



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June President's Message:

This month's message is all about borrowed words.

My schedule always seems to be more than full, crammed with all those things that have to be done. I am guilty of getting focused on the "to do" list and skipping the "to be" list. With all the current distractions it is important that we undertake what give us the "rapture of being alive". (From a recent interview of Bill Moyer.) Our sport seems to fit the bill.

I ran across a bunch of cards that were sent to us from the students and faculty of Options High School. We (Klaus Lohse, Bill Hall and Susan Swetman) had done classes with them on fly tying and Fishing. It is part of who we are as a club. (See cards below)

And now for a little house-keeping:

Be sure to check the calendar and for changes to the picnic and the Conservation Auction.

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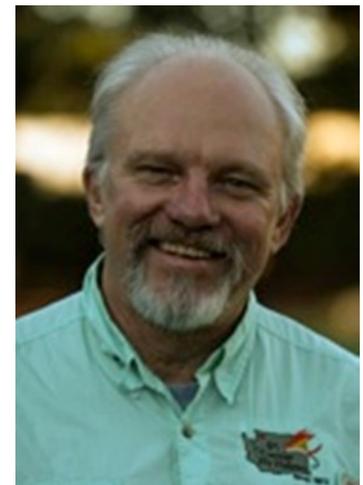
We will be offering another round of the classes on July 8th. In addition there will be an open casting session on July 18th. If you are interested you can sign up through Eventbrite. Registrations for all four of the sessions are located in the class link. [Key-elements-of-casting-class-2](#) or [Open-casting-session-2](#).

I will be assembling the team for this year's Conservation Auction shortly, so if you feel that tap on your shoulder just say yes!

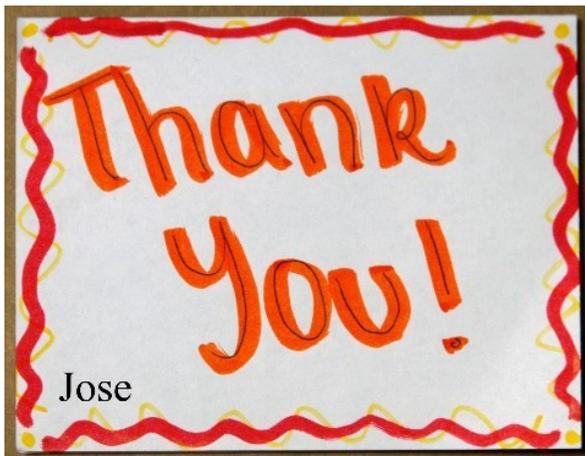
I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba

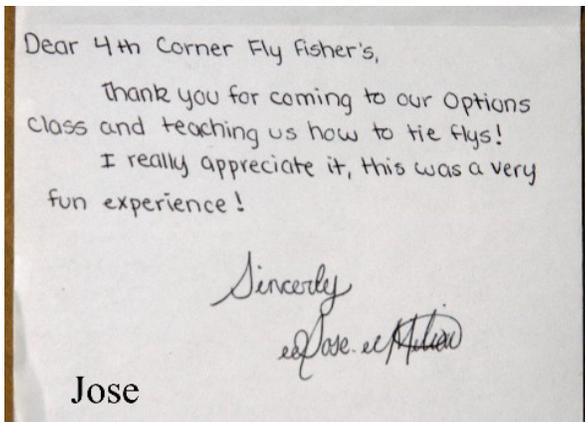
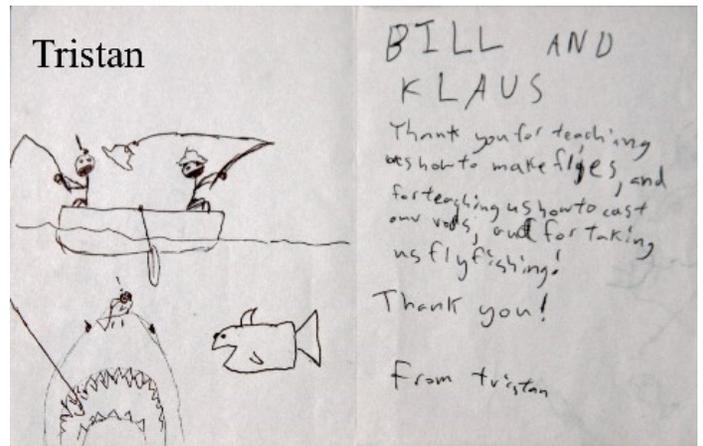
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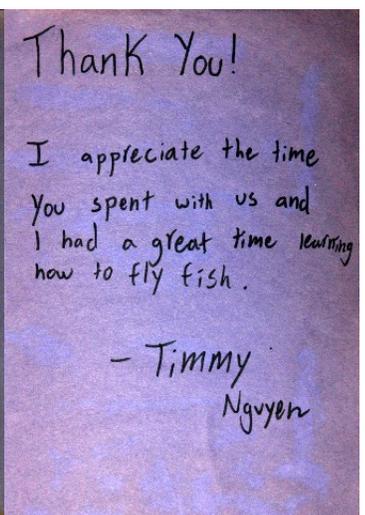
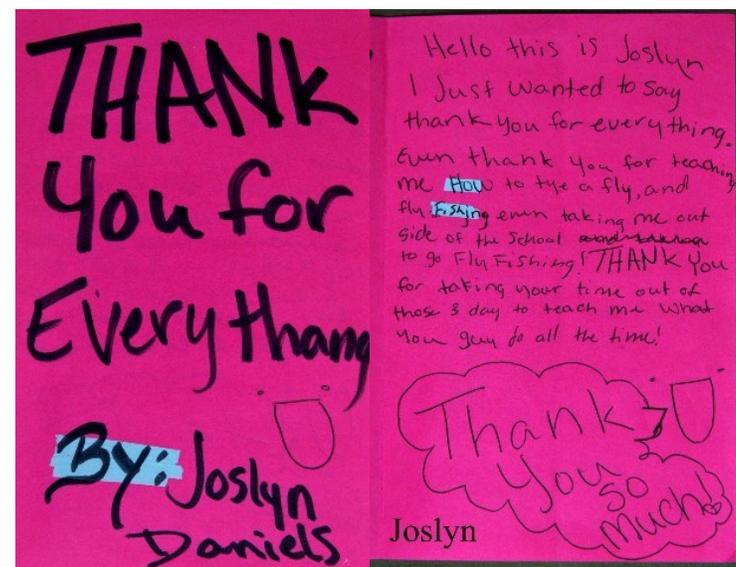
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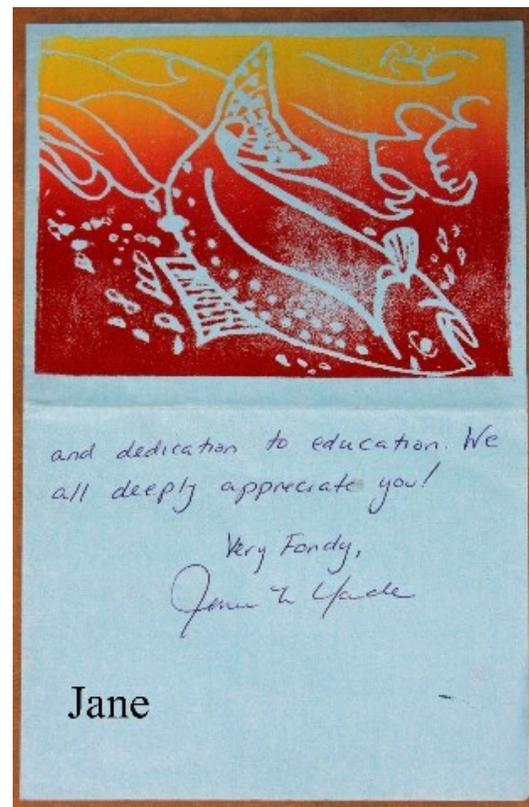
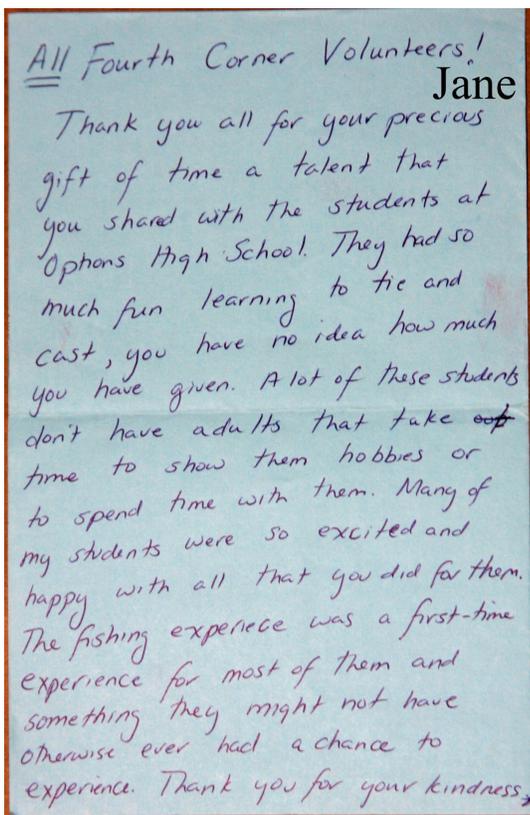
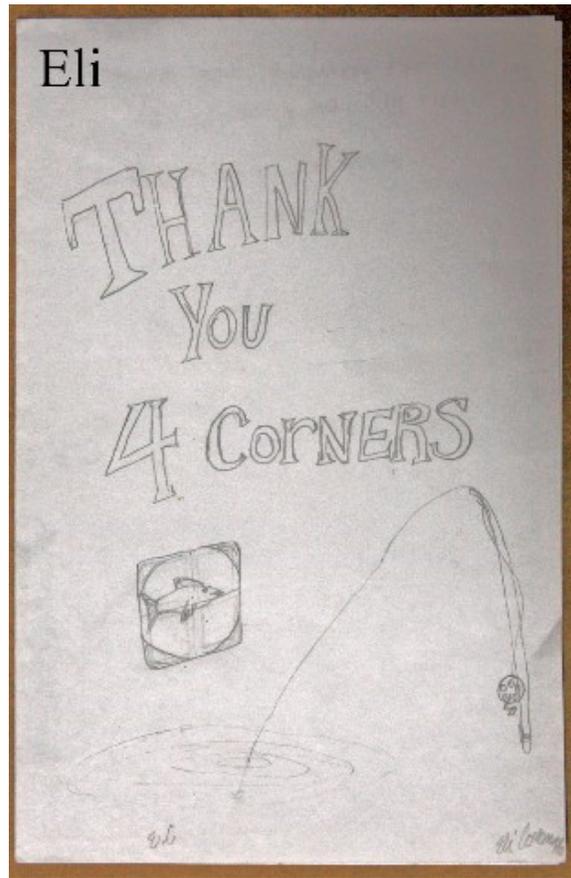
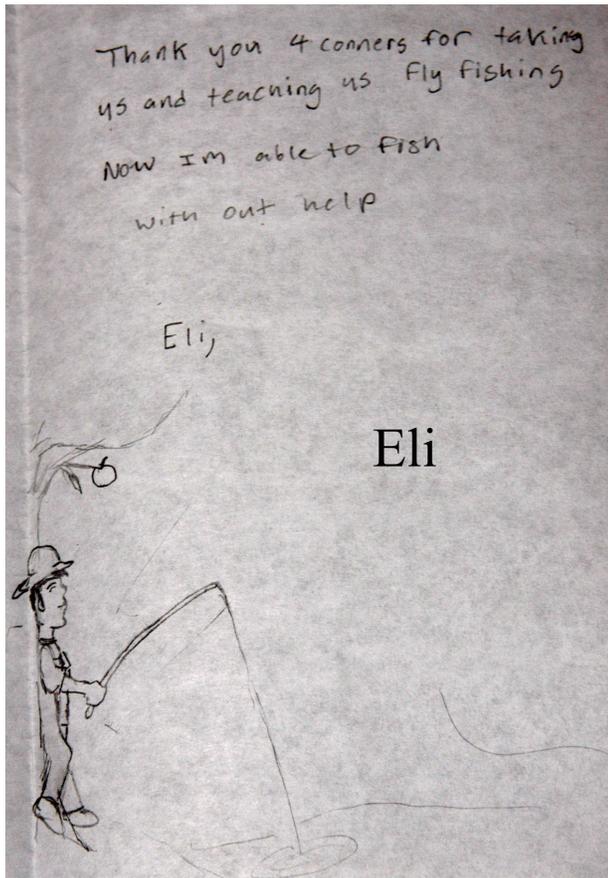
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Options HS Letters (continued)



Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 22, 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:

John Hicks and Paul Huston will be presenting on techniques and skills to use while fishing the Cowlitz River for steelhead and sea run cutthroat. They will also include a bit on fishing the coast, specifically the Olympic National Park. In addition they will briefly share about their conservation work that includes, Veterans, TU, Soul River.

John Hicks, a life long resident of the Pacific Northwest and Washington State, is the owner of Sea Run Pursuits, a guide service that focuses mainly on the Queets, Clearwater, and Cowlitz Rivers. He is a member of Allen Fly Fishing's Pro-Staff. Participating with a friend, Chad Brown he supports with both his time and energy, Soul River, a project that brings at risk youth and veterans together. He is also the Vice President of the Olympia chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Paul Huston, John's business partner in the guiding business was born and raised in Colorado, is a Master Sergeant in the Army, and partner in Sea Run Pursuits. Paul dedicates his time to both Project Healing Waters, and Native Fish Society. Paul is the River Steward for the Nisqually River. He not only guides people on a swung fly, but is also proficient with gear and especially a center-pin.

To get to know John a bit read his blog entry "The Anatomy of a Successful Steelheader" dated 2/10/17 at <http://www.searunpursuits.com/swung-the-blog-and-reports> on his Sea Run Pursuits website at: <http://www.searunpursuits.com/>.

Coming Programs

July: Co-hosts, Ladin Langeman and brother-in-law, Steve Ronholt after having just returned from fishing a few weeks before will present their adventures on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation waters to include techniques, equipment, best waters, guide contacts and more.

August: The annual Club Picnic Social is now scheduled to be at the NSEA base in Bellingham with the exact date to be decided. This should be a great venue. More information to follow.

September: Dave Fast, senior scientist and manager of the Yakama Nations Fisheries and prolific author, presents the projects and efforts that are currently in progress to protect the Columbia River and Yakima drainage basins.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/4th-corner-fly-fishers-3097475608>, 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

Treasurer's Report

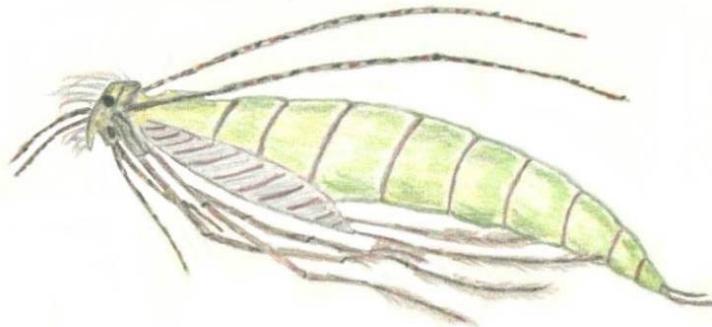
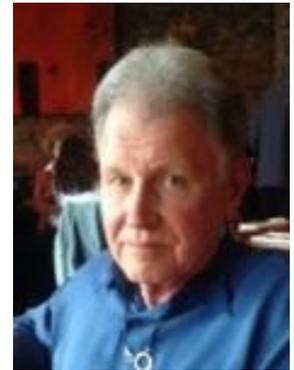
We spent \$1,724 on supplies for outings, internal and membership committee supplies. The speaker's fee for the May monthly meeting was \$200. We spent \$128 on Conservation work supplies.

The gilly collected \$6 at the April meeting.

Bank balances as of June 5 were \$17,244 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,858 (Conservation Savings).

PLEASE remember to sign up on EventBrite for monthly meetings and dinner. And do not forget to check your names off the list when you pay for dinner so that you are not wrongly billed as a "no show".

Bill Faulkner,
FCFF Treasurer



Outings Report

I'm still out in the wilds of BC, but

If you haven't heard we have a temporary hold on the Duck Lake outing signup. (as of press time it is back on with motorized craft restrictions). There are some regulatory changes occurring at the lake this year and we will update you as we get more info in the next couple of weeks.

We're still in the planning phases for an early June outing over to eastern Washington to try our hand at fly fishing for bass. This will be your chance to catch a lot of bass and to develop your skills for this fishery as we are arranging for a very well-known expert to provide our group with an on shore clinic prior to our first day on the water.

That's it for now. See you when I get back from Canada.

Tom Langley



"....and every strange, half-seen, gliding, beautiful thing that eludes him; every dimly-discovered, uprising fin of some undiscernible form, seems to him the embodiment of those elusive thoughts that only people the soul be continually flitting through it."

Herman Melville, "Moby Dick"

Conservation Report

Greetings 4CFF'ers

On a non-conservation note, Frank and I visited the NSEA offices last week and made preliminary plans to host our club picnic at the new Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc. property this August. They have plenty of parking, open and covered areas for folks to gather and plenty of room for a host of activities. We are aiming for a Saturday date in late August and will hold the picnic from 3 PM till about 7:30 PM with dinner being served about 5:30. We are homing in on the exact Saturday date so please tune into the July newsletter for exact date and map of NSEA's location on E. Bakerview Dr.

As a notice to any members who have a boat at Squalicum Lake we need to have all "marked" boats temporarily removed to a safe location above the kiosk before July 5. On July 6 Dick Skeers has arranged a backhoe contractor to come in and fall a large dead birch tree that is hanging over quite a few of the boats. Our club will be helping cut up the dead limbs and removing them from the area. All boats not removed to the "Safe Area" will have chains or cables cut on July 6, they will be moved and then replaced back to their original spots once the work is completed. Call any non-club friends who have boats stored to give them this information so they won't have chains etc cut. Signs will be posted this week at the launch site and the "Safe Area" will be marked with spray paint. All boats to be moved will be marked with a small number on their bottom that will aid in proper replacement after the work.

On a similar vein, the NSEA tractor guy met with us about 10 days ago and mowed the trail and launch area so it's in good shape again after a very wet Spring. Any questions about boat moving etc just call me 360 398-1637.

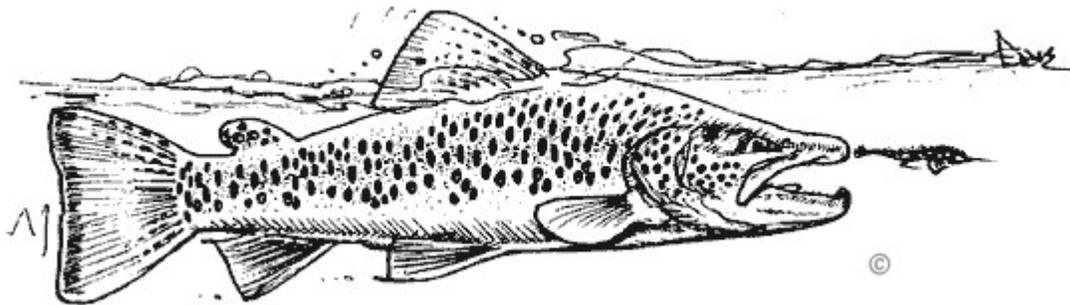
Thanks for all, Dan and Terry



A Few Of Our Club Supporters



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Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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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

Thank You, 4CFF Conservation Volunteers!

May 6, 2017, Ladies of the Lake Property (south end of Lake Whatcom). 4CFF volunteers had a busy and gratifying morning performing conservation work.

We finished removing the rusty, old barbed wire on the Fir Creek side of this property. We made great progress with non-native plant suppression! And before calling it quits, we walked the adjacent South Bay Drive roadway and the Whatcom County Park/ South Lake Whatcom boat launch area, picking up trash.



4CFF members donating their energies, included Dan Coombs (center, holding barbed wire ring then, Left to Right from Dan), John Leighton (behind Dan), Bill Rogers, Don Anderson, and myself (Mike Reed). Sid Strong (not shown due to taking picture) pitched in too! The other folks in this photo are Whatcom Land Trust (WLT) staff and volunteers. There were about 5 more people not shown in the picture.

With the barbed wire fencing removed, wildlife in the area can now return to their natural movement patterns avoiding risks from hazardous detours and injury by brushing too close or becoming entangled in the barbed wire.

About two years ago, 4CFF volunteers helped plant native tree and bush “starts” at this property. I’m pleased to report that they are growing well! Our continued non-native plant suppression efforts are paying off, helping the young plants to take hold and grow! On this event we also did battle with blackberry bush growth too close to the creek.

We will have at least one more conservation event at the Ladies of the Lake property this year, probably in late September. Again I will ask for WLT to put out a call for volunteers to join us. Teaming with WLT allows our members to meet new people and benefits our Club with positive community exposure!

Thanks again! Hope to see you in the fall!

Mike Reed

4CFF Conservation Committee Member, Land Steward for Ladies of the Lake.



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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

June 22,
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

July 4, 2017

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

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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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