changes.....so let me know!!!**

Dry Falls Lake / Lake Lenore

We will be staying at Sun Lakes Park Resort, 34228 Park Lake Rd. NE Coulee City, WA 99115 (509) 632-5291. <http://www.sunlakesparkresort.com/index.php>.

They have a wide range of accommodation including sites for tents, RV's trailers, and cabins and trailers to rent. When you call to make reservation let them know you are with the club.

To get there:

Head south on I-5 toward Seattle.

Take #194/US-2 E toward Wenatchee

Take ramp onto US-2, US-97 toward Cle Elum / Ellensburg

Take ramp toward Okanogan/Spokane to stay on US-2 E, US-97 N.

Turn left onto Sunset Hwy (US-2, US-97).

Bear right onto US-2 E.

Stay on US-2 until you reach WA-17 just before Coulee City.

After about a mile, turn left onto Park Lake Rd NE.

The trip takes 243.5 mi/ and 4:33 h.

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Dry Falls Lake is in Sun Lakes State Park. The park is open closed from 6:30 am until dusk and overnight camping is not allowed. This is one of the areas that require a **Discover Pass** displayed on your vehicle. You will not need it to park at the resort.

Due to the topography, access to the lake is limited to a single parking area and a boat or float tube is required to fish. Gas motors are not allowed and the 2 rod endorsement is not valid. There will be an outing detail doc sent with this newsletter that will give you more details.

Lake Lenore is just south of the resort on Highway WA-17. Most of the fishing is at the north end of the lake. This is a chance to and a Lahotan Cutthroat to you life list. While they are not great fighters they get pretty large and could still keep you busy for a while. Please let me know if you are going to go. Also let me know what you are going to do for lodging.

Silver Lake Opening Day Breakfast:

We are set up to renew the Silver Lake breakfast on **April 28th**. The club has rented the Group Picnic Shelter. We will be preparing pancakes, bacon, eggs, and hashbrowns, along with drinks. To make sure we prepare enough I will, once again, be asking you to confirm that you will be coming and the number in your party. There will be a nominal charge for each breakfast. I will be doing a site visit and figure out the logistics and the schedule and make an announcement via e-mail.

To get there, follow the Mt Baker Highway to Maple Falls and then turn left onto Silver Lake Rd. About 3.5 miles in take a slight right onto Silver Lake Park Rd and enter the park. There is a map below.

Future events:

We are starting to plan for several of the big outings coming up this year. To give me a better idea on the requirements, please let me know if you (and the number coming) are going to go to Big Twin Lake (May 17-20th) or the Fourth Corner Classic on the Methow (August 1-5th). Both events are going to have something special for our 40th anniversary.

This year we will again be hosting casting classes by Scott Christenson and the Small Stream Course. I will be posting the casting classes before our next meeting. We will be having novice and intermediate levels.

Given the interest and the limited access, this is how the program will work. The classes will be filled in the following order: (1)Members who have not taken the class. (2)Members who have taken the class or individuals in the guest status program. (3)Non Members.

If there are more enrollees than positions in the class (10) a drawing will be held of the last group filling the course to determine the roster.

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The tuition which must be paid at the time of enrollment and is nonrefundable: (1)Members is \$15. (2)Guest Status Program members \$20. (3)Non Members \$25

It is going to start to get busy so I hope to see you out there.

Frank Koterba
External VP/ Outings Chair



TODAY’S PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Discovery of NIPs and VAPs! (Okay, that is my pun for the day.)

Now that we are into a new WDFW license year, as of April Fool’s Day, and outings to public lakes and parks will begin as the weather improves, we are finding signage announcing the need for a Discover Pass, or a WDFW Vehicle Access Permit, and sometimes a Natural Investment Permit. The good news is: if there is no signage announcing the requirement for one or more of these permits, you don’t need them. The bad news is: at nearly every WDFW, Parks, or DNR site, the signs are posted. Remember, these passes are required for the parking of—or the driving of—street licensed vehicles at sites or on state lands.

The WDFW VAP is created solely for access to the department of fish and wildlife recreation sites or lands. The vehicle access pass is only available to a person who purchases a current valid: Big game hunting license; small game hunting license; western Washington pheasant; trapping; watchable wildlife; or **combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing license** (RCW 79A.80.040). So you already got it—or will get it—for “free” because you are a licensed fisherperson, etc.

Where will you need it? I’ll give some examples and reasons why you will need it:

At the Lake Samish Access/boat launch, because it is WDFW property and there is a big red sign on a cedar tree and at the kiosk on the shore. Also at the Toad Lake WDFW Access, and the South Lake Whatcom ramp by the Fire Station, and the Lake Terrell boat launch and hunting areas. No Discover Pass is needed here because it is not a DNR or Parks & Rec. property, only WDFW, but keep reading for further details.

At the WDFW boat ramp on the far side of Big Twin Lake in Okanogan County; at the “Game Dept.” primitive campgrounds at Boulder Creek in the Methow Valley.

In the Skagit Valley, for waterfowl and bird peeping, hiking, or bike riding, if you park your vehicle at a posted site.

Where will you not need it?

At Lake Chopaka, if you are only there for camping, bike riding, boating, hiking, horsing, or hunting. But it is DNR land, so you will need a Discover Pass to park or camp with a vehicle. At Larrabee State Park, Birch Bay State Park and Bayview State Park, where you will need a Discover Pass.

The State Parks and Recreation Discover Pass

Read **RCW 79A.80.080** at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/> for the statute.

The Discover Pass is primarily for presence of a vehicle on Parks land and DNR land. However, it will serve on WDFW lands where you might be walking your dog, watching birds, mountain biking, or doing activities other than hunting or fishing. Slater Road areas and Intalco recreation areas are examples of places where Discover Passes would be required if you don’t have a WDFW VAP.

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Pass Lake and Rosario Beach, at Deception Pass State Park, Birch Bay, Fort Casey and other state parks are examples of Parks facilities that require a Discover Pass to enter and remain with a vehicle.

If you enter DNR land in the Nooksack River drainage to do some target shooting in a gravel pit you may need a Discover Pass, which you will definitely need at Lake Chopaka, a DNR site.

What is a Natural Investment Permit (NIP)?

You need a NIP to launch a boat or use the trailer holding tank dump at a state park, unless you pay the daily fee over and over. It costs \$80 for a year and it includes all of the privileges of the Discover Pass. For those of you who use travel trailers and/or boats that would trigger a launch fee on a frequent basis, this might be the permit you want to invest in. Larrabee Park, Birch Bay State Park, and most state parks in Okanogan County and the rest of eastern Washington will have launch fees. I don't know what size boat/canoe/kayak/pontoon triggers the requirement for this permit. This is only a Parks permit, not DNR.

How can I cheat?

Well, first of all, shame on you. Secondly, if you can get your pontoon into the water and then park somewhere else in less than thirty minutes, you have beat the system, as stated in RCW 79A.80.070 Short-term parking:

Each agency, where applicable, must designate short-term parking not to exceed thirty minutes where the discover pass or day-use permit are not required at recreation sites or lands.

It may not be as satisfying as cheating, but if you are a registered camper at a State Park you are covered for Discover Pass privileges for the duration of your camping reservation.

And for the hardy winter hikers at Parks or DNR lands:

RCW 79A.80.060

Sno-park seasonal permit.

The discover pass or the day-use permit are not required, for persons who have a valid sno-park seasonal permit issued by the state parks and recreation commission, at designated sno-parks between November 1st through March 31st.

This is a lot of information, so if you need personal advice and don't want to explore the Code Revisor's website, drop me an email with your question and I will cite the RCW for you with a comment. [Note: I am not an attorney and I don't want to be one.]

Craig Carlile <ccarlile@comcast.net>



April's Culinary Corner

I have been working through different versions of corn bread to go with my chili with mixed results. I have an aversion to buying any kind of mix, with all the additions the manufacturers dump in there. So I started out with versions that are described as "Northern Cornbread". These are for the most part recipes that don't add sweeteners, use fewer eggs, and use a heavier grind on the cornmeal. I tweaked it a bit to get more moisture and reduce the "silage" quotient in the finished product. I have added bacon, cheese, jalapenos and sour cream to move the bread toward the goal. I even use the buttermilk to deglaze the pan in which I browned the bacon! (Those browned bits down there are absolutely gold!) I was moving in the right direction but still had a way to go.

I ran into this recipe recently and I said why not give it a chance? (This came across Tasting Table (<http://www.tastingtable.com/index.htm>) which has a lot of good things happening.)

I don't have any cast iron (gasp) so I made it in the convection oven in a glass dish. I also added about a cup of sour cream to the liquid before I incorporated it with the rest of the ingredients. (I have added it to the recipe below.)

It seems I am on the right track. While we had fewer attendees' at Pass Lake, they hoovered the cornbread!!

Bacon Jalapeño Cornbread

Recipe adapted from Joaquin Baca, The Brooklyn Star, Brooklyn, New York

Yield: one 9-inch cast iron skillet

Cook Time: 45 minutes

• INGREDIENTS

1 pound bacon (about 12-15 heavy slices I recommend Maple smoked Hempler's), cut into one-inch squares

2½ tablespoons light brown sugar

1½ cups finely ground yellow cornmeal

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons baking powder

¾ teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1½ teaspoons kosher salt

3 cups buttermilk

4 large eggs

2 tablespoons honey

½ cup Mexican style sour cream

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, divided

½ cup pickled jalapeños, diced



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DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°. In a large skillet set over medium-high heat, cook the bacon until it begins to crisp. Drain the bacon and set aside to cool.
2. In a large bowl, sift the brown sugar to remove any clumps. Stir in the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda, sugar and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, eggs, honey, sour cream and 2 tablespoons of the melted butter. Whisk the wet ingredients into the dry until a smooth batter forms, and add the cheese bacon and jalapenos and whisk again.
3. Carefully pour the batter straight into a 9-inch-by-13-inch pan or individual molds. Place the cornbread in the oven and bake until its set, the top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 18 minutes (this could take up to 40 minutes). Serve warm with butter of a good honey.

Enjoy

Frank Koterba, *Chief Chef for the FCFE*



Fly Box of the Year

April's Photo of the Month



2012 Fly Fishing Film Tour

This year's most captivating flyfishing films packed into one night

for the benefit of the Liam Wood Flyfishers & River Guardians

WHEN: Doors open 4:30pm, Show starts 5:00pm Sunday, March 29th 2012

WHERE: PAC at Western Washington University (WWU)

COST: \$12 – General \$8 – Student

TICKETS: available at www.flyfilmtour.com, the WWU box office (www.wwu.edu/pacboxoffice), the Community Co-op, and Village Books (www.villagebooks.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: visit www.n-sea.org, email outreach@n-sea.org or call (360) 715-0283

FLY FISHING INDUSTRY'S LARGEST EVENT STOPS IN BELLINGHAM FOR AN HD VIDEO TOUR – Epic landscapes, huge fish, and exotic locations will fill the screen for this big screen celebration of the art of fly fishing! Raffle items and numerous free prizes will be given away during this action packed night! An after party including \$1 off beers with ticket stub at Brandywine Kitchen will wrap up the night as attendees can discuss future flyfishing plans and the film tours epic scenes.

Fly Fishing's most celebrated annual event, the *Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T)*, the original and largest event of its kind, begins its continent-wide trek January 26th stopping in Bellingham on April 29th. The traveling spectacle serves as a stage for the best filmmakers in the industry, an avenue for supporting critical conservation groups, an expo for local retailers and outfitters, and a heck of a party for aspiring outdoor enthusiasts and avid anglers alike. Attendees can expect amazing fly fishing footage from the Bahamas, Belize, Alaska, New Zealand, and Canada. Coupled with the extraordinary fly fishing footage these films contain unique stories including a punk rock band fishing in Wisconsin, a surgeon with Parkinson's getting after it at Hemingway's favorite spots and a touching father-son story from Scotland.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Liam Wood Fly Fishers and River Guardians.

Programs supported by the Liam Wood Flyfishers and River Guardians School programs teach techniques of flyfishing in the context of river ecosystems and how people interact with them. Here in Bellingham, we have a heightened awareness of the threats to our streams and to our community as a result of the environmental catastrophe and the human tragedy caused by the gasoline spill and subsequent fire in the Whatcom Creek basin on June 10, 1999. Three lives were lost and an entire ecosystem was altered. To honor the memory of the young man who was fishing at the time of the fire and to create an opportunity to promulgate this environmental awareness, the Liam Wood Flyfishers and River Guardians, the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, and the 4th Corner Flyfishers have spearheaded the development of an educational program designed to foster a greater understanding of rivers and streams of the Pacific Northwest and the importance of conserving them. A unique summer course, the *Art, Science, and Ethics of Flyfishing*, is taught at Western Washington University and is open to the community.





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.

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.

January's Meeting January 26, 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"!

February's Board Meeting

February 7, 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Nathan Weston

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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....INCLUDING THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION!!!

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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