

4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April President's Message:

If you were wondering what all the fuss was about regarding throwing flies in saltwater, you will have several opportunities to find out in the next couple of months. Our May program features Justin Waters from All-Waters Guide Service. all-waters.com They specialize in fishing the Hood Canal for Salmon and Sea Run Cutthroat trout. I saw his presentation at the Fidalgo Fly Fishers meeting last month. He covers a lot of information on the fishery, tactics, equipment. And a lot of shots of some pretty fish. He is really sold on the whole package.

As part his stay he will be doing several workshops on May 24th at our own Confluence Fly Shop. He will cover saltwater casting from 2-3:30 and will be tying some of his favorite SRC patterns from about 3:30-5:30 at the shop. Both are free. I know where I will be before we get together for the meeting later that night.

Another chance to expand your saltwater chops will be happen at my humble abode this Saturday. There will be a fly tying session focused on saltwater bugs. Scott Willison from the aforementioned fly shop will be there to demonstrate tying the Chumbody's Baby, Colin's Green Thing, my Composite Squid and possibly Colin's Mockingbird too. The list of materials/pattern recipes will be provided and we will be pitching in for some of the materials. Please use Eventbrite to sign up or give me a call. I will be putting together a few victuals so a count is appreciated.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

April 14 - Frank Koterba: 1:00-4:30

360 927-0544 <mailto:fwkiii17@gmail.com>

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fly-tying-casa-koterba-tickets-44717375875>

Keep an eye open for future occasions that are combining programs, workshops and other events that will give you a better understanding for some of the venues and species we pursue.

We have had some new applicants for membership in the last month or so (Dean Bates, Willie Toth, Brandon and Toni Miller). If you see them around say hi. Dean and Toni are new to our sport, Brandon is expanding his knowledge and Willie has been at it awhile and has some pretty good U-tube videos out there.

I look forward to creating more stories with you on the water this year.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

Note Date Change!!! General Membership Meeting: **Wednesday, April 25**

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**. 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. with fish stories, introduction of guests, announcements and the evening's program. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting of various committee reports and such. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

Jim Cox from Western Rivers Conservancy who will speak about their current projects and efforts river to protect those western streams in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-dinner-meeting-april-25-2018-tickets>, by email at bxxcooper2010@gmail.com or by phone at 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.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager

“The first fish I remember lived under a big rock that was in a pool not to far from my house. To my 5 year old eyes, he was a monster and very, very, smart.

Two or three of us, all about the same age, would crawl out on the rock, drop a single salmon egg ovr the edge and watch it sink slowly toward the bottom. The fish would glide out from under the rock, inspect the egg, then suck it in and go back under the rock. We would then put a hook in an egg, have lots of slack in our leader material, then drop the egg into the pool. Again the fish would come from under the rock, inspect the egg, bu he wouldn't take it. We would then repeat the process, egg with no hook, egg with hook, with the same results. We tried the same process with worms, with the same results.

I moved from there when I was 8 and the fish was still there, just as smart as ever but measurably larger from all the eggs and worms we fed him. I hope he died of old age.”

Errol McWhirk, The Black Muddler

Conservation Report

Greetings to all 4CFF'ers from your Conservation Dept.,

Some of us ventured out over the past weekend to chase the elusive trout on Dry Falls Lake in Eastern Washington. Fishing was quite slow due to cold, rainy conditions but the camaraderie as usual was very good. Just a reminder that this coming Friday we are having our Spring cleanup work party at Squalicum Lake at 10:00 AM. That's Friday April 13 so be sure to wear a "good luck" charm. Refreshments will be served and most tools will be provided so just bring your gloves and a pair of loppers or rake if you have them. Parking for Squalicum Lk. is at the intersection of Mt Baker Hwy and the Y Rd. See you there!

Just a reminder to you newer members our club is in the process of weaning ourselves away from the use of lead either as sinkers or as a fly weighting material as we tie weighted flies. You can turn in your lead sinkers/coils to me at one of our meetings and I will see that it gets to the right hands who will handle it properly. Then go down to Confluence and purchase some non-lead substitutes for a few dollars. The fish and the environment will benefit from your efforts.



Tight Lines, Dan Coombs and John Leighton.

".....Fly-fishing is a sport in which fish are caught properly only in a certain way, often against all odds, and that using rods made from a weird kind of grass that grows in China seems somehow appropriate."

John Gierach, Trout Bum

Conservation Report (continued)

Ladies of the Lake 4CFF Conservation Event Partnering with Whatcom Land Trust Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9am-noon

ACTIVITY: Conservation Work Party

Primary Goal: Non-native plant suppression (blackberry bushes) and removal. Trash removal. Note: Time permitting will also pick-up trash at adjacent County boat launch area.

DATE and TIME: Saturday, May 5, 2018. 9-noon. This event will only cancel for weather that presents dangerous conditions (high winds) or conditions that prevent working. Come prepared for the elements!

CONTACT: John Leighton, 360-724-6381

LOCATION: Ladies of the Lake Preserve is located at the south end of Lake Whatcom on the south side of Bay Dr. Address (works in Google Maps) is 4101 S. Bay Dr., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284. The property is generally across the street (south side) from South Lake Whatcom Boat launch site. Limited site parking, carpooling encouraged.

Dress: Dress for weather and activity. Durable gloves, eyewear protection, hat, long sleeve shirt, long pants, boots. Bring sunblock, bug repellent, personal water and snacks, hand sanitizer, hygiene/toileting supplies for "au natural" use. No toileting facilities at site; but plenty of cover.

Tools: Whatcom Land Trust usually brings some tools like wire cutters, fence post pullers, and loppers. That said, if you can bring your own tools, especially anything helpful for non-invasive plant removal (shovel, rake, loppers, trash grabbers, etc.) it will be helpful. It is frustrating when volunteers are ready to pitch in; but, have no tools!

Trash Pickup: Any tools to help pick up and carry trash (grabbers, trash bags/buckets) For example, 5 gallon paint bucket. We really haven't seen much trash at the site; but, could always be surprised.



Outings Report

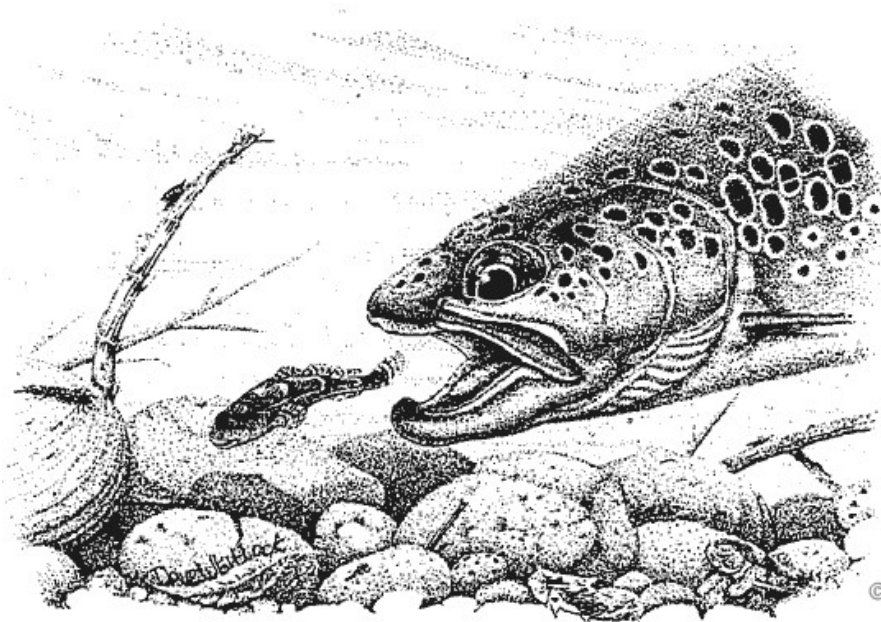
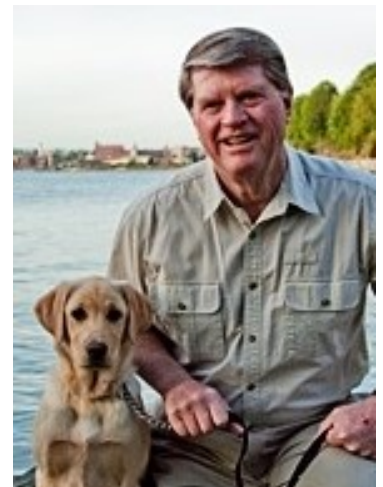
Dry Falls Outing (the wet one!)

Another club outing is under our belt and it was best characterized by unstable weather conditions. Some of us showed up on Wed and stayed through Saturday while other arrived on Thursday and Friday to fish through the weekend. Rain through out most of the trip with Saturday afternoon showing some clearing and Sunday the only real nice day for the week. Fishing was great, catching not so much. Dave Johnson was the champ on Sunday with 9 really nice landings. The variable weather put a real damper on the fish and the fishermen. But overall it was still an enjoyable trip punctuated by lively discussions on most of the great questions facing our world today, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and lots of libations which helped all of us to develop the solutions to all the world problems.

So next up is Colville Twin lakes starting April 20th.

Tight Lines

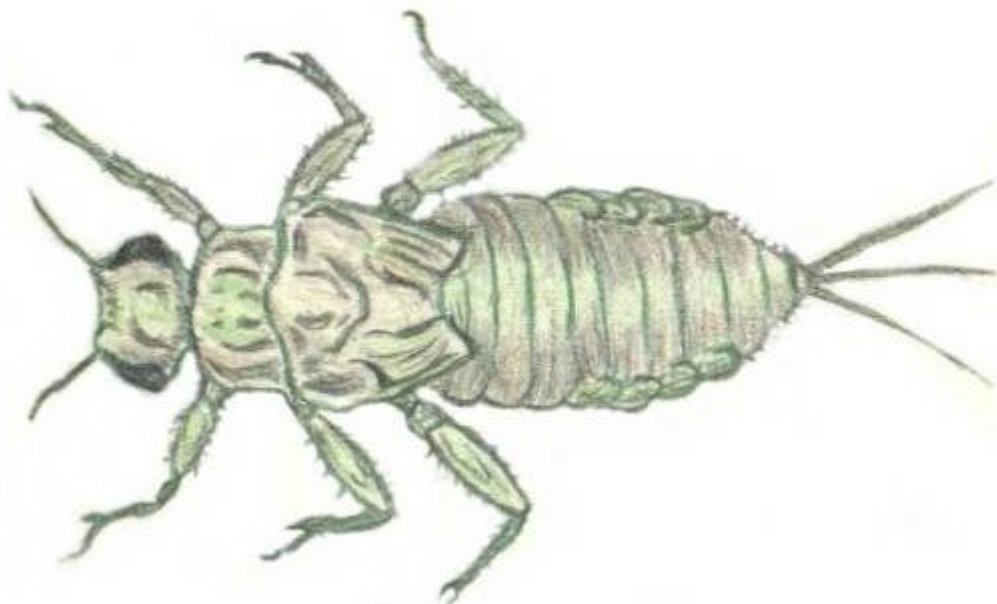
Tom Langley



A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



[Osprey Fly Fishers](#)

Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)



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 we 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.

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

April 25,
2018

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 1, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

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Membership Chairmen: Bill Faulkner

Raffle Chairmen: Scott Willison

Directors: Angus MacArthur, Cassie Spitzer, Bruce Aigner, and Wayne McLemore

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



4CFF Board Members



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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"On all the streams and little rivers and in many of the lakes there are spawning salmon in October; and the big rivers carry their own tremendous runs, becoming tributary to their own tributary streams."

Roderick Haig-Brown
