



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nothing is really given, we just assume!

In 2015 we were looking forward to plenty of water coming off the Cascades to ensure the watershed would be in great shape. We planned our Classic Outing at Big Twin Lake and looked forward to all the waters we could sample on the trip. And a lot of that didn't happen. Much of the Methow Valley burned down. No Water, No Fish.

On the bright side we had a great year chasing salmon in the salt. A whole bunch of our members enjoyed hitting the beaches on Whidbey Island for bright silver salmon. Coho's were everywhere! This year, there probably will be no season for any salmon at all.

A few of us recently took a trip down to Ala Spit hoping to see if we could scare up any cutthroat or bull trout. Last year the spit had a lot of structure and the tides caused complex currents that held a lot of bait and fish. The storms that hit it earlier this year have transformed it into a new is a new beach, it's flat and many of the currents and fish are missing!

So this is probably going to be a good year to add that new species or technique to your repertoire. While you are consider the adjustments to your anticipated angling activities this year, I want to point out a primary resource in your quest. Your friendly neighborhood fly shop! The likes of Scott and Brandon at the Confluence Fly shop can dial you in on the specifics. (And they will be appreciative for the business as the salmon closure is going to take a bite out of their income.)

Have a great year where ever you go.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

Hi All,

I want to remind you of three upcoming events that you might be of interested to you...

First of all, tomorrow (May 12) the Fly Fishing Film Tour hits Mt. Vernon! This promises to be an evening of amazing shorts, great door prizes and general good times. You may still be able to grab a ticket from Scott and Brandon at The Confluence Fly Shop...and definitely should be able to get them from the Lincoln Theater in MV.

Second, next Thursday, May 19, we are co-sponsoring (with The Confluence and The Flyfish Journal) an event called Writers on the Fly (the 9th edition). I've attached a copy of the flyer for this event that gives details and info on how to get tickets (or just follow [this link](#)). There is a limit of 60 seats, so if you want to come (and you should) please get your tickets sooner rather than later. We are hoping for a full house and good turnout from club members is important to making that happen. Proceeds go to benefit the Liam Wood Fly Fishing School and River Guardians program.

Finally, the following Thursday, May 26, we have our general meeting for the month of May. This month's meeting will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club with the Wet Fly at 6pm and dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

Our speaker this month is Dr. Way Yin. Way has held a lifelong passion for fly fishing. At age 8, he started tying his own flies and fishing a home-built fiberglass rod for bass and panfish. Over the years, his interests have broadened to include the technical aspects of fly casting, instruction, fly line and fly rod design. Over the years he has worked in rod design with Scott Fly Rods and designed several spey line tapers for Scientific Anglers (including the XLT, the first modern long-belly spey line). Way's fascination with the mechanics of fly casting and teaching is reflected in his certification as a FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor and he assisted the FFF in developing and administering their Two-Handed Casting Certification program. He has also been featured in several fly casting DVDs, including "Spey to Z" with Greg Pearson and Topher Brown. Way enjoys fishing for Atlantic Salmon in the Kola peninsula, flats fishing for permit and tarpon in the Florida Keys, and steelhead fishing and guiding in the PNW. He is a licensed guide in WA and OR.

For our program, Way will talk about his experiences chasing steelhead in the Deschutes River in central Oregon. He will share photos and stories from his experiences founding and running Discover Courage, an outreach program to special forces troops from the U.S. Military. Discover Courage's flagship programs involve intensive, week-long, remote "off the grid" fly-fishing expeditions. These programs include immersive and intensive instruction on fly-tying, fly-casting, wading skills, reading water, entomology, fishing knots, how to hook and fight fish, understanding trout and steelhead behavior, and white-water drift boat and river safety.

These programs use outdoor activities to foster leadership development, personal growth, stress recalibration, and facilitate reintegration.

Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, May 25 at 8am by visiting [this link](#), by 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 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 in a timely fashion.

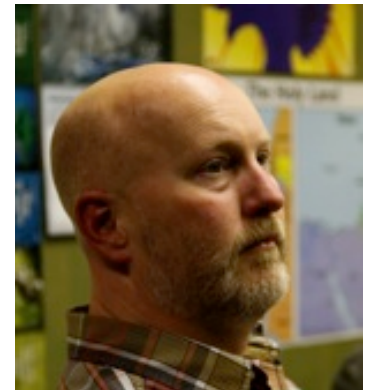
Tight lines to you all!

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4CFF Internal VP and Program Chair

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Communications Report

The web site is working well. We have recently updated our club roster (thanks Bill F) and Library inventory (thank you Tom L). If anyone has any sort of trouble with the web, please get in touch with me. pterzian@pacbell.net

Phil Terzian

Treasurer's Report

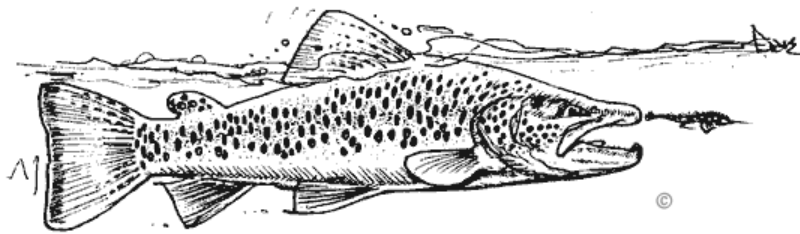
Monthly expenses included the following:

Pass Lake Outing:	\$103.93
Silver Lake Breakfast:	
Site Rental:	\$138.00
Supplies:	\$144.79
Attendee Fees Collected:	-\$120.00
Net Cost:	\$162.79
Monthly Speaker's honorarium and dinner:	\$371.50
QuickBooks Monthly fee:	\$32.60

Monthly income in addition to Silver Lake breakfast fees of \$120.00 included \$3.00 in Gilly fines collected at the monthly meeting.

Bank account balances as of April 30, 2016 were \$4,511 (Club Checking), \$13,904 (Club Savings) and \$12,783 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



Library Index Updated

There have been some new additions to our club library and the index has now been updated to include them. Go to our website to see all the current library resources.

Of particular note is a copy of FIFTY PLACES TO FLY FISH BEFORE YOU DIE, 2004 BY Chris Santella.

Check it out.

Outings Report

The official outings season kicked off on opening day for the lakes, April 23, with an enjoyable breakfast at Silver Lake. We had about 25 members and guests in attendance and sat by a nice warm camp fire while downing a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, muffins and coffee. A huge thanks to the kitchen crew of Frank, Bill & Paula, Klaus and everyone else who pitched in. Here is a video from the event for all to enjoy. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVIFUfybr4M&feature=youtu.be>

The outing at Ala Spit on May 4 was not productive. Frank reported that the sea bottom there has changed somewhat, to our disadvantage. No sea-run cuts were caught. Maybe next year we will move to a different Whidbey location.

Big Twin Outing:

It looks like we may have no salmon season at all this year, or possibly just a shortened season, even in the rivers and selected lakes. But don't fret, your club still has some fun outings on the docket. As a matter of fact, there is a real good one coming up this weekend, May 13-15, at Big Twin Lakes in Winthrop, WA. If you've never been there it's a lot of fun and great fishing, if you have been there you already know that. Reports from the east side have been good according to my sources. Sign up now while the fishing is good, and then you don't have to worry about the salmon season problems.

<http://4thcornerfly.com/wp/events/big-twin-lake-outing/>

By the way, our own Ed Ruckey will be giving away another great fly box after the pot luck on Saturday. You don't want to miss an opportunity to win that trophy. Ed also asked me to pass along this request for the pot luck:

"To those of you who are going to be at the outing and pot luck dinner please give me a call or

E-Mail me with what you may be bringing to the pot luck dinner. This is so I can be somewhat certain that the food will be balanced between the main dish, salads and deserts.

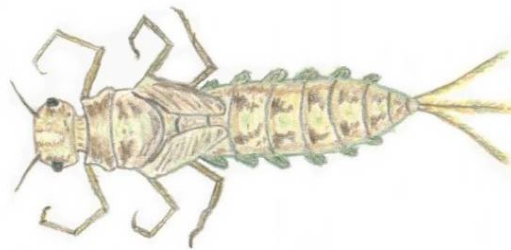
Ed Ruckey theflydoc@comcast.net or my cell phone [\(360\)966-6882](tel:360966-6882).

Conservation Report

This Spring has been another warmer than normal season but our creek projects are looking good at this juncture. We are still waiting for a mulch delivery for Smith Creek plants so I will let you know when we can get that job done. Please mark your calendars to help out at Nathan's Whatcom Creek Cleanup on Saturday morning June, 4 from 9-11 AM. To get there, take Iowa St. to Racine and turn towards the creek. Also, Mike Reed will be showing off our new Stewardship property at the South end of Whatcom Lake (Ladies of the Lake). This outing will take place on Saturday June 11 from 9-11 AM. Mike will have a carpool leaving from the Lakeway Fred Meyers parking lot at 8:30 that morning so come out and enjoy a great walk and a little work. My hands are getting twitchy so I guess it's time for me to go fishing...TIGHT LINES Dan

Dan, Bob, Terry, Don and Mike

Dan Coombs
Conservation Chairman
360-398-1637
djcmb@nas.com



Big Twin Photo Contest

As you already know there are lots of reasons to sign up for the upcoming BIG TWIN outing. Great fishing, pot luck dinners, a shot at winning another fantastic Ed Ruckey fly box after the pot luck on Saturday.

Now you can win a \$25 cash prize.

All participants are encouraged to bring a camera and document the event. There will be a photo contest for the best picture with a \$25 prize going to the winner. Upon return send all photos to tomlangley@windermere.com. Photo entries must be received by May 22nd, 2016.

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 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>.

Phil Terzian is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (408) 410-0969.

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 26, 2016

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!

Next Board Meeting

June 7, 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Mike Riber, Nathan Weston 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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