



4th Corner Fly Fishers



President's Message

Dear 4CFF Members,

May's outing at Big Twin Lake in Winthrop is the inaugural 4th Corner Classic outing. (See next page) This is a great venue for families. I hope you can make it and if you can, please let Frank know!!

Regards,

Lin J. Nelson
Club President



"May is a great and generous month of the trout fisherman.... In May I turn to a smaller rod and go to the Island Pools to find our own run of summer fish, little fish seldom over five pounds, seldom under two, but sea-run steelhead just the same and brave fish that hit the fly hard and jump freely in the broken water....."

Roderick Haig-Brown, "A River Never Sleeps"

Big Twin Lake (4th Corner Classic) Outing

- When:** May 20-22nd
- Where:** Big Twin Lake, Okanogan Co
- Fish Species:** Rainbow
- Equipment:**
- Rods:** 4-6 wt
 - Flies:** Chironomids, damsel nymphs, leeches, wooly buggers
 - Lines:** Floating, and sinking intermediate-full. Matched with appropriate leaders
- Boat:** There is lake shore fishing possible however having a floating device is highly recommended. If you need one there should be extras available. Let Frank know.
- And make sure you have your own PFD.**
- Regulations:** check with WDFW website for the regulation regarding this water.
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00957/wdfw0097.pdf>

Tactics: For chironomid fishing, use a long (20') fluorocarbon leader tapered to 4X with a sliding indicator. The auto-release indicators work well. Colors should include black, brown, olive and red sizes to match the naturals, which can be from #20 to #14. This lake doesn't have the big bombers. After you catch a fish, a throat sample will direct you on size and color of chironomid. Good places to fish include the shoreline off the Todd cabin, anchoring at 20' or so. Another good spot is just off the drop-off in front of the campground, again in 20' of water. Damsel nymphs can be found in the shallower bays and work well on a clear camo line, stripped in a slow, jerky manner. For leeches and buggers, use a type 3 to type 6 line and troll 30-50' off the shoreline.

Need Equipment? Let Frank know.

Overnight Accommodations:

Big Twin Lake Campground 210 Twin Lakes Rd, Winthrop, Washington, 98862

Phone: (509) 996-2650

Website: [Big Twin Campground](#)

There are several other options in the area including:

Sun Mountain Lodge: 604 Patterson Lake Road, Winthrop, WA 98862

800) 572-0493

KOA Campground (with cabins) 1114 SR Highway 20 Winthrop, WA 98862

(509) 996-2258

Other activities: There are many non-angling options in this area including restaurants, The Spa at Sun Mountain and opportunities to hike and bike. [Methow Valley Recreation](#)

(Big Twin Continued)

Meals:

- Thursday Dinner: Mini Pot Luck **EARLY BIRD FLYBOX RAFFLE**
- Friday dinner: Board members present will prepare a spaghetti dinner for members coming over Friday night. Please let Lin know (676-5439) if you will be at the campground for dinner and the approximate time you will be arriving.
- Saturday breakfast: Bring your eggs, bacon, etc for a communal breakfast.
- Saturday lunch: You’re on your own.
- Saturday dinner: Paella feed sponsored by the Club. Potluck appetizers, salads and desserts. bring/make something to share. **FLYBOX RAFFLE**
Start at 7:00
- Sunday breakfast: French Toast by Lin and friends.
- Sunday Lunch: You’re on your own
- Sunday Dinner: You’re on your own.

4th Corner Classic: Special raffles for 4th Corner Classic hats and the grand prize vest????

Hwy 20 Directions:

- Take I-5 South 20.7 mi
- Take the COOK ROAD exit, EXIT 232, toward SEDRO-WOOLLEY. 0.2 mi
- Turn LEFT onto COOK RD. 4.4 mi
- Turn LEFT onto WA-20/NORTH CASCADES HWY/WA-9. Continue to follow WA-20 (Portions may be closed seasonally). 127.7 mi
- Continue through Winthrop on HWY 20.
- About 1 mile past Winthrop, watch for the sign to Sun Mountain Lodge and Big Twin Campground.
- Turn right on Big Twin Rd.
- Once you see Big Twin Lake, go past the lake to the right hand turn to Big Twin Campground.

Alternate Hwy 2 route:

- Take the ramp onto I-5 S 59.4 mi
- Take exit 194 to merge onto US-2 E toward Wenatchee 70.9 mi
- Turn right to stay on US-2 E 48.0 mi
- Slight right to merge onto US-2 E/US-97 N toward Okanogan/Spokane 2.2 mi
- Turn left at US-2 E/US-97 N/Sunset Hwy 52.2 mi
- Continue to follow US-97 N
- Turn left at WA-153 N/Methow Valley Hwy (signs for WA-20/Twisp Winthrop) 30.7 mi
- Continue straight onto WA-20 W 8.1 mi
- Turn left at Twin Lakes Rd
- Destination will be on the right 2.1 mi

Maps: [Big Twin Lake Map](#)

Other maps available on Campground website

Leighton Lake (Tunkwa Lake) Outing

BC Canada

- When:** June 6-15th – or anything in between.
- Where:** Leighton Lake, BC Canada – northwest of Merritt, BC
- Fish Species:** Rainbow
- Equipment:**
- Rods:** 4-6 wt
 - Flies:** Chironomids, damsel nymphs, leeches, woolly buggers, Punkinheads
 - Lines:** Floating, and sinking intermediate-full. Matched with appropriate leaders
- Boat:** There is lake shore fishing possible however having a floating device is highly recommended. If you need one there should be extras available. Let Frank know.
And make sure you have your own PFD.
- Regulations:** You must have a valid BC Fresh Water License (Purchase one via 4CFF website) If you are fishing alone, you may use 2 rods with a single fly on each. If there is more than one person in the boat then only a single rod per angler is allowed. And as in all BC waters you cannot use a dropper. It is also illegal to fish within 100 feet of inlet stream or Tunkwa Creek Outlet.
BC Fishing regulations: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/>

Tactics: For chironomid fishing, use a long (20') fluorocarbon leader tapered to 4X with a sliding indicator. The auto-release indicators work well. Black is the predominant color with a silver or red rib and size could be from #18 to #12.. Other colors could include brown, olive and red sizes to match the naturals. This lake has the big bombers. After you catch a fish, a throat sample will direct you on size and color of chironomid. Good places to fish include the shoreline off the campsite and the island out in front of it anchoring at 20' or so. Another good spot is just off the drop-off in front of the campground, again in 20' of water. Damsel and dragon nymphs can be found in the shallower bays and work well on a clear camo line, stripped in a slow, jerky manner. For leeches and buggers, use a type 3 to type 6 line and troll 30-50' off the shoreline. In addition black woolly buggers with an orange collar in front. And since Punkinheads were developed for Leighton and Tunkwa Lake they are a real option as well.

Overnight Accommodations:

Camping is available in [Tunkwa Provincial Park](#) (We will be camping at the campground at Leighton Lake. (There is no power at the campground.) The amenities are pretty basic: Pit Toilets, Tables and Water.

There are no reservations. Fees are \$12 Canadian per camping party (1 Vehicle + trailer)/ night
A second may be added for \$6 Cash only.

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Meals:

The closest store is at the small town of Logan lake. The best place to buy anything you need is Merritt.

Saturday dinner: Potluck with a **FLYBOX RAFFLE**

Start at 7:00

Directions:

Start by crossing the border at Sumas

Continue onto **Sumas Way/BC-11 N** 2.0 mi

Slight right onto the **Trans Canada Highway/BC-1 E** ramp to **Hope** 0.2 mi

Merge onto **BC-1 E** 48.3 mi

Continue onto **BC-3 E** 4.1 mi

Continue onto **BC-5 N** 67.8 mi

Take exit **286** for **BC-97C/British Columbia 5 Alternate** toward **Merritt/Kelowna/BC-8/City Centre**

0.2 mi

Keep right at the fork, follow signs for **Merritt/Spences Bridge/Ashcroft/Logan Lake** and merge onto **Okanagan Connector/Princeton-Kamloops Hwy/BC-5 Alt N/BC-97C W**

Continue to follow Okanagan Connector/BC-97C W 5.7 mi

Slight right onto **Mamit Lake Rd/Okanagan Connector/BC-97C N** (signs for **British Columbia 97C N/Ashcroft/Logan Lake**) 31.6 mi

Continue onto **Tunkwa Lake Rd** 3.6 mi

You will reach a fork in the road stay to the right and follow it to Leighton Lake.

Maps: Tunkwa Provincial Park maps.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/tunkwa/tunkwa.pdf>



Please Note!

It is the responsibility of each 4CFF member and guest to be prepared for each fishing outing by having the proper equipment including personal flotation devices. Know your own capabilities, or lack thereof, and plan accordingly. It is also the responsibility of each 4CFF member and guest to know the fishing rules and regulations. Don't be bashful in asking other members for help. It's ok to ask whether or not you need to use barbless hooks, etc.

Fish Lake



Conservation Report

As promised, here is a summary of the pros and cons for the new coal/bulk products facility (Gateway Pacific Terminal) proposed at Cherry Point. This information was gathered from local press releases, brochures from both sides, and from the City Club debate held on April 27 at Northwood Hall where representatives from both sides were present.

Stakeholders proposing the project: SSA Marine of Seattle (80% ownership by Goldman Sachs), Peabody Coal, and BNSF Railways.

Points in Favor of the Project:

1. The Cherry Point area has already been zoned for one more heavy industry/port site due to its deep water shipping potential. At present, the plan is for 80 % of bulk shipments to consist of coal, the rest would be corn, potash, and other bulk materials. The percentage of coal shipped could go down as economies and market prices fluctuate.
2. There would be a 2 year building portion of the project which would employ about 1,600 construction workers for that period. Once completed, a new Gateway Pacific Terminal would provide between 200-400 high wage union jobs over the ensuing 10 years. SSA Marine representative, Craig Cole, states "Our country needs more exports and our county needs high wage jobs and tax revenues.
3. For public health and safety there will be a 2 year review process which includes an Environmental Impact study. SSA Marine stated that "the environmental bar for a new facility will be higher than that for the older Westshore Coal Terminal in Roberts Bank, B.C.
4. Of the 1092 acres at the Cherry Point site nearly half of the property will be left in its natural state as a buffer. If the terminal is not built at Cherry Point, the extra coal trains could still route through Bellingham on their way to B.C. terminals.
5. SSA Marine states they will work diligently to ameliorate coal dust problems associated with transport and storage of bulk coal. They are looking into methods to pre-treat coal cars for dust before leaving the mine sites.

Points Against Construction of Gateway Terminal:

1. The Cherry Point area is currently home to a 3,000 acre aquatic reserve. The eel grass beds in that area serve as one of Puget Sound's important nurseries for Pacific Herring and other marine life. Coal dust pollution could easily disrupt or destroy the marine food chain in this area. A 2001 study of coal dust emissions at the Westshore Terminal at Roberts Bank, B.C. showed that this terminal emitted 715 metric tons of coal dust per year. The study further stated that coal terminals by their nature are active sources of "fugitive coal dust." This dust could be found as far as 5 miles from its source at that storage terminal. Aside from the coal dust at the storage and shipping site, it is estimated that 3 % of the coal being shipped by rail from Powder River Basin (western Wyoming/Montana) will be spread en route annually from source to terminal. When 50 million tons are shipped, that amounts to 1.7 million short tons of coal dust lost along the route. Scientific evidence shows that coal and its dust contains toxic heavy metals (mercury, cadmium and lead), hydrocarbon carcinogens, and, at times, measurable amounts of radioactivity that can be released before or during its combustion by coal fired plants. As part of their permitting process to mine and ship coal from the Powder River Basin, Peabody Coal agreed to a number of mitigation terms to obtain their permits.

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To date, they have made good on only 4 % of these mitigation terms (expenses). Many of the permanent high wage union jobs are specialized and will employ longshoremens, etc. who currently are not residents of Whatcom County.

2. Rail traffic would be increased by 18-20 additional trains each day (each train about 1 ½ miles long) through the city of Bellingham. Each new train halts traffic at respective intersections for 8-10 minutes. This adds to more noise, vibrations, traffic snarls as well as increased coal dust and diesel pollution to our city. Coal dust is a proven carcinogen. Studies showed that in Stockton, Calif. the cancer rate was double for people living within 200 yards of train tracks where bulk coal was being shipped. Property values along the rail corridor through town would decrease significantly.

3. In the long term, more jobs and economic benefits would be provided by the Waterfront Development project which is currently completing its planning stage. This project can serve as the centerpiece for aesthetically pleasing and sustainable redevelopment in the city's downtown sector. The noise, pollution, and traffic problems associated with extra coal train traffic are negatives that can seriously threaten the success of the Waterfront redevelopment and would raise serious issues for potential waterfront investors.

4. The addition of more large size ("capesize" 1/4 million ton) ships plying north Puget Sound waters to haul bulk coal and other cargoes increases the risk of accidents (coal or oil spills) as well as adds considerably more diesel pollution to our air.

5. Currently, the State of Washington is moving towards cleaner energy sources by decommissioning 2 major coal fired power plants in our state. If we think on a global scale, the yearly shipment of 50 million tons of coal to China is counter productive to the promotion of clean, efficient energy systems, will contribute to further climate change factors, and will further the release of carcinogens, heavy metals and radioactive materials into the world's air and water supplies. By the defeat of this coal shipping project our community has an opportunity to support efforts towards a cleaner energy economy that would pioneer a new sustainable path to satisfying our country's economic needs.

After a 2 year study is completed, the final decision for obtaining a permit will rest on 2 parties:

1. The Corps of Engineers
2. The Whatcom County Council.

Another deep water port is available at Longview, WA .which would serve the same purposes for coal shipped, and would eliminate the extra train miles and transportation headaches were Bellingham the final destination. This plan involves a different shipping company, not SSA Marine, but appears to offer several advantages over the Cherry Point plan.

Access the following web sites for more information:

www.gatewaypacificterminal.com

<http://www.re-sources.org/home/Gateway-Pacific-terminal>

www.climatesolutions.org

www.no-co2al.net

www.communitywisebellingham.org

Study the issues, make your decision yea or nay, then contact your representatives and let them know how you feel about the Cherry Point project.

Governor Chris Gregoire 360 902-4111

Public Lands Commissioner Goldmark 360 902-1004

Whatcom County Council 360 767-6690, council@co.whatcom.wa.us

The Program at the Meeting May 26th

Our program for the May 26th meeting will be presented by Frank Staiger of Fraser River lodge. Please visit <http://fraserriverlodge.com/>.



“You’ll also meet a lot of non-fly-fishing types on the ponds..... Most of these people won’t be automatically impressed by you; some will be curious, others amused. If you persist in wearing an up-downer hat over a clean chamois shirt and a bulging, jangling fly vest, you’ll begin to feel overdressed. All you need is a Harley Davidson T-shirt, baseball cap, and a small box of wet flies. If you catch fish you may attract some favorable attention, but even then someone will sooner or later kindly inform you that a spinning rod is a hell of a lot easier.”

John Gierach, “Trout Bum”

Doc Hackle's Fly Tying Corner

I picked this fly out of the 2010 Summer Issue of Fly Tye Magazine. It was an article on Brian Chan and Philip Rowley's Stillwater Solutions Co. This article had in it information on how they would come up with some of these materials along with six flies you could build using these fine products. I chose one of the six for this fly tying column. It is a Chironomid called the Red Back Pheasant. I did modify some of it to meet what I wanted in the fly. The fly tied on the Mustad C49S hook is the way they tied it. I tied basically the same fly except I used a Dai-Riki hook # 280 which is a 2X long slight curved down eyed nymph hook. Here is the fly and how to tie it.

Hook	Mustad C49s or Dai-Riki #280, 8 to 16
Thread	Black 8/0 or 70 Denier
Rib	Fine Gold Wire
Body	Bleached pheasant tail fibers dyed claret
Shellback	Red holographic mylar
Thorax	Peacock herl
Head	Small gold bead
Gills	Midge gill



STEP #1 Slide bead on the hook and place the hook in the vice. Now tie in the midge gill material just in back of the eye. Make sure you use only enough thread to anchor down the gills. Clip the excess gill material behind the thread and whip finish the thread and cut it off. Now add a touch of super glue to the thread wraps and slide the bead up and onto the thread, snug up to the gill material.

STEP #2 Now anchor the gold wire to the hook shank just behind the bead and holding the wire against the shank on the near side, run the thread down the hook and onto the bend. Bring the thread back up to the bead.

STEP #3 Now tie in the shellback and while holding it up on top of the shank run your thread back down to where you left the wire, anchoring the shellback on top of the hook.

STEP #4 Now take a few strands of your body material depending on the size of the hook you are using and tie them in by the tips. About 4 or 5 pheasant tail sprigs will do for a size ten or twelve. Now carefully wrap them up the hook shank to the bead, leaving a little space behind the bead for future use.

STEP #5 Now take your shellback and lay it on top of the body and tie it off behind the bead. Be careful not to let the shell back slip on you and roll to one side or the other. You can do this by taking your shellback and holding it in your right hand and taking your left hand and making a wrap of ribbing counter clockwise. Continue this up the shank until you reach the bead. Four to Five wraps should do it.

STEP #6 Now take two strands of peacock herl and tie them in just behind the bead. Next take and twist them around the thread making a peacock herl noodle. Now take this noodle and make about 3 wraps and tie it off. Add a whip finish or two and you are done.

NOTE:

I tend to like the 2X long curved shank better than the mustad C49S. I don't know it just works for me.

GOOD FISHING The Doc

May Culinary Corner

I was cruising the blogs and ran across this recipe at the same time I had a bunch of asparagus burning a hole in my veggie bin. I also happened to have everything else on hand as well.

So.....here you go:

Absurdly Addictive Asparagus

Serves 4

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- 4 ounces pancetta, cut into 3/8 inch to 1/4 inch dice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 pound asparagus, woody ends trimmed and sliced into 2 inch pieces on the bias
- 1 1/4 cup leek, thinly sliced crosswise (white and pale green parts only)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- 1-2 tablespoon Italian parsley, chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste



1. In a large non-stick pan, sauté pancetta, stirring frequently, over medium heat, until crisp and lightly golden.
2. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to pan. Add asparagus pieces and leek and sauté until asparagus is tender crisp, about 3-4 minutes.
3. Add garlic, lemon and orange zest, toasted pine nuts and parsley and sauté for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Season to taste with freshly ground pepper and salt and serve immediately.

It was great and here is the source: [Food 52](#) (which is pretty good too!)



Enjoy

Frank Koterba, *Chef of 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.

May's Meeting

May 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"!

June's Board Meeting

June 7, 2011

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

4CFF Board Members

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Library

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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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