



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This spring and summer I have not taken many (1) opportunities to wet a line. The addition to house has been the priority. As the project is wrapping up I have been considering what I missed the most as far as the angling went. I am not sure if it was the outdoor experience or the sharing it with others. Recently we have seen several of our members going through some rough times with regard to their health. Our ability to enjoy the craft we pursue and the company we keep can change in an instant. I encourage you all to indulge in our membership and the share what you have to offer as well.

It was a pleasure to see all of you at the annual picnic. We all owe John and Elaine Leighton a rousing thank you for their hospitality. Also thank Molly Semenik for setting up a short casting games course. The picnic was a blast. The cards we signed for Jim Darden and Pete Lamb were much appreciated when I delivered them. By the way, both would love to get a call or a visit as they recover.

At the next membership meeting on the 22nd the board will be presenting our recommendations for the next Nominating Committee. We have the positions of Internal VP (Programs), Membership Chairman, and 2 Directors open. The Membership chair must be on the board. Furthermore all the committees are always open and available for your participation. If you have an interest in becoming a board member or helping with a committee let me know and I will pass it on to the appropriate people.

I'm going to head out for a little trip to Desolation Sound, I look forward to seeing you all out there on the water somewhere, sometime!

Frank Koterba  
President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, September 22, 2016. 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 I have a bit of bad news and a bit of good news about our program...which do you want first?

OK – Let's go with the bad news and get it out of the way. Unfortunately, our originally scheduled speaker, Colin Flanagan, has canceled due to a family emergency. I was looking forward to hearing from Colin about the guiding he does in the salt water around Whidbey Island, but that will have to wait for a future meeting. I will keep in touch with him and hopefully we'll be able to bring him to Bellingham sometime in 2017.

Now, on to the good news...which actually comes in two parts. First, on very short notice our own Rick Todd has agreed to give us a program this month. Rick plans to present on fishing Idaho's Kelly Creek and will share plenty of nice photos and information about this exciting fishery. The other bit of good news is what you won't be seeing this month in the wake of Colin's cancellation and that is a series of 'what I did on my summer vacation' photos from yours truly. My family and I had a great trip exploring Montana, but aside from some comic relief I doubt that it is program-worthy!

One last thing I'd like to mention. This year marks my fourth year (2<sup>nd</sup> 2-year term) serving as Internal VP and Program Chair and I do not plan to continue in my position. As you'll hear from Frank, the board is in the process of forming the nominating committee to fill vacant positions (including mine) for 2017 and I would strongly encourage you to consider serving. If you think I've done a good job and want to carry on the tradition, let me know and I can fill you in on how it all works and what's involved. If you think I've done a crummy job, then now's the time to step up and show us how it's done (and I'd be glad to talk to you too)! I'll likely start making some inquiries and talking to a few of you directly, but it's always nicer if someone steps up and volunteers as opposed to being dragged kicking and screaming into it...

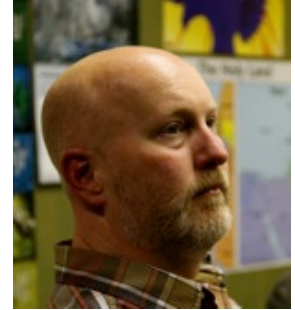
Back to our meeting for September. Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, September 21 at 8am by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@deepsnow.com), or by phone at 360-319-1350. Be sure to indicate if you'll be having dinner or just attending the meeting, and remember that a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay. Also, a reminder that getting your RSVP in on time

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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



## Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for August included the following:

Annual picnic guest fees @\$5 per guest	\$55.00
Conservation boat raffle	130.00
Total	\$185.00

Monthly expenses for August included:

Annual picnic food & drinks	\$324.77
QuickBooks Monthly fee	32.60
Total Expenses	\$357.57

Bank account balances as of September 5, 2016 were \$2,853 (Club Checking), \$13,927 (Club Savings) and \$12,821 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer

## Outings Report

We are winding up the season with our final four outings. The next one is a Baker Lake/ Alpine lakes outing hosted by John Leighton. This event, running from September 22-25 will be a camping and hiking adventure. If you don't feel like hiking you can stay low and fish Baker Lake for Sockeye salmon. Following close on the heels of this event will be our annual Chopaka outing and a couple of float trips. Please check the website for updates and cancellations as conditions this time of year can change at the last minute.

### **Baker Lake Outings Detail**

**Host:** John Leighton

**Date:** Saturday, September 22-25, 2016

**Overview:** This outing features a variety of fishing opportunities, including Baker Lake and also hike-in fishing in nearby alpine lakes.

**Location:** Camping at Kulshan Campground, Fishing at Baker Lake, Watson Lakes / Anderson Lakes, Whatcom County, WA.

A forest pass is required. It costs \$5/day or \$30 per year.

The trail to these lakes is approximately 2 1/2 miles of moderate elevation gain and loss. The trail forks at about 2 miles, left fork going to Watson, right fork going to Anderson. It's a popular hike and on a nice weekend we won't be alone, sharing it mostly with hikers and families out on a picnic. The area is absolutely beautiful and worth the trip just for the scenery, but it does require a walk in and, after a day of fishing, a walk out. You will be carrying a bit of weight with your fishing gear, float tube or rubber raft and drinking water, so don't try to do this as your first hike of the summer. On any hike, carrying the standard 10 essentials is a good idea.

Watson lakes are 45.8 acres, 30' deep with an elevation of 4,375' and another lake of 18 acres at 4,475'. Some sort of floating device is recommended for these lakes.

Anderson lakes are .2 acres at 4,425', 4 acres at 4,475', 4 acres at 5,050' and 2 acres at 5,000'

Patterns for these lakes include: leeches, damselfly, soft hackles and elk hair caddis.

When hiking, always carry the "10 Essentials"

- Navigation (map and compass)
- Sun protection (sunglasses and sunscreen)
- Insulation (extra clothing)
- Illumination (headlamp/flashlight)
- First-aid supplies
- Fire (waterproof matches/lighter/candles)
- Repair kit and tools
- Nutrition (extra food)
- Hydration (extra water)
- Emergency shelter

For more details on these essentials, please visit: <http://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/ten-essentials.html>

Phil Terzian

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# Conservation Report

Hello hello members and prospectives,

All of us can feel the Fall change in the air so that means some Fall conservation activities. First out of the box will be Mike's Ladies of the Lake fence removal project on Sat. Sept. 17. Check Mike's newsletter blurb (below) and see Eventbrite for more details.

Next will be a short work party at 10 Mile Creek school site on Sat. Oct 8 from 9:30-11:00. More details on this project at September's meeting. Lastly, Nathan will be hosting his hugely popular Whatcom Creek cleanup event on Sat. Oct. 22. Again, more details on this later. We are doing important work that does make a difference at each of these project sites so please pick at least one of them to participate in.

Good news. Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc. called me the other day and has invited all of our members and prospectives to their Capital Campaign Celebration at their newly acquired location on Thursday Sept. 15. They will be offering us a free salmon dinner along with all the "beverage" we can drink. A short tour and dedication of their new property will be part of the evening as well. They told me that this is their way of thanking 4CFF for our years of financial support.

I know it's short notice, but all you have to do is contact Adrian ASAP to secure a reservation. Spouses are welcome as well. RSVP with Adrian Shulock @ ashulock@n-sea.org to make your reservation. Yes, I said a FREE DINNER plus FREE BEER and other beverages.

**Location:** 3057 East Bakerview Rd. (just South down the hill from Hannegan Rd intersection).

**Time:** 4:30 Social Hour, 5:30 Dedication, 6:00 Dinner.

See you all there!

Dan

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# Conservation Event

I'm very proud of 4CFF's conservation commitment. On 9/17 we have a 4CFF conservation event. This will be at the Ladies of the Lake Preserve adjacent to Lake Whatcom. Every little bit of conservation effort around Bellingham's drinking water source directly benefits many in our Club and is a service to the Bellingham Community! Public is welcome!

Please join me, Saturday morning, 9/17/2016, 9-11am, at the Ladies of the Lake Preserve (south end of Lake Whatcom).

The details (what to wear, what to bring, etc.) are described with Eventbrite registration and also at our Club Calendar. Please sign up with Eventbrite:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-of-the-lake-conservation-work-party-bellingham-wa-tickets-7838995647](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-of-the-lake-conservation-work-party-bellingham-wa-tickets-7838995647)

After the work party, I'm planning a short "R&R," checking out Hops N Headz restaurant/pub, featuring 30 award winning craft beers on tap. Please join in.

This Whatcom Land Trust property is a beautiful 102 acre parcel with two creeks flowing into Lake Whatcom. The Fir Creek is on the property and Anderson Creek is adjacent with City of Bellingham owning and restoring along Anderson Creek.

See you at the event.

Mike Reed

PS: I'll bring the coffee!

# Communications Report

The website seems to be working well. The most frequently used feature of the site seems to be the calendars, where you can get information on outings, meetings, educational events and conservation events. The forums feature, introduced a couple of months ago to encourage last minute, member-to-member fishing intentions or reports, has not been used much yet. I plan to publish an instructional video soon, in order to make the forums feature less intimidating to folks who want to post for the first time. Stay tuned.

Phil Terzian [pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto:pterzian@pacbell.net) 408 410 0969

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# FOR SALE!!!

This is a KEVLAR Stillwater Classic from "Spring Creek Fly Fishing Prams" in Tonasket, WA.

The pram is 7'10" and weighs 50 LBS. It was made in 2002. It comes with the Pocket Puller Kit, stern extension Arm Kit, side mounted spare rod holder, composite 6.5' oars, Minn Kota 30 LBS thrust electric motor, and two deep cell batteries with charger.

The pram has a low profile so the wind doesn't effect it as the larger ones. With the Minn Kota it's easy to zip around the lake. I like it because I could stand in it to sight fish and lay down it to take a nap. I could throw it out of my truck and be on the lake in minutes.

Brian Chan, the author of many books and videos on lake fishing, uses this pram exclusively.

I bought this pram and the accessories in 2002 for \$2000. My asking price is \$900.

Sid Strong

[swstrong@comcast.net](mailto:swstrong@comcast.net)

(360) 220-0099

**\$750!!!**



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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 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

Sept 22,  
2016

Bellingham Golf and  
Country Club

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

Oct 4, 2016  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

## 4CFF Board Members

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Raffle Chairmen: Nathan Weston

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 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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