



# 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **What is really important to our club?**

With all the recent attention given to the creation of our new website, the introduction of an online accounting package, the use of Eventbrite to schedule events of all kinds; it might seem that the focus is on the technology over the content.

The 4th Corner Fly Fishers has been around for 43 years. This period has seen many changes, both in us and the environment in which we live. While we have enjoyed the possibilities found in the present, we have invested our time and treasure in the future. Commitments to conservation and education have been cornerstones in the club's foundation. We have worked to preserve and enhance the waters that sustain our sport. We have also been partners in programs and classes that teach fly fishing skills to students of all ages with a particular emphasis on the young. (If kids don't get experience with the outdoors early in their lives, it is highly unlikely they will later on.)

To join our club we ask that prospective members take part in events in sponsored by both the Conservation and Education Committees. I would like to suggest that it is a great idea to have all members do the same. Participate in at least one or two events each year. It is an investment that returns dividends to the club, its members, and our future. Your willingness to participate is as valuable as your skills.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and at one of our aforementioned events.

Frank Koterba  
4CFF President



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, May 21 (NOTE: THIS IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL). The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month we welcome Molly Semenik as our speaker. Molly lives in Birch Bay Washington. From 2001 to 2014, Molly was a guide and outfitter in Livingston Montana fishing primarily the Yellowstone River and local spring creeks. Today, Molly offers fly fishing instruction (both single-hand and two-hand) in Washington from Bellingham to Ellensburg and continues to run women's fly fishing destination travel in Montana (Blackfoot and Big Hole rivers). Every spring Molly offers women's classes in Washington, Montana and Utah.

Molly is very active as a Master Certified Casting Instructor and as a member of the Casting Board of Governors for the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). Utilizing her 40 years of fly fishing history including guiding and teaching Molly has incorporated her lessons learned over the years in her new book "The 25 Best Off-the-Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams" and hopes her readers will set aside time to plan and go on a fly fishing adventure in Montana.

Molly's program will include an indoor casting session on tips for casting in small streams. Following the casting, Molly will discuss and share photos of two or three streams from each of the five regions of Montana discussed in her book: Billings, Bozeman, Whitefish, Helena and Missoula. Tips on equipment, rigging and the best time to fish will be covered along with time for questions on any the five regions. I hope you can make it!

Please RSVP for the meeting by Tuesday, May 19 (midnight deadline) by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto: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 to pay. Also, a reminder that getting your RSVP in on time helps us provide an accurate count for the kitchen and we very much appreciate your help in placing your reservations on time.

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Conservation/Education Auction

As most of you now know this is the year for the bi-annual 4CFF Conservation/Education Auction. I have volunteered to be the committee chairman but I can not do it alone. I have not been involved in this committee before and will need help in having a successful auction again this year. I will need help from all of the members to do this.

First, I am looking for people to help on the on the committee. I will need both experienced and novice members of the committee. A couple of members have already volunteered. If you would like to help please contact me by email at [kedahl@icloud.com](mailto:kedahl@icloud.com) or by my home phone 360-734-2712. If we are not answering just leave a message and I will get back to you.

Next, as always the auction committee needed the help of the membership in finding and soliciting items for the auction. I urge all of you to do that again for this auction. One of the things that made the last auction so successful was that some member put together outing that they would sponsor. I know that our past President Hugh Lewis put up a small stream outing for two with lunch. I bid on that and won. Because the auction was between several members he said that he would do additional outings at the same cost for anyone else that wanted to go. He ended up doing at least one more outing. I believe that there were two separate float trips, one on the Yakima and one on the Skagit. I would ask that you consider putting together similar trips/outing again for this auction.

I have already solicited and received some items for the auction. I have received a commitment for a hand turned wood bowl. If you have something for the auction, an idea for an item, or need help in soliciting someone for an item, let me know. A committee member or I will be happy to assist you. Lets make this year's auction a very successful auction.

Ed Dahl  
Conservation Auction Chairman

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# Treasurer's Report

Work with the QuickBooks accounting software purchased this year is still progressing. We continue working to refine and simplify the club's Chart of Accounts and hope to be able to track a more detailed catalog of financial events as the year progresses. Finishing work on the chart of accounts should allow us to begin using the budgeting function of the software.

This past month the club supported lunch for about 25 club members at Pass Lake and purchased breakfast items for the Silver Lake outing. We spent \$250 on WEB site development and monthly meeting expense of \$373. The Conservation Committee purchased signs to post at Squalicum Lake.

Total balance for our three accounts is \$21,416.76.

The board has asked me to remind members that it is essential to register for outings and other club events so that an accurate head count can be used in purchasing food and other supplies that may be part of the event. Further, registering to attend an event represents a commitment to pay any fees associated with it. Members who sign up for an event and subsequently are unable to attend will receive an e-mail invoice billing them for the fee associated with that event.

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



*“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*

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# Conservation Report

Dear members,

I hope you enjoy the pictures of our recent work party. Only thing missing is quite a few of your faces. Hope to see all of you at one of our upcoming Conservation events. I found the following info on eelgrass quite interesting.

## An Update on Eelgrass Recovery:

Most of us who ply the saltwater with fly rods are aware of the link between healthy eelgrass beds, forage fish (herring), and healthy salmon populations. Did you know that eelgrass areas harbor as much life as an old growth or tropical



forest? Eelgrass protects young salmon, herring, mollusks, and Dungeness crabs, as well as many other macro and micro organisms. It also plays an important role in preventing shoreline erosion with its root and shoot systems. In short, there may be no inshore plant more central to Puget Sound's environmental well-being.

Currently, studies show that eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) is in decline in significant areas of Puget Sound, while scientists are looking for ways to bring it back to historical levels. After three years of replanting attempts, there has been little or no progress. Scientists are finding that the most important factor in successful reintroduction is the amount of

sunlight. A major factor inhibiting the sunlight that reaches the eelgrass has been the increase in nitrogen in the water that leads to excess algae bloom, thus robbing eelgrass of much needed sunlight. Sources of excess nitrogen are almost all due to human sources. The good news is that by improving sewage treatment, filtering stormwater, and controlling agricultural runoff, we can improve control over excess nitrogen entering Puget Sound. It's not as simple as that, however, since heavy metals as in coal dust, shoreline development, and physical disturbances such as boat propellers or dredging, can also have detrimental effects.



In 2014, the Puget Sound Eelgrass Recovery Strategy was launched by governmental, university, and tribal groups. They are studying why eelgrass recovery has faltered so far, and are tuning into the latest scientific studies around Puget Sound. On a more local note: those of us who fish here locally for Coho in August and September are well aware of



how important the remaining eelgrass beds are from Sandy Point to Point Whitehorn. They contain forage fish which in turn are preyed upon by the Coho as they do their final feeding before the fall rains take them up the Nooksack. As a club we should do all we can to keep these local eelgrass beds in as good of health as possible.

Portions of this article were taken from FishTails - NSEA newsletter - Spring 2015 who received this information from *Salish Sea Currents*, an online magazine reached at [www.eopugetsound.org](http://www.eopugetsound.org).

Dan Coombs  
*Conservation Chairman*  
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## Education Report

Moving along into May, your Education Section is quite busy as usual. Monday 11 May at 9 A.M. Klaus is leading us in a second outing at Ferndale High School. It is a one-time, 2 hour session of fly tying with about 30 students projected to be in attendance. Starting

On 14 May, we will once again be at the Mt. Baker Campground with the 6th graders from Lynden Middle School. This is a great opportunity to show our stuff and have a positive influence on some very special kids. We will meet a little before 8 o'clock in the Safeway parking lot on Sunset, with an 8 o'clock carpool departure. We can still use some help. Please give me a call if you are available for the whole day or just part.

On May 28 and 29, we are again joining our friends at the St. Joseph Cancer Center.

Un-solicited...but, please be informed informed that Scott and Brandon at the Confluence Fly Shop have just gotten in some Woolly Bugger Hackle Feather packs at a real good price. Very nice for us, as that's the fly that we teach out students to tie.

I came across a great knot called the Davy Knot while surfing the web. It is great for smaller flies and Chromies.

Give me a call and I'll send you the link. We can always use help with classes and its always welcome.

Keep it reel,

Jerry Hill, Education Chair  
425 445-1201



# Outings Report

We are now into the thick of the 4CFF outings season and so far events have been well attended and a lot of fun. The pictures are from our two one-day outings (May 6 and May 8) to Whidbey Island hosted by Scott.

Coming up in May we have our first of two outings at Big Twin Lake near Winthrop (this one is May 15-17) hosted by Rick Todd. As with all outings you can see more information and

sign up by following the link on the Outings Calendar page on the new website. [www.4thcornerfly.com](http://www.4thcornerfly.com).

In June there are three events scheduled. South Sound (June 6-7), Fazon Lake kids day (June 21) and the big trip to British Columbia, 100 Mile House, June 21-28. I will have all of these setup for reservations soon.

We're still working out few bugs on the new website, but it seems to be working pretty well at this point. If you come across any problems please let me know.

Best to all,

Phil Terzian

[pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto:pterzian@pacbell.net)







# Big Twin Outing

The outing this year is the weekend of May 15-17. We are sandwiched between Mothers Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend. With our mild winter and early thaw, I expect a very good carry over of last year's fish, with some big ones lurking!

The outing document and Eventbrite reservations will be accessed from our new web site by clicking on the calendar. So you can go there or call me (961-3539) for more information about the trip.

As usual we will have a fabulous Ed Ruckey fly box raffled off and great food. I just got off the phone with Big Twin Campground and they are already very busy that weekend as it is a long weekend (Victoria Day) in BC. They are holding 4 full hookup sites which is all they have left, and 10 tent sites. So if you want to get a campsite, please call Big Twin Campground (509) 996-2650 and mention you are with the 4th Corner Fly Fishers. The sooner you can reserve, the better, especially if we need more than 10 camping spaces!

See you over there!

Rick Todd

## For Sale: Sea Eagle 375FC, \$650 OBO

Has worked great on upper Methow and lakes. Hull without seats and oars weighs in around 75 lbs. I've added a casting platform, swivel seats, and Caviness oars. Comes with what's pictured. Interested? Call Steve at 360-325-1248



Specs available

here: <http://www.allinflatableboats.net/sea-eagle-375fc-foldcat.html>

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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. 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 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 <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 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

May 21,  
2015

BELLINGHAM  
COUNTRY CLUB  
3729 Meridian St  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-3450

RSVP to Matt for reservations:  
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>  
msr@deepsnow.com  
360-319-1350

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

### June's Board Meeting

June 2, 2015  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

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Frank Koterba

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### LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

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Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Rick Todd, Nathan Weston and Hugh Lewis

**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 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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