



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **September President's Message:**

#### **The Picnic:**

While a few of you were off chasing spots to view the eclipse a large contingent of members gathered at the new Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association's new grounds. It was a pretty good time!! The facility is amazing, the company was remarkable, and the food was up to its usual fine standards. A special thanks to our Bob Cooper for manning his Cooper Cooker and producing some great ribs.

Dan Coombs helped organize the logistics at the site and the set up. Molly Semenik conducted bronze level casting certifications on a couple of courses. And several of the founders of NSEA, Mike and Elaine McRory gave us a grand tour of the facility as well.

We will probably be back there next year and NSEA has offered the use of their Community Center for some of our future events.

#### **I sent this out earlier but it is worth repeating:**

**8/26/2017:** One of the many aspects of this group we call the 4th Corner Fly Fishers is sharing the path through our time in life. The background shifts, the group of people changes, the issues of concern evolve, our level of consensus is always a variable. What I have enjoyed as a constant throughout the 11 years I have been a member is our ability to just be together. It reminds me of my own boisterous German mob I call my family. We have curmudgeons, sages, historians, craftsmen, visionaries, environmentalists, conservationists, guides, story tellers, Errol, and the full spectrum of the individuals we have come to cherish.

For all of us, I would like to wish Bill Hall a Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Conservation Auction News:** This is a 4CFF Conservation Auction Year. Lets make this year's auction a very successful auction." Ed Dahl

He was responsible the last successful auction so I will use Ed Dahl's words with a little editing.

#### **Raffle Tickets:**

The Raffle tickets are printed and we need each member to take at least one book to sell to the public. We know that it is not something that you like to do. However, the ticket sales generate the biggest portion of revenue for the auction. This year we have some great items and it should make it easier for you to make the sale. The buyer of each ticket gets to choose the raffle that they want.

**The first raffle choice** is a two night stay in a Mt. Robinson room at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. It includes 1 breakfast and 1 dinner for two. This is a prize that has been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is very popular choice.

**The second raffle choice** is a catered dinner for up to 10 people by Frank Koterba and the members of the 4CFF. The venue for the dinner is yet to be determined. This is a prize that has also been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is a very popular choice.

**The third raffle choice** is a Dogfish pram. This is an 8' rotomolded dinghy made here in Bellingham. It is a tough maneuverable vessel that will fit in the back of your pickup, works in fresh or salt water, and is stable enough to allow you to stand while casting. There are many upgrades available to the base model in the raffle.

The tickets will be available at every meeting, outing or event and on line. Make sure to get your ticket book(s) and get selling.

## **Donations:**

The auction will be in October at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. The auction committee needs the help of the membership in finding and soliciting items for the auction. The auction is a club-supported activity and therefore we need each of you to help. I am asking each of you to solicit at least one item from somewhere in the community. The item does not have to be fly fishing related. It could be most anything. It could be something like an oil change at a local Jiffy Lube where you are a regular customer. In most cases all you need to do is ask. The item could be also be an "In Kind" type of donation where the donation is for a free tune up from your favorite auto or boat mechanic. As you can see almost anything is acceptable.

If you find someone that would like to support the club's auction but they do not have any thing to donate. Let someone on the committee know. We will try put together a list of potential items that can be purchased as a sponsorship donation. We will try to negotiate the cost of these items down so that the donation is coming from both the vendor and the sponsor. An example could be 4 hours of house cleaning.

One of the things that made the last auction so successful was that some member put together outings 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. I believe that there were at least two separate float trips, one on the Yakima and one on the Skagit. There was also a trip out on the salt to fly fish for Salmon. I would ask that you consider putting together a trip, outing or tour of an area you are familiar with for this auction.

So far we have had members donate several separate trips. Hugh has put together another small stream adventure. Molly Semenik is offering a 4 hour on the water class and Scott Willison will give you 2 hours of instruction and spend a day on the water with 2 handed gear. And finally Nathan Weston will take you out this winter to chase Dollies in the salt.

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. We have a donation forms that needs to be filled out for all items. These forms are available from any committee member. If you have items to donate now, you can. Please bring them to a General Meeting or drop it off with Dan Coombs (360 398 1637), or Frank Koterba (360.927.0544). We will store the item until the auction.

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We are again using the same website to promote and manage the event. You will be able to go up online and see all the items in the program. After registering, you can also purchase your raffle and dinner tickets. It would help our cash flow if you went ahead and completed the purchase now, However you can wait and pay the night of the event. The website is: [4CFF Conservation Auction 2017](http://4CFF Conservation Auction 2017) There will be committee members at the picnic, the next membership meetings, available if you need assistance from now until the night of the auction. If you have questions you can email me at [2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com](mailto:2017.4cff.auction@gmail.com) or call me at 360.927.0544.

One final note please donate items that have at least \$10-15 of value.

By the way, we just held one of the Conservation Auction Dinners at Klaus Lohse's.....It was Marvelous.

And definitely worth the \$10 for the raffle ticket!!

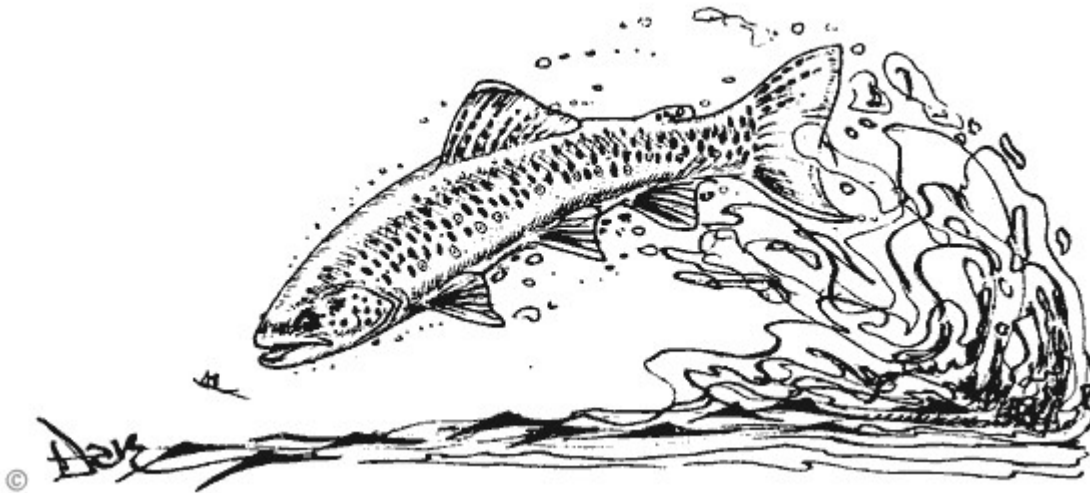
I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



*"...before 70 we are merely respected at best and we have to behave all the time. But after 70, we are respected, esteemed, admitted, revered, and don't have to behave unless we want to." ... Mark Twain*



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# Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, September 28, 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.

## September's Program:

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, a presentation that he has delivered to other fly clubs throughout Washington State. Biologists, like Dave Fast, and technicians are out in the field daily, actively restoring areas in accordance with traditions and with rigorous science. He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and field experience with a Ph.D. College of Fisheries, University of Washington, a M.Sc. Department of Marine Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and B.Sc. St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

The Yakama Nation Fisheries is a program of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. From its inception in 1983, Yakama Nation Fisheries has employed scientific expertise in concert with traditional ecological knowledge to develop innovative projects and partnerships credited with restoring culturally important fish runs in the Columbia River. Yakama Nation Fisheries is headquartered on the Yakama Reservation. See learn more about projects in the drainage basins visit <http://www.king5.com/tech/science/environment/salmon-returns-expected-with-cle-elum-dam-passage/458683638> or the Yakama Nations Fisheries website: <http://host119.yakama.com/>.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-september-dinner-meeting-tickets-37378255368>, by email at [bxxcoper2010@gmail.com](mailto:bxxcoper2010@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.

## Future Programs:

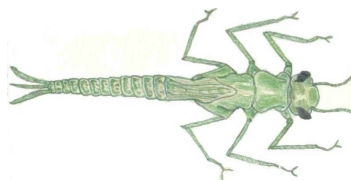
**October 14**, Saturday: Bi-Annual Auction. More information to come in the Newsletter and email.

**November 16**, Thursday: Bob Warinner of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is to present the program "Experiments and Climate Change Connected to Spawning."

**December 21**, Thursday: Annual Membership Christmas and Awards Dinner

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## Treasurer's Report

Fees collected and expenses for the Picnic have not yet been tallied. The only expense currently entered for the month of August is \$43.48 for QuickBooks software.

Bank account balances on August 28, 2017 were \$16,691.01 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$6,637.78 (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



# NSEA Soiree



# Lohse Auction Meeting



Host and The Peel  
(Kings new Bread!)  
(Smells devine!)



Sorbet Salad



The Host, Klaus and his Lovely wife, Peggy



Deviled Eggs



Dan & Jane

## Outings (continued)

July has come and gone. Although the **Leech Lake** outing had to be canceled due to local fires in the area, the lake **Whatcom hexagena** outing was a great success with 21 members and one guest (Tom Martino) who now is a member attending. The fish weren't big, but several were to be had my many of the attendees.

As usual the **Classic at Big Twin** was a roaring success. Attended by a small but very intense group, this year's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary event offered something old, something new and several surprises. The potluck, in my opinion, was the highlight of the trip. Frank and several of the crew outdid themselves with the preparation of one of the best Paella's ever. And to top it off Rick and Patty were very kind in allowing us with short notice to have the dinner at their home overlooking the lake. A special thanks to Rick for hosting this years' event. He will receive his special 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary club hat. Some of the lowlights at this year's outing: Tom locked himself out of his truck; Angus caught more fish than Tom. Some of the highlights: Tom caught bigger fish than Angus, Phil caught a beautiful Cut on Boulder Creek, Frank won the most fish category for the fly challenge, Rick won the biggest fish category and Angus won the first fish category, and John Bobbitt won the Ed Rickey Fly box raffle.

So now August is upon us and our attention is focused on this year's Coho and Pink runs. It is proving to be a challenging season as the regs have once again turned out to be very restrictive due to very low expected returns. Already the regs have been updated prohibiting boats in area 9 after July 31<sup>st</sup>.



I am continuing to scout the area from Keystone south to Possession Point almost daily checking with fisherman for updated reports on catches, but as of August 5<sup>th</sup>, there have been very few catches on the beach. Those that have had a bit of luck are using bobbers and live herring. I will keep you posted.

September is around the corner and Two outings are now posted, Small Streams and Lakes and the Chopaka Lake outing. So get those rods out of the closet and dust them off and join us.

Tom Langley

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# Conservation Report

Hello to all 4CFF'ers,

By now most of you have read about the escape of possibly thousands of farmed Atlantic Salmon from the fish farm operation off Cypress Island. Several of our members have been watching the gradual increase of fish farming in Puget Sound and have voiced legitimate concerns about this expansion to WDFW. Of course, the companies involved in Puget Sound operations have consistently downplayed the possibility of their genetically altered fish from ever intermixing with our native Salmon stocks and thus far have been able to keep restrictions on their operations to a minimum. In addition, the rules and environmental studies required to get licensed for a new fish farming operation have been kept to a minimum at best. We can only hope that now the WDFW will grow up and look at this industry with a much more "jaded eye", and that regulations will be greatly increased in the future.

Went to an interesting movie the other day and highly recommend it to all of you. "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" is the second film by Al Gore which deals with climate change. The refreshing part is that this second film primarily deals with what can be and is being done to help turn the tide towards more stable weather patterns worldwide. It talks a lot more about logical solutions and minimizes finger pointing. You can pull up a summary of this information by going to <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/content/download-make-it-a-reality-action-kit> or catch the film at our local Pickford theater.



See you at the September meeting...Dan

## Web Site News Report

The roster on the website has been updated to include recent changes as of August. Please refer to the roster in the member's section of the web if you are trying to contact another member or one of our guest status folks.

Otherwise, the website is working well. If you have any issues or need help logging in, please contact me.

Fish on

Phil Terzian

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## Conservation Auction Supporters

Scott Willison of:



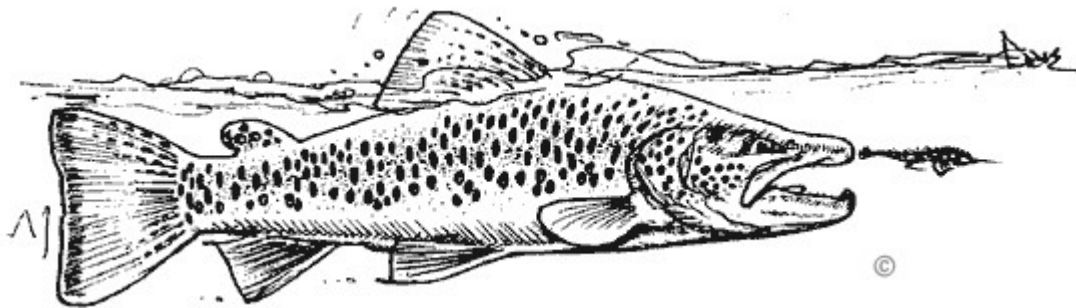
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# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



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## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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*“No one knows what game there is in a trout, unless he has fought it out, matching such a rod against a three pound fish, with forty feet of water underneath, and a clear, unimpeded sweep around him! Ah, then it is that one discovers what will and energy lie within the mottled skin of a trout, and what a miracle of velocity he is when aroused.”*

*Adirondack Murray*





## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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 will 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

September 28,  
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

Sept. 5, 2017

Oct. 3, 2017

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

# 4CFF Board Members

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Directors: Sid Strong, Steve Hiller, Bruce Aigner, Mike Riber, 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 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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