



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



## President's Message



First and foremost, the January 27<sup>th</sup> membership meeting will include the annual awards ceremony to be presented by the Awards Committee: George & Fay Farkas, Bill Hall and Ed Dahl. For the first time in several years, if ever, there is a recipient of every award, including the new Linda Sherman Award, and so I encourage all members to come to the meeting to recognize the award recipients, and, of course, to simply enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow fly fishers!

The holidays are over and your Board has not wasted any time in moving forward with its tasks for 2011. With no fanfare, champagne or otherwise, so with just a photo –op, the 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishing Club has enacted the new Bylaws with the official signing by our illustrious secretary, Brian Faloon, at the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board meeting.

With the Bylaws behind us, we have also moved forward with establishing new committees, also enacted by resolution at the January Board meeting.

The club's standing committees and chair persons are:

Membership Committee:	Brian Faloon, Chair and Nathan Weston, Co-chair
Communications Committee:	Sid Strong, Chair
Conservation Committee:	Dan Coombs, Chair and Pete Lamb, Co-chair
Education Committee :	Klaus Lohse, Chair
Library Committee:	Susan Swetman, Chair

In addition to the standing committees, the Board has also established the following advisory committees and chair persons:

Bylaws Committee:	Paul Bodenshot, Chair
Policy & Procedures Committee:	Mark Brovak, Chair
Outings Committee:	Frank Koterba, Chair
Conservation Dinner/Auction Committee:	Diana Horan, Chair

Once we have finalized the members for all the committees, we will be providing membership with a list, and photo, of the committee members. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON A COMMITTEE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

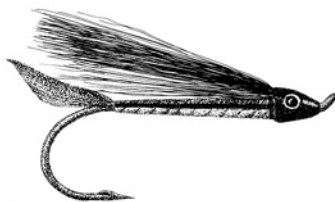
The Membership Committee, consisting of Brian Faloon, Nathan Weston, Ed Dahl Craig Carlile, Errol McWhirk, and Roy Wilson has already met for several hours and has established new membership requirements and application forms. Once the details have been completed, we will be sharing the outcomes with you. Also, starting with the January membership meeting, the Membership Committee will be forming a ‘welcoming committee’ aka – hosts, to meet and greet members, and especially guests at the membership meetings. It would be nice if every club member, over the course of the year, would volunteer to be a host at a meeting.

In addition to all of the above, after several months of creativity, at the January meeting the Board also approved a new club logo using a Ralph Wahl fly – the Painted Lady, designed and illustrated by the following members: Ed Ruckey, Frank Koterba, Sid Strong, Mike Riber and Jack Salstrom. The new logo may even be included in this newsletter!! Speaking of, as you have seen by now, the newsletter has received a new facelift created by our Editor in chief: Sid Strong.

The activities of the Board and committees doesn’t stop here, but by now you are probably exhausted after just reading about what has been happening. I’m exhausted just telling you about it. Nonetheless, we will continue to keep membership informed of the various activities , progress and accomplishments.

Yours truly,

Lin J. Nelson  
President, 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers



*“I know January for the best of all winter steelhead months. The fish have come in in good numbers by that time, but they are still fresh and silver and clean. There may be snow on the ground, two feet of it or more; and if so, the river will be flowing darkly and slowly, the running water below freezing but not ice, just flowing more slowly, as though it meant to thicken into ice...which it never does. Steelhead fishing can be good then, and there is a strange satisfaction in the life of the river flowing through the quiet, dead world...”*

*Roderick Haig-Brown, “A River Never Sleeps”*

# YOUR new 4th Corner Fly Fishing Board!



Pictured standing left to right:

Dan Coombs, Brian Faloon, Nathan Weston, Frank Koterba, Larry Irwin, Gary Jones, Craig Lang, Ed Ruckey.

Sitting:

Lin Nelson, President

(not pictured: Klaus Lohse, Susan Swetman, Mike Riber, Sid Strong, and Pete Lamb)



4CFF Secretary, Brian Faloon, signing the new edition of the By-Laws.



Our new Logo.

 MEMBER OF THE CENTURY 

## Corliss Frederick (Fred) Miller

Fred Miller, age 92, went to be with the Lord on December 1, 2010. Fred was born in Ithaca, Michigan on March 20, 1918. He received his Masters of Petroleum Processing degree from the [University of Michigan](#) where he met Winifred (Wyn) Kathryn Gallup, his wife of 69 years. Serving in the [Army](#) Air Force for seven years during [WWII](#) and the [Korean War](#), he attained the rank of Major. Fred worked for Mobil Oil for 43 years, serving as the Ferndale Refinery Operations Manager from 1962 to his retirement in 1983. He enjoyed working with volunteer organizations such as The Boy Scouts of America, Jr. Achievement, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, **The 4th Corner Fly Fishers**, and the Wild Fish Conservancy - Northwest. The building of the Boyd Creek Interpretive trail, the Restoration of Nessel Creek, and the rebuilding of St. Paul's pipe organ are just three of the community projects he was involved in. Fred is survived by his wife Wyn Miller, his three children and their spouses, Marjorie and Dick Ellis, Harry and Alexis Miller, Stan and Leann Miller; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



*A member, a friend, a great fishing buddy, a rod builder  
and the one most devoted and hardest workers for  
conservation in the Pacific Northwest. He will be deeply  
missed.....but not forgotten.*

## DUES ARE DUE!!!

**As of the end of January, if I still have not received your dues for the current year, please do as soon as possible. Membership is \$35 for regular membership or \$45 for a family - Spouse and minor children. After March 1 there is an additional late charge of \$10 provided in the constitution and If still not paid by April 1 one must reapply for reinstatement with new application and initiation fee.**

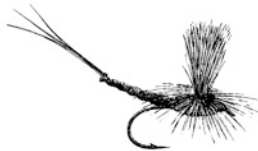
You may send your check for the appropriate amount to 4CFF, P.O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227 - 1543.

If I have erred in recording your dues please refresh my memory with the circumstances or a copy of your cancelled check so I can get you properly enrolled for the coming year.

If you have decided not to rejoin the club, would you please so indicate by replying to this notice. [larryandbarb@comcast.net](mailto:larryandbarb@comcast.net). And, if you're so inclined give us some feedback as to how the club might have done a better job of meeting your needs and expectations.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration.

Larry Irwin, *Treasurer FCFE*



## 4th Corner Fly Fishers January meeting

The 4th Corner Fly Fishers monthly meeting will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM with a "Wet Fly" session.

The program is the "Annual Awards Night" presented By the 4CFF Awards committee.

Frank Koterba will be giving a "Review of 2010 Outings" and "Outing Plans for 2011".

Please let me know if you are attending by Jan. 24th.

Gary Jones, 4CFF Program Chair.  
[gary-jones@comcast.net](mailto:gary-jones@comcast.net)

# January Outings

We are looking at a very exciting year. 2011 will bring many new changes and additions to our programs, outings, conservation activities, educational activities and who knows what else!!!! Our club is going through some growing pains. For many years FCFF had a very stable membership. When I joined in 2006, I felt like one of the youth contingent! While technically not accurate, that was the impression I had. The last several years have seen some old members leave, and many new ones come. This is not the same club that I joined. And I would hope not! Over time all things change. Our real challenge is carry forward the legacy of the past, incorporate the opportunities from the present, with an eye toward the future.

There are many levels of participation available for members and guests. To help you plan for this year, I am including a tentative outing schedule. This will be a work in progress for the next month or so. The traveling outings are pretty much set as far as the dates. The locations on several are still to be determined.

The majority of the early events will be fly tying sessions hosted by different club members. These are great opportunities to get acquainted with the art and to meet some of the practitioners in the club. Your level of experience is not a limiting factor. We have a lot of great tiers of all types of patterns so it's a chance to share and learn. Since these are hosted in individual homes please RSVP the host so they can plan for the food and space. *I will be hosting the first session on January 29<sup>th</sup> starting at noon and running until 4:30. If you plan on attending call me (360-647-9715) or shoot an e-mail to me and I will send you directions.*

One high point early in the year will be our first "Classic Outing" at Big Twin in May. This will include a club sponsored dinner, several fly boxes, and additional goodies for everyone.

The trip to the BC lakes in June will require some research. Roche Lake has been very disappointing the last couple of years and it's time for someplace new. Other suggestions include Badger, Crystal, Hatheume, and Hammer. If you have other candidates let me know.

The salmon trips will be contingent on the fish and weather. Most of these will be day trips to both sides of the border. And since this a pink year, we can start the schedule in August both in the salt and rivers. Locations include the Skagit and Cascade in Washington and the usual suspects across as well as some new areas in BC.

The day trips to local lakes and streams will be added as the locations are identified. We will be going back to Canyon Creek as well as other small streams and lakes. There will be "Outing information documents" created for each of the events which will give you an idea of the fishing opportunities tackle patterns and techniques.

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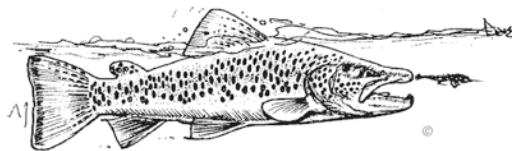
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This year we can begin planning for destination trips to locations outside our normal range. Some of the suggested destinations are Montana, Alaska and the tropics.

And finally, during the course of the year we will be organizing events or classes where we can hone our skills, expand our knowledge about tackle and techniques. It will also be a way to learn more about the wealth of members we have in the club.

I look forward to seeing you at these events during the year. In this time of searching for value, here's your chance, you have spent your \$35: now get your money's worth!! ***JUMP IN!!!!***

Frank Koterba  
~~Your Outings Chairman~~  
 External Vice President



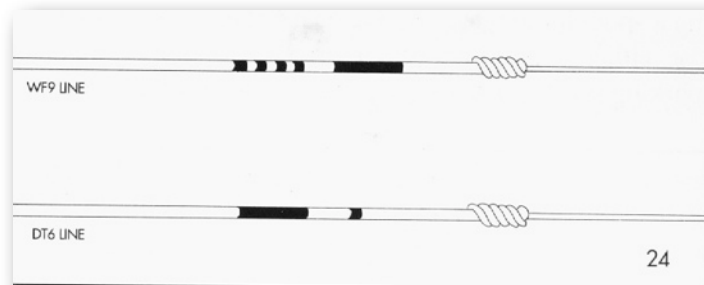
## MARKING FLY LINES

Fly lines are supplied with a label which should be attached to the spool holding the line. The trouble is that sometimes either the label falls off the spool or the line is used with another spool.

It is really important to mark the line, not the spool. Here's a method I have been using for more than 25 years. With a permanent marking pen, place a one-inch mark around the line approximately a foot up from the nail knot. That will be the mark for the five. To signify a mark for the number one, make a small ring (approximately 1/4 inch long) around the line with the pen. To further identify your lines by taper, for weight-forward lines, you can put the long mark forward of the line and the small ones toward the back. Thus (as shown on the line at the top of the illustration), a weight-forward 9 weight line will have a one-inch mark forward of the line and four short ones toward the back.

For double-taper lines, simply reverse the process. Thus, a double-taper 6 weight line (as shown) would have one 1/4 inch-long mark forward of the line and a one-inch mark toward the back.

Lefty Kreh, "Lefty's Little Fly-Fishing Tips" 2002



# The Christmas Party





## Frank's Culinary Corner

It's that time of year when a good bowl of soup will lift your spirits. This is a recipe from an old cookbook written by the wife of an Alaskan bush pilot.

### Hearty Cabbage Soup

½ Head cabbage, shredded  
 1 large onion, coarsely chopped  
 1 lb. ground beef  
 1 Tbs. salt  
 1 Tbs. sugar  
 10 or so peppercorns  
 6 allspice berries  
 1 bay leaf  
 6 cups chicken stock (3 cans low sodium Swanson's)  
 2 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce

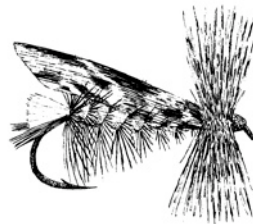
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1 12oz. can V-8 juice (You can add a spicier version if you like.)  
 2 6oz. cans tomato paste

Combine first list of ingredients in a medium sized soup pot as follows:

Brown beef, drain the fat. Add onions, cabbage, broth and spices. Bring to a boil, lower heat to simmer, cook for 1 hour. Add the V-8 and the tomato paste, simmer for an additional 30 minutes.

Remove bay leaf and any pepper and all spice you can see. Top with grated mild Swiss cheese, sour cream, or a good horseradish. Or use all three.



*"I fish because I love to; because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful...and, finally not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally important and not nearly so much fun."*

*Robert Traver  
 Anatomy Of A Fisherman (1964)*

# Excerpt from Jack Salstrom's, "NYMPHS"

## STONEFLIES

**The fly is heavily weighted; either lead or non-lead wire. I prefer to use the weight in the abdomen because I believe if the weight is added to the head of the nymph it doesn't tumble right. I use dry lines with long leaders to dead drift the nymph in 2 to 8 feet of water. The strike will be subtle so if you can't detect the take use a strike indicator.**

The fly most likely will just stop drifting just like hung on a rock so if you are not experience I suggest using a strike indicator.

Samples taken from mouth of Edfro Creek on South Fork of Nooksak river, samples also taken from Upper Skagit and the Deschutes River. The fly is heavily weighted, as is all stonefly nymph patterns.

Fly should be fished dead drift style so it can tumble along the bottom of the stream or river.



HOOK: TIEMCO 200R [SIZE 4 to 10]

THREAD: Black 6/0 or 8/0

TAILS: Brown goose biots

ABDOMEN COVERT: Thin skin [dark brown]

RIBS: Small brown V rib paralleled with small black D rib

ABDOMEN: Black stonefly mixture

REAR LEGS: Brown or turkey biots

THORAX: Black stonefly mixture

COVERT: Dark turkey tail

FRONT LEGS: Brown goose or turkey biots

EYES: Mono

ANTENNA: Brown duck biots [dyed]



Happy Holidays! On December 10<sup>th</sup> the North Sound Chapter of CCA Washington was graciously invited to host a youth fly tying and ornament making workshop at the BP Cherry Point Refinery’s Children’s annual Christmas celebration. The event welcomed over 810 BP employees and their families. Fellow Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and CCA North Sound members volunteered their time and expertise to help over 120 kids create flies which were meticulously enclosed in clear glass ornaments. Tying equipment was provided by the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and Liam Wood Fly Fishing School.



Exuberant children, ages from 4 to 14, were all smiles in a flurry of bright feathers and furs as they patiently lined up to watch and learn about tying flies, fishing and sharing in the holiday spirit. In addition, while kids pinched barbs and wound hackles, their parents had an opportunity to learn more about CCA’s role in salmon, steelhead and marine conservation and the great strides we are making throughout the Pacific Northwest.



We appreciate the opportunity to teach children about conservation, fly tying and the share the spirit of giving during the holiday times.

Thank you BP for giving CCA the chance to give back to the community through its future anglers.

 4CFF OUTINGS AND EVENTS AT A GLANCE 

<b>2011 Outings</b>					
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Misc</u>
<b>January</b>					
Fly tying	Saturday 29th			Frank Koterba	12:00-4:30 Lunch
<b>February</b>					
Fly tying	Saturday, 12th			Lin Nelson	12:00-4:30 Lunch
Fly tying	Wednesday 26th			Dan Coombs	12:00-4:30 Lunch?
<b>March</b>					
Outing	26 or 27th	Pass Lake	Rainbows/Browns		Lunch and fly box
Fly tying				Klause Lohse	
Fly tying	Thursday 17th			Mark Brovak	6:00-9:00 Dinner
Conservation	Saturday 19th	Squalicum Lake Cleanup			Lunch
<b>April</b>					
		<i>(Easter 24th)</i>			
Conservation	9th	10 Mile Creek Work Party			
Outing	14th - 16	Yakima	Rainbows, Whitefish		Pot luck and fly box
<b>May</b>					
		<i>Mother's day 8th, Memorial Day 31st</i>			
Conservation	14th-15th	10 Mile Creek Work Party			Pot Luck and fly box
Outing	23rd-25th	Big Twin (Classic)	Rainbows		
<b>June</b>					
		<i>Fathers Day 19th</i>			
Outing	6th to 15th later June	BC Lake: Badger, Crystal, Hatheume Hammer, Hatheume	Rainbows, Brook		Pot Luck and fly box
<b>July</b>					
Conservation	9th	Squalicum Lake Touch up Trips to local waters Small local Streams		Hugh Lewis, Bruce Ruckey	Lunch and small fly box
<b>August</b>					
Outing	6th & 7th	Methow River and small streams Saltwater Coho in Puget Sound Skagit Pink Trip Small local Streams		Rick Todd Dan Coombs Jack Salstrom Hugh Lews/Bruce Ruckey	Pot Luck and fly box Pot Luck and fly box Lunch and small fly box
<b>September</b>					
		<i>Labor Day 5th</i>			
Outing	11th & 12th	Upper Skagit River		Errol	Potluck and fly box
Conservation	17th	10 Mile Creek Work Party			
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Outing	4th-9th	East Side Lakes—Chopaka, Blue, Sidley, etc.		Mike Riber/Tom Farnell	Fly Box & Food?
Conservation	Some Friday	10 Mile Creek Work Party Steelhead trip to East Side			
Outing	11th	Vedder River? Salmon trip		Brian, Errol, Don	Lunch and fly box
<b>November</b>					
		Salmon Trip Steelhead Trip			
<b>Salmon Trips to BC &amp; US rivers</b>					
		Vedder, Stave, Chillawack, Harrison Skagit, Cascade		Brian, Errol, Don	
<b>Destination Trips</b>					
		Montana Rivers Tropical (Bonefish) Alaska (Salmon and Trout)		Ken Kloehn, Jim Darden Sid Strong Gary Jones	



*“It is the constant, or inconstant, change, the infinite variety in fly-fishing that binds us fast. It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year.”*

*Theodore Gordon (1914)*

## Fly Tying Session Notes:

One of the new wrinkles in our fly tying sessions will be designated "instructors". We will have a pattern or two which will receive special attention. And we will have the materials on hand to tie it. Or if you want to pick them up yourself the recipes will be provided before hand. This will give anyone new to the process an easy way to get started and it will also give others possible new patterns to add to their arsenal.

For the first tying session will be at my house will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:30 and we will be featuring a couple of patterns that have been successful at Pass Lake, our first outing destination.

They are :

### **The Pumpkinhead**

SUBMITTED BY:: Charlie Wilson

Fly Tied by and Photo taken by Charlie Wilson



### **ICE CREAM CONE - BLOODWORM**

SUBMITTED BY: Ruben Breitreutz

Fly Tied and Photo taken by Ruben Breitreutz



Once again let me know if you are coming. I will need to make sure there is room for everyone to tie and I will be making lunch. Also let me know if you are new to fly tying and will need assistance in getting setup.

Frank Koterba

647-9715

Your External VP



# 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JANUARY EVENTS

On January 29th, there will be a ‘FLY TYING’ session with Frank Koterba. All of those interested, please contact Frank at (360) 647-9715 or [fwkphotography@comcast.net](mailto:fwkphotography@comcast.net) and reserve a space. Lunch will be provided. (another reason to attend)

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

On February 12th, there will be a ‘FLY TYING’ session hosted by Lin Nelson. All of those interested, please contact Lin at (360) 676-5439 or [lin.nelson@comcast.net](mailto:lin.nelson@comcast.net) and reserve a space. Lunch will be provided.

On February 26th, there will be a ‘FLY TYING’ session hosted by Dan Coombs. All of those interested, please contact Dan at (360) 398-1637 or [djcmb@nas.com](mailto:djcmb@nas.com) and reserve a space. Lunch will be provided.

## January’s Meeting January 27, 2010

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

Wet Fly	6:00
Dinner	6:45
Program	7:30
Meeting	9:00

Contact Gary Jones,  
[gary-jones@comcast.net](mailto:gary-jones@comcast.net)  
for all dinner reservations.

**Be sure to check off your name on the list when you arrive for dinner.**

BRING A FLY FOR THE  
“FLY PLATE”!

## February’s Board Meeting

February 1, 2010

Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.



## 4CFF Board Members

**PRESIDENT:** Lin Nelson

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**Membership Chairman:** Brian Faloon, Nathan Weston

**Directors:** Klaus Lohse, Sid Strong, Mike Riber, and Ed Ruckey

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### Raffle Chairman

Errol McWhirk, Craig Lang

### Library

Susan Swetman

If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend outings, it's wise to bring a lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed in our club. Conservation projects, educational classes, and all chairman positions are always open for new and old members.

## ATTENTION!!!

**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.**



# 4th CORNER FLY FISHERS



## Aims and Purposes

The members of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers are united by our enjoyment of the sport of flyfishing 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 following are the aims and objectives as stated in our Constitution.

- To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding lands.
  - To promote the creation of fly only and/or quality fishing waters and encourage appropriate management of these waters.
  - To practice and advocate protection of the resource and the natural environment.
  - To improve the state-of-the-art of fly fishing and keep members informed of developments of interest.
  - To maintain high standards of membership by selecting as prospective members those persons who are dedicated to fly fishing, are good sportsmen, and are conservation oriented; and to temper organizational growth consistent with the maintenance of quality membership standards.
  - To develop and implement programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and better sportsmen.
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