

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear 4CFF Members,

It's April, and there's sunlight at both ends of the work-day! And, it's not freezing. One could ask, with recollections of winter clouding our emerging rational perceptions, "What's wrong with this picture?" Ha! Personally, I'll go, at least fleetingly, with rationality. It's April and we deserve the change!

April, you say? Then there must be a Pancake Feed on the horizon !!! Yup, and I'm planning to show up, flip a few flapjacks with fine friends afore fishing', and enjoy more than just the alliteration present in that last phrase. Reflecting on this, it's been years, and sadly way too many years since I last attended this event which, for decades now, has heralded the beginning of that special season that draws us out of doors to the waters of life.

So, if you've never been there and done that, or if it's been far too long for you as well, then I'd urge you to sign up and then SHOW UP at Silver Lake, to raise not only your blood-sugar levels from all them-there pancakes and maple syrup, but also to raise that sense of inner excitement that comes from knowing that it is now possible to toss a fly at a rising fish and say "look out, piscine peasant, I got yer number and I'm a-gonna getcha!" But then you just might exhibit some class and not say anything like that at all....

At last Tuesday's Board Meeting, we discussed lots of things of common interest, including the ways in which the Club communicates internally [and improvements that we might make in so doing], the processes that exist in our governing documents for how people can become members of this amazing Club, and other matters of common interest and importance. For folks who haven't attended a Board meeting in awhile, again I'd be urging you to crawl out of the comfort of your easy chairs, c'mon down and

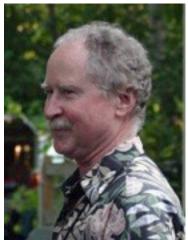
join us. It's the first Tuesday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church, a scant block each way off of Alabama and Cornwall in old Bellingham - take in the odd juxtaposition of grizzled feather-flingers in a children's Sunday School room - witness all the peculiar palaver and help keep us honest in our labors on behalf of the Club. Truth be known, we continually need that input.

Finally, don't forget that our Conservation Auction is scheduled for October. We've already had some good folks drop off antique rods and reels, hoping they'll find a new home in the hands of a successful bidder at the Auction. At that Auction, YOU could be either a bidder, or a donor, or both. Check that closet – is there some treasure that you

truly loved years ago, but haven't used for awhile? Will you REALLY fix it up and take it with you each time you go fishing, or will it just sit there gathering dust? It's your choice, and you know what ought to happen here. I don't have to say a word.

Well, I hope we get a chance to rub elbows at Silver Lake. Be well....

Hugh Lewis
President
<a href="https://hugh@lewislaw.com">hugh@lewislaw.com</a>





"The secret of life in the Northwest runs in packs of silver; as with most mysteries, it lies just below the surface, evident to anyone who thinks it important enough to look....a few Chinook salmon hurry upstream, driven by a singular impulse to pass on the baton of life and then die.... Their stomachs empty..., they seek a square foot of gravel in the natal stream. Once the female finds a home, she will drop a load of perhaps five thousand eggs. If not already attached, the males may compete for paternal rights. Usually the bigger fish win, but occasionally a small salmon darts out from hiding and quickly fertilizes the eggs before the slower-moving studs have finished their mano-amano routine. From there, the upstream struggle is over....the salmon's death is one of nature's principal ways of bringing nutrients from the sea to the land of the Northwest."

Timothy Egan, "The Good Rain"

# CONSERVATION REPORT

Fellow Members,

Last Saturday the weather gods were kind to us so we were able to get in a couple of hours of "tree fencing" in at 10 Mile Creek before we ran out of supplies (my error). Seems that our intrepid crew can go thru rolls of wire fence material faster than the age old poop through a goose. We got quite a few plants protected from further beaver damage and also started working on a new area in preparation of our planting party on Sat. May 4. Many thanks to Klaus, Dennis, Sid, Charlie, the Faulkners and Angus. Two prospective members Jerry Hill and Tom Langley helped alot and got to see what we do as a club. Finally, special kudos to my assistant Terry Mc Ewen who kept his crew from taking too many naps!

The Steelhead redd surveys are having trouble getting off the ground as persistent wet weather has raised creek levels and creek turbidity (pictures below). Tune in later on this project.

Since we are dealing with beaver issues at 10 Mile Creek, here are a few interesting bits of information about our flat tailed friend. The North American beaver has 25 subspecies dependent on geographic areas. Beavers usually mate for life. The female comes into heat once a year and then for only 24



hours. Most of the rest of the time she must have a headache! Beavers in our area mate between Dec and May. The gestation period is about 128 days. The young, called "kits" stay with the parents for about 2 years before looking for their own territory. Beavers prefer to eat primarily deciduous trees (birch, maple, willow, alder etc) but will eat pine, spruce and cedar as a second choice and especially in the Spring. They will also eat some grass in the summer and also use it as insulation in their lodges. Beavers are primarily nocturnal and prefer to be in the water most of the time. They can stay submerged for up to 15 minutes on one breath of air. Their large tail serves as both a warning device when slapped on the water as well as a storage depot for fat. The largest beaver dam in North America was discovered in 2007 in the Wood Buffalo Nat'l Park in Alberta. It was 2,790 feet long (more than 1/2 mile!!!!!). This is over twice the length of Hoover Dam. Beavers

have been around for a long time. The oldest fossil record of the beaver's presence in the U.S. are two teeth from Dayville, Oregon that were 7 million years old. Current scientific studies are showing that beavers may do as much good to a riparian habitat as they do

harm. Quite an interesting animal.

That's all for now, Dan

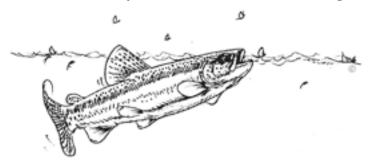
Dan Coombs

Conservation Chairman
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Katie Rohrer, NSEA redd counter, and Bob Johnston on Smith Creek, Deming looking for steelhead redds.



## **Squalicum Lake Creel Census**

### 2012

	#anglers	#hrs fished	#fish caught	fish/hr	#triploids	%cutthroats
Jan	No reports					
Feb	No reports					
Mar	13	11	4	0.4	0	0%
April	32	19	28	1.5	3	46%
May	24	47	87	1.9	10	39%
June	20	46	65	1.4	16	54%
July	22	31	40	1.3	8	65%
Aug	15	17	15	0.9	0	60%
Sept	7	11	17	1.5	1	70%
Oct	4	9	23	2.6	0	87%
Nov	1	5	-	-	-	
Dec	No reports					

## **Best Flies**

March	Black W. Bugger	
April	W. Bugger, Prince Nymph, Soft Hackle	
May	Olive W.B., Green W.B., Yellow W.B., Royal Wulff	
June	Leach, Adams, W.B. with orange head, Green W.B.	
July	Caddis, Black W.B.	
Aug	Black W.B., Adult Damsel	
Sept	PMD, W. Bugger, Yellow W.B., Black Leech, Carrie Sp.	
Oct	W. Bugger	

### Notes:

- 1. 3 Brown Trout reported
- 2. 2 Tiger Trout reported
- 3. Rainbow 16 in. and over reported as Triploids
- 4. 25 fish killed and kept

# APRIL PROGRAM

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on April 25, 2013. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm. The program will begin at 7:30pm and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

We've had some last minute juggling of the program schedule and I am very pleased to announce that the program this month will be given by Tim Lockhart. Tim has some strong Bellingham connections – he is a graduate of Western Washington University and lived for a number of years near Lake Padden. Here is a brief bio:

I have 35+ years of experience fishing locally. Geographically, the core of my stillwater fly fishing experience is in western Washington. Over time I have frequented numerous lakes and ponds in our region, more than I can count, and currently make repeated visits to about a dozen of them. To a lesser extent, I've fished stillwater in eastern Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the UK (resided in London 2007-8). I have also fished throughout WA, OR, ID and MO for a wide variety of species; bass, salmon, steelhead and halibut are examples. This includes use of fly rod & reel as well as conventional gear in lakes, rivers and saltwater. At present I fish about 100 times per year. Career: 20+ years in banking and still at it. Started out in downtown Bellingham after graduating WWU.

One of the items that Tim doesn't mention, but something you should be aware of, is that he is a recently published author. His book *Stillwater Strategies: 7 Practical Lessons for Catching More Fish in Lakes, Reservoirs, & Ponds* is reported to be an excellent source of knowledge about stillwater fishing. The book will serve as the backbone of Tim's presentation and copies will be available for purchase. We'll even make some time for Tim to do some signing (if you already have a copy you can bring it with you to be signed too). Tim describes the program as:

Stillwater Fly Fishing - Locating and Attracting Trout: I'll present a lot of the basic principles in the book, as well as offering some good general tips and some knowledge about Pass Lake (and maybe a little on spots in or near Bellingham).

I'm really excited about this program. Tim is a regular contributor to the forums on Washington Fly Fishing and his posts have very helpful to me over the years as I've worked to improve my stillwater fishing in general and my catch-rate at Pass Lake in particular. I hope you can join us!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 23 by visiting http://4cff.eventbrite.com or by contacting me via email at 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 for you to pay. Also, you may have noticed the last couple of months we've been

running at full capacity for our room. It is very helpful if you can RSVP in a timely manner so I can give an accurate count to the staff at the country club.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25th!

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs
Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Save the Date! July 10, 2013

The WWU Libraries Special Collections will be hosting Darrel Martin for two talks on July 10, 2013 on the campus of Western Washington University. They will be serving light refreshments and providing tours of their fly fishing collection. We hope members might be interested in attending. For more information, contact Tamara Belts, 650.3193.

# New 4CFF Videos on the Website

There are new 4CFF YouTube videos on the <u>website</u>. Go the website and look at the top right hand corner. You will see "Contacts". Click on this and go down to 4CFF YouTubes videos. In there you will find recent postings on the Pass Lake and Ten Mile Creek outings.

If anyone is taking pictures or videos at any of the upcoming outings, please pass them on and I will include them in the YouTube postings.

This is a great way to show how involved our club is in fishing, conservation, and education.

Sid Strong, Co-co-co- Communication Chairman and Co- Editor At Small for the 4CFF Newsletter

# Dues Are No Longer Due

The seventy five of us who are now the official members along with fourteen family members can be free of dues notices, pleas, begs and other outlandish tactics for the rest of 2013.

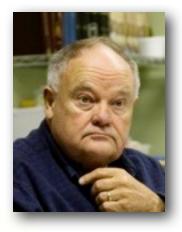
The bad news is the seven members we lost from last year. Two moved out of the area and obviously had to find another club to meet their fly fishing needs. Two indicated that they had found themselves too busy with other things to be active members in 4CFF. The others have not shown the courtesy of acknowledging any of the four email notices and one regular mailing explaining that they would be dropped. Maybe we don't need them after all.

The good news is 70 members paid dues of \$60 exactly equal to the budgeted income from that category. In addition thirteen members paid the extra \$30 to include family members and two late payers provided and extra \$10 each. Incredibly, two of our honorary life members went ahead and donated dues payments amounting to\$120.

The Board has determined that all Budget categories have been funded adequately and we should enjoy a great year of activities of interest to every member.

My thanks go out to each of you who carefully checked the Roster entry I sent out. Our 2013 Roster should be the most accurate we've had in recent years. Your help is appreciated. We can keep it accurate if you will drop me an email with any changes as soon as you can.

Larry Irwin FCFF Treasurer larryandbarb@comcast.net





# Confluence Fly Shop

I first learned about the 4th Corner Fly Fishers when I visited a fly shop that no longer exists. I have been in quite a few since then but the problem is that none of them were local. We no longer have that complaint. What happened?? Nothing until, now! We have seen several attempts to get our business, however it has been only that, just business. A while ago we ran into these two locals who had more ambition than maybe sense. (Thank God) They have hung out their shingle as The Confluence Fly Shop. It is located at 2620 North Harbor Loop Drive Space #9. Their website is The Confluence Fly Shop. And their phone is (360) 224-4043.

I asked Scott to let us know how their end happened.

Ed Megill and Scott Willison met some 6 years ago at a CCA meeting in the dingy backroom of the Sudden Valley Bob's Burger and Brew. Ed was working as a guide and getting Cascades Fly Fishing Expeditions up and running at the time. A friendship quickly



formed over a mutual passion for fly fishing and conservation as well as cold, hoppy beverages. Scott began working for Ed as a guide and commercial fly tier for the guide business a few years later. One day, likely involving an IPA or two, the two thought it might be nice to be able to provide their clients and the community at large with a few odds and ends like leader material, flies, fly lines, and perhaps a rod and reel now and then. The Confluence Fly Shop was born and slowly evolved into a small, but successful operation stocking Echo rods, Solitude Reels, Airflo lines and Willy Dog flies; residing largely in an old green shed outside of Van Zandt and along the banks of the Nooksack and Skagit rivers.

In early 2013, after canvasing greater Whatcom County for a suitable retail location, they settled on a little space in Squalicum Harbor with ample free parking, a grassy plot for casting rods and upscale dining at the Weblocker Restaurant across the street. They then began the feverish

process of transforming the pale pink walls and bland office environment into the warm and inviting niche that it is today. On April 1st the doors officially opened to the public for Bellingham's premier and soon to be full service fly shop.

The Confluence Fly Shop currently stocks Echo rods, Airflo lines, Rio products, Solitude reels, Solitude Flies, Meiser Rods, Waterworks-Lampson reels, Fish Hunter materials, Hareline Dubbin materials, Wapsi materials, Tiemco and Daiichi hooks, Dr. Slick tools and a multitude of other odds and ends.

In the not so distant future the shop will add Renzetti, Simms, Scientific Anglers, Ross, Mustad Signature Series hooks and at some point, a tertiary line of rods as yet to be determined.

The Confluence's vision, as the name implies, is to create a place where all members in the fly fishing community can come together in a shared enthusiasm for the sport we love and the conservation ethic that keeps it alive for the next generation. You can count on Scott and Ed to be welcoming and driven to perpetuate your enjoyment of the water and the fish whether you're brand new to fly fishing or a seasoned and accomplished angler. The shop will host regular classes for fly tying, single and two-handed casting as well as targeting techniques for specific fisheries as the season's progress. We are blessed to be doing what we love and will work tirelessly to kindle that passion in others. We appreciate the overwhelming support from the community and recognize that our customers make us who we are.

I can only say that this shop is what has been missing from Bellingham since H&H closed. Scott and Ed are the real deal.



# Joe's Tying Bench

## Flies on The Web

I admit to being a book lover. Over the years I have collected many volumes dealing with fly fishing and fly tying. I enjoy relaxing while reading and having a reference that I can have next to my tying desk where I can readily refer to it. I suppose that people that have e-readers can make the same argument, but, given a preference, I still enjoy the printed page much more than reading on a computer screen. Recently however, I have been exploring the information available to fly tyers on the internet, and I am amazed.

The internet is a wonderful resource for fly tyers. If you type "tying ...(pattern name)..." into the search engine you will find many references to images, instructions and often videos about the pattern you want.

Regarding the videos, there is a wide range in quality out there. Some are good and some are amateurish. I will give you the names of two tyers who produce outstanding videos. The first is Davie McPhail. He is Scottish and has a bit of a brogue, but if you can get past that, his video presentations are of professional quality. The best place to find his work is on YouTube. Type in 'Fly Tying with Davie McPhail' into the YouTube search box and it will take you to many pages showing thumbnails of all the flies he has on the site and if you click on any of those you will get the video.

The other tier who also shows his work on YouTube, again of professional quality, is Hans Weilenmann; just put his name in the search box. You will notice that some of his methods of attaching material to the hook are somewhat unconventional, but when you see how it works, you will see that it creates a very neat and durable fly. You can also access Weilenmann's work by going to <a href="www.danica.com/flytier/index.html">www.danica.com/flytier/index.html</a> (note: tier is not a typographical error, it is the European spelling). The title of the page is The Hans Weilenmann Flytier's Page and it gives nearly 5000 patterns by 267 tyers, all indexed. While you are there, check out the patterns by Ren'e Harrop, an outstanding American tyer with patterns that work very well. You might want to do a Google search on his Hairwing Dun; a great pattern. Weilenmann seems to come out with new patterns added to his YouTube videos every few days and I think they show up there before they do his Flytier's Page site.

Another good site is www.charliesflyboxinc.com On the right hand side, tab down and click 'Flybox.' At the top of that page is a search box and if you click it you will get

references to all the flies he has there. When you pull up a pattern you will see, in bright red letters, "Click here for tutorial."

There are also a number of forums devoted to fly tying or sites that have fly tying as a forum choice. One is www.sparsegreymatter.com another is www.washingtonflyfishing.com As you explore you will find many more.

www.classicflyrodforum.com has a forum on fly tying which can be instructive. I have seen many references about where to buy materials that are hard to find and the people that post on the site are serious enough about it that they wouldn't tolerate junk. You can also find other interesting things, like a link to a video showing Frank Sawyer tying his original Pheasant Tail Nymph.

Many web sites have links to other sites where you can find even more information. Following these links is like following footsteps in the sand. I have found many other informative sites by doing this. If there is a downside, it could be that you can also spend a great deal of time in the pursuit.



# April Outings Report

It's that time when events are starting to ramp up in the outings calendar. We have had our first outing at Pass Lake and there are several in the near future that demand attention.

### Pass Lake:

I must say this was a great way to spend a Saturday. It was an opportunity for a lot of us (say 30) to get together and hobnob, fish, lie, and foremost just get to spend some time opening the season. There was a relaxed atmosphere that now seems to prevail for our club. The weather cooperated with fair skies although it still was cold when you got in the shade or the wind came up. Maybe that was why 20 minutes before we were to eat everyone came streaming in off the water. After lunch we held a drawing for one of our "40 Year" hats which now rests on the head of Ralph Lloyd. Ed's fly box was next and I am quite happy to let you know that I found room in the truck to take it home with me! Some just came to spend time, some fished, and even WFGD got into the act when one

officer was willing to do whatever to mitigate our Discover Pass transgressions. Many of us had not renewed or displayed the pass. Mine was out of date by 4 months so I paid the day use fee. When I learned that he was selling the annual passes, he was willing to open the box and retrieve my \$10 and sell me an annual Discover Pass.

I learned of several instances where this officer did not go for the maximum penalties. He could have hit members with big fines and I know he also wrote tickets for a lot for less than the maximum. We need to help these guys do their job by paying attention!!! I think in the future I will be smart and just get the new pass with my license tabs. It is also time to renew your Washington State fishing license.



### Silver Lake Pancake Breakfast:

This will happen on the opening of the low lakes. It also happens to be an opportunity for a pretty good time. I have only received notification that 18 of you are coming. If you did not sign up at the last membership meeting let me know. We need to plan on the amount of food and I could use a few souls to lend a hand with the setup, cooking and cleanup. Since most of you are fishing, we will shoot for a 7:30 breakfast. This means the crew will need to be there at 6:00. The directions and other information will be available on the website as a detail document.

## **Peterhope Lake Outing:**

The next outing will be our first with the Osprey and Totem Fly Clubs from BC. We will be meeting them the second week in May with a Potluck on Saturday May, 11th. We will be meeting them in the western end of the campground on the north end of the lake. Please let me know if you are planning to go.

The details will be available as a detail document. This should be an interesting trip.

## **Big Twin Lake Outing:**

We will be making our first trip to Big Twin Lake area the following week with the pot luck on May 18th.

To make your reservations contact the Big Twin Campground and let them know you are part of our group. Phone: (509) 996-2650 Website: Big Twin Campground This has been a great area to spend some time.

### Coastal Conservation Association Banquet and Fundraiser:

CCA will be hosting their 5th Annual extravaganza on Saturday, April 13th at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. The doors open at 5:00 and dinner begins at 6:30. Come on in and enjoy the fun while bidding on the many great items in the silent and live auctions. The tickets are \$75 per person and \$140 for a couple. This includes your annual membership in CCA.

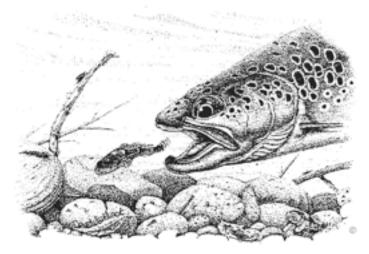
You will already know many of the attendees who are also members of 4CFF.

Event tickets and Raffle tickets are available at the Confluence Fly Shop.

See you out there,

Frank Koterba External VP/ Outings Chair





# Save the Dates!

May 9th-12th	Peter Hope Lake with the Osprey and Totem fly clubs
May 15th-19th	Big Twin Lake
June 18th-26th	Interlake District (Hwy 24) Canadian lakes
Mid July	Steelhead on the Stillaguamish
Aug 7th-11th	Classic at Big Twin with Osprey's
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Picnic
Sept 4th-8th	Upper Skagit
Sept 18th-22nd	Yakima River



# April 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 (<a href="http://www.tastingtable.com/index.htm">http://www.tastingtable.com/index.htm</a>) 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 hovered 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
- •21/2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- •1½ cups finely ground yellow cornmeal
- •2 cups all-purpose flour
- •2 tablespoons baking powder
- •3/4 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

#### **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 jalapeños 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.



Frank Koterba

Campsite Chef of the FCFF





# A NEW FLY SHOP IN TOWN!!!



## con·flu·ence [kon-floo-uh ns]:

A flowing together of two or more people, ideas, streams, or rivers.

## http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com

We have, at last, a new fly shop. Scott Willison and Ed Megill are proud owners of The Confluence Fly Shop. Their store is located at 2620 N. Harbor Loop #9 (Harbor Mall across from the Yacht club) More information, please go to the website. This is the start of something big!







# Hours of Operation:

Tuesday 11 am - 6 pm Wednesday 11am-6 pm Thursday 11 am - 7 pm Friday 11am - 6 pm Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Or By Appointment

# COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION NORTH SOUND CHAPTER



# 5th ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET & FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13th

### BELLINGHAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

3729 Meridian Street Bellingham, WA

The North Sound Chapter of CCA welcomes you to join us for the 5th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser.

Proceeds help in preserving and restoring wild and native fish and other Northwest marine resources in Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties.

## www.ccanorthsoundauction.org

Ticket information (360) 510.9563 (360) 927.0544

Reception and silent auction ➤ 5:00



Dinner and live auction ➤ 7:30 pm































**Coastal Conservation Association (CCA)** is the largest and most effective marine conservation and restoration organization of its kind in the United States. Your involvement and tax deductible support will allow us to preserve our precious wild and native salmon, steelhead and other marine resources for future generations.

CCA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3).



# 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 <a href="http://www.4thcornerfly.com">http://www.4thcornerfly.com</a> 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 <a href="http://www.4thcornerfly.com">http://www.4thcornerfly.com</a>. 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.

March's Meeting

# THURSDAY,

Apr. 25, 2013

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

RSVP to Matt for reservations:

http://4cff.eventbrite.com msr@deepsnow.com

360-319-1350

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 7, 2013

Trinity Lutheran Church 119 Texas Street Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

# 4CFF Board Members

# President

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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 FCFF.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout

Flies" by local author and FCFF 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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