



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first order of business, is thanking Steve Runge for the last couple of years' worth of Random Casts. He and Sid Strong have touched all of us every month by editing this missive. While Sid will still be around, (unless he is not) Steve and his family will be starting their adventure in another part of the country. Steve, we wish you well and thanks for sharing the last 5 years with us. If you get back this way, know that you and your family are always welcome.

We should also extend a thank you to our new editor, Jamie Harrington. He has stepped up to take on the job and from what I hear he brings a new level of expertise in producing our newsletter.

As I mentioned last month we will be celebrating our 45th year in existence. By the way on April 12th stop what you are doing and raise a glass to the 4th Corner Fly fishers as that is our birthday. So as you attend meetings, the picnic, outings and other events there will be added activities to celebrate. I know Tom Langley and Marion Hiller are including enhancements to their events this year. It is very probable that you will be bringing home some anniversary bling when you attend their events. They both have pretty amazing schedules for this year so plan on attending.

Last week we lost another member of the 4CFF family. Joe Kelly joined the club in 1993 was a member for 24 years. He served as president in 2001 and was very involved in our conservation and education activities. He also succumbed to the addiction of fly tying and rod building including bamboo. He was a valued individual for what he brought to live and to the club.

The Conservation Auction has been a big part of growing our club in the last 10 years. In addition to just accumulating funds for the club and our Conservation activities, it has been a chance for us to get together and produce some fine and fun dinners. We are behind on a couple of them so as soon as they are scheduled I will be putting together the teams to cook and serve them. I might add that the "staff is also included in the meal.

I am also looking for a co-chair and committee members to produce the Conservation Auction. We will be asking for participation from all of us to ensure the success of this year's festivities.

By the time you get this we will have e-mailed you a copy of this year's annual budget. It has a description of the budgets for each of our committees and the activities of the club. The board has increased the budgets for a number of areas. The intent is to increase the value of our activities for each of you. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

As you start to gear up for the coming year, check in to our website and calendar to see what the club has scheduled. (By the way we are moving to a new server which should speed up the process.)

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

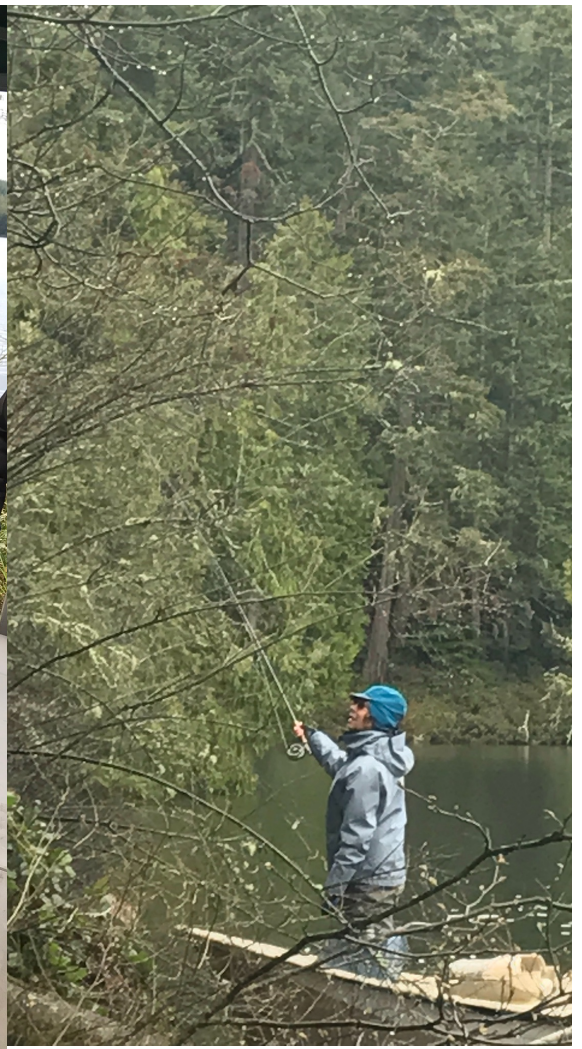
Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Pass Lake Outing





Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, April 27, 2017. The evening begins at 6:00 P.M with The Wet Fly, a social time/open bar. Dinner follows at 6:45. The evening's program begins at 7:30 P.M. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting: fish stories, introduction of guests, announcements, and various committee reports. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

This month's program: Anil Srivastava from Puget Sound Fly Company in Tacoma presents "Fishing for Albacore Tuna on the Fly." Hear his advice, tips, and tricks on how to catch a tuna on a fly, and stories of his adventure.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite for the meeting by Wednesday, April 26 by 8:00 A.M. by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at bxxcoper2010@gmail.com or by phone at [360-961-4398](tel:360-961-4398). Getting your RSVP in on time helps provide an accurate count for the kitchen and is highly appreciated. Please indicate if you desire dinner or just attending the meeting. Remember a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay.

Coming Presentations

May: Zach Rhodes is part of Trout Unlimited's Suction Dredge Mining Reform Campaign that is taking steps to protect stream beds of native salmonids where suction dredge mining is necessary is seeking for stronger regulation and management. His presentation will explain the campaign's purpose, goals, actions, and progress. Zach recently presented at the local TU chapter and was well received.

June: Owner of Searun Pursuits and a fishing guide of SW Washington and the Olympic Peninsula rivers and beaches present "Fly Fishing for Steelhead and Cutthroat on the Cowlitz River."

July: Co-hosts, Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt of the TV show "Fishing with Ladin," will share their trout fishing experience on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair
Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

Treasurer's Report

Monthly expenses for March of 2017 included:

Monthly Speaker's Fee	\$150.00
Phil Rowley Raffle Expense	110.66
<u>QuickBooks Monthly Fee</u>	<u>26.09</u>
Total Expenses	\$286.75

Monthly income for March of 2017 included:

Late Payment of Dues Fees	\$60.00
Donations	100.00
Member Monthly Dinner No Show	20.00
Monthly Gilly	4.00
Phil Rowley Non-Member Dinners	28.25
<u>Savings Accounts Interest</u>	<u>28.71</u>
Total Income	240.96

Current bank account balances are \$20,911 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,897 (Conservation Savings).

The period for payment of annual dues has ended. Total dues collected for the 2017 calendar year include \$3,480 for individual memberships and \$1,080 for family memberships, for a total of \$4,560. Six late fee payments totaled \$60. We lost one member who resigned because he is leaving the area, and the board granted a year leave of absence to one other member.

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Bill Faulkner
FCFF Treasurer



Communications Report

The website is up and running and the club calendars are populated with outings, meetings, education functions and conservation events. There have been a couple of members who needed password resets in order to access member protected material and these resets were supplied promptly. If you have any issues logging in, please let me know.

The membership approved the club budget for next year, so the website will be moved to a new server which should speed up functionality and overall performance. This costs about \$80/year.

Happy fishing

Phil

Conservation Report

Dear Members and Prospectives,

Finally the door has cracked open and we are all seeing early signs of Spring weather. Some of our luckier members will have already experienced a Dry Falls fishing adventure before you read this and a lot of others are making plans to fish a vast array of destinations. On the conservation front we have some of you signed up for our work session on Sat. April 15 at the 10 Mile Creek site. I walked that property yesterday and saw that our tasks will be fairly easy that morning. This will be our "LAST" organized work party at 10 Mile as it's in the type of shape now that will allow the school landscape people to take over its care permanently. Our club began the 10 Mile Creek planting and rehab work over ten years ago with Joe Kelly at the helm and can be very proud that we have improved the site to a functioning ecosystem for Salmon enhancement. I encourage all members to take an hour or two on Sat. April 15 to come out and observe what our club has accomplished. It truly is time for us to celebrate this accomplishment. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided on site that morning. Any questions, call me or visit our website for more information. Oh, and by the way, the beavers have reestablished themselves but most trees are protected at this point.

Our second work outing will be on Sat. May 6 to Ladies of the Lake property at the south end of Lake Whatcom. There will be a signup sheet for this one at our next meeting and

vital information is already posted on the club website. A beautiful piece of riparian property...you owe it to yourselves to go out and see it for yourselves.

One other conservation opportunity is available to you on April 22 through Nooksack Salmon Enhancement. They are hosting their Earth Day Potting Party at the NSEA offices on E. Bakerview Rd. They request you park in the Bank of the Pacific parking lot at the Northeast corner of Hannegan and Bakerview Rds. Transportation will be provided to the site from there. Time is from 9-noon. Hope all of you will find time to help at at least one of these worthwhile functions.

Tight lines to all,

Dan and John



Mark Your Calendars! Conservation Opportunity

Mike Reed

4CFF is for fly fishing and conservation! Please join me Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9-11:30am at the Ladies of the Lake property for conservation efforts. Afterwards, we'll meet at one of Bellingham's fine breweries for R&R.

The Conservation Event details, can be found on the [club calendar](#). Sign-up via this [Eventbrite link](#).

Prospective members, here is an opportunity to check off the conservation requirement and meet members.

This beautiful property, is conveniently located at the south end of Lake Whatcom. It is bordered by two creeks, Fir and Anderson. Lake Whatcom coho salmon use these creeks for spawning.

Promoting 4CFF goals, our conservation committee has adopted this property and established a conservation rehab plan. This property is owned by Whatcom Land Trust (WLT), one of our donees.

WLT will have two interns, along with their tool truck, including 3 brush cutters. This a chance to get a lot accomplished. Your help is needed! See you there!

Mike Reed

4CFF Conservation Committee member

Land steward, Ladies of the Lake

In Memory of..

Joe Kelly. I don't know what he did for a living, I didn't know how much money he made, and I never found out what his dreams were. I did know that his passion and soul was fly fishing. His love was Linda Sherman.

Joe is a former 4CFF member, conservationist, fly fisherman, fly tier, bamboo rod maker, and a good friend. He passed away on March 26, 2017. He was a great man to share a stream and a campfire with.

He will be missed.

To Joe,

"I build a fire and stare into it, to be with you. To hear your stories, your laughter, your sadness. Come sit with me by the fire. Let me sing you a song. Your laughter shook your whole body. You were strong and quick to help people in trouble. Life is lonely, we can any of us get too lonely. I feel those who loved you gather round. I hear us singing for you. When we gather round, you are there by the fire. So don't be so lonesome now. We hold you in the circle. Hunker down. Lean in...."



Greg Brown,
"The Evening Call"

FOR SALE!!!

A Sage 9'0" Graphite III 690-4RPL four piece 6 weight and a Reddington reel with a 6 wt. floating line and a spare reel with a 6 wt. full sink line. This rod and reel are perfect for local lakes!



A Winston 9'6" BL5 Saltwater five piece 8 weight and a Scientific Angler System 2 reel with a 8 wt. floating line and a spare spool with a sink tip. Perfect for salmon and bone fish. The extra length makes it ideal for shore casting.

Two rods, two reels with spare spools..... \$750

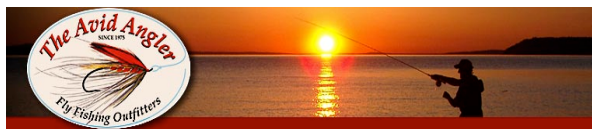


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A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<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. Contact Dan Coombs 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>.

Tom Langley 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 hosts.

Monthly Meeting

Apr 27,
2017

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>

Don't forget to
bring a fly for the
FLY PLATE!

Next Board Meeting

May 2, 2017

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

4CFF Board Members

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Steve Runge

Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Steve Hiller

Raffle Chairmen: Nathan Weston

Directors: Sid Strong, Steve Hiller, Bruce Aigner, Mike Riber, and Angus MacArthur

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 FCF.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCF 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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