



4th Corner Fly Fishers

President's Message

Dear 4CFF Members,

It's a new year and nothing like starting it off with some recognition of members who have gone beyond the call of duty in supporting our club and furthering its aims and purposes.

In addition to an exceptional program (**Dr. Ernst J. Schmidt – fly fishing venues from around the world**) that Gary Jones has put together for the January membership meeting, there will also be an extraordinary awards ceremony this year. This is a great opportunity for all members to recognize those members who have contributed to the club - so please attend and do just that!

Never a dull moment at a Board meeting. There seems to always be something new that comes up that the Board must address. Dropbox, storage unit, etc, etc? Someone asked a question regarding who they should give all the clubs documents to regarding our auctions, etc. and this lead to discussions about having a "cloud" Dropbox account to store club documents including Board agendas and minutes. One thing for sure – this year we will be looking at updating the website to include more club information including all the past award recipients, our library, and maybe even club equipment that can be borrowed.

Nonetheless, I look forward to another year of serving the club, lots of laughs, and hopefully a lot of fishing.

Regards,

Lin J. Nelson
Your Club President

p.s. Pay your dues and receive the new 4CFF club logo patch!!





2012 FCFF Board

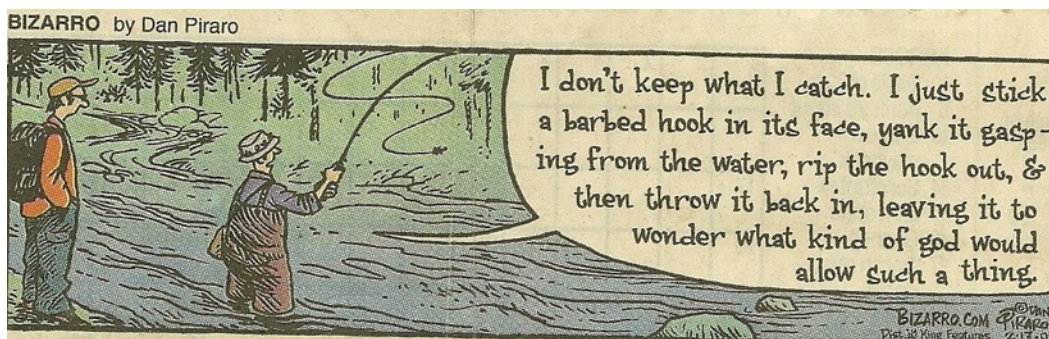


Left to Right: Matt Roelofs (Director), Larry Irwin (Treasurer), Brian Faloon (Secretary), Lin Nelson (President), Gary Jones (Program Chairman), Nathan Weston (Membership Chairman, Frank Koterba (Outings Chairman), and Craig Carlile (Director). Not seen but equally important, Klaus Lohse (Director)



"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"



Treasurer's Report

DUES ARE REALLY DUE - **REALLY DO IT NOW!**

We're up to 21 paid memberships for 2012-- about the same as the first if the year last year. When family members are included in those paying family memberships, the total is 26. We ended 2011 with 97 members, so we have a ways to go. Lets try to get the dues paid sooner rather tahn later. It helps us be more certain of the budget and what can be provided as membership benefits.

After March first a \$10.00 late payment fee is added to the \$35 or \$45 dues renewal. Any member not paid by April 1 is dropped from membership and must rejoin the club through the regular guest status program.

You may bring dues checks (or cash if you must) to any regular meeting, to my house, or a secret designated spot of your choosing. Snail mail to our PO Box works too just be sure it's post-marked before the deadline you're trying to beat. One not-so-clever member had his wife mail a check dated Feb 26 on a day the postal service called March 4. At least he had someone to blame...sound familiar???

I'd sure like to process a pile of checks every week when I check the mail, so I won't need to send the eviction notices to the one or two who leave us each year.



In separate action the 2012 Conservation Budget was approved as developed by Dan and his committee. They plan to support largely the same organizations at somewhat increased levels to reflect the excellent income from the auction in October. They will add a \$1500 one time contribution to the Wild Fish Conservancy to aid their effort to insure the purity of the native steelhead population once the Elwah dam has been removed. All of the ongoing club projects will continue this year with adequate funding. The Conservation Committee intends to use half of the available money this year and half in 2013 while reserving enough to cover the expenses of the 2013 Conservation Auction. Dan will be glad to share more details with anyone through e-mail at djcmbs@nas.com.

Larry Irwin, *Treasurer FCFE*

EDUCATION REPORT

The Education Department of our club will be holding classes in fly tying and fly casting at the Blaine Middle School at 765 H Street in Blaine. Almost every Tuesday and Thursday of each month we will be teaching basic fly casting and tying to middle school students. We need only a few members for each class, but we are in desperate need for members to VOLUNTEER.

If you can help us with any of the classes, please contact me.

"We have not inherited the earth from our fathers; we are borrowing it from our children." Native American Proverb

Klaus Lohse, *FCFF Education Chair*

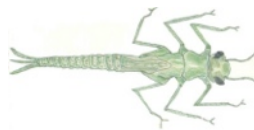
360-671-8453, kpstnlohse@gmail.com.



"I learned how to fly fish in the hit-and-miss, trial-and-error way that makes things stick, and I learned patience, persistence, acceptance and probably a few other good things, too."

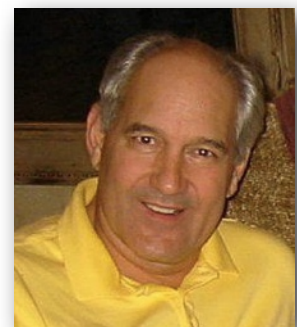
John Gierach

"Another Lousy Day In Paradise" (1996)



Program for the Monthly Meeting

Dr. Ernst J. Schmidt, B.Sc. DMD from Vancouver is our January presenter. Ernie organizes Dental Seminars around the World for the dental community, mixed with Fly Fishing. He has Fly Fished in many renown destinations. The meeting will also will be our annual "**AWARDS NIGHT**". The Awards Committee has put together a Exciting Program. Wet fly at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00, Awards, then Ernie. All at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Please let me know if you plan to attend.



Gary Jones, *FCFF Program Chair* (425) 239-4193 or gary-jones@comcast.net

Membership Committee

2011 turned out to be a great year in membership. We in-acted new membership guidelines and voted in two new members. Congratulation go out to Steve Runge and Brad Williams who completed the new membership guidelines in under a year. We have eleven prospective members in the program.

In November the membership team met to review the first year of the new membership requirements. From this meeting we came up with a list of changes to the program and proposed the changes to the board. After much discussion the board approved the following changes.

1. Prospective new members no longer have to wait for the quarterly general meeting to be sworn in.
2. Both new member sponsors must testify in person in front of the board. In the case that one of the sponsors cannot make it, they can request for an exception from the club president and offer written testimony to be read by one of board members.

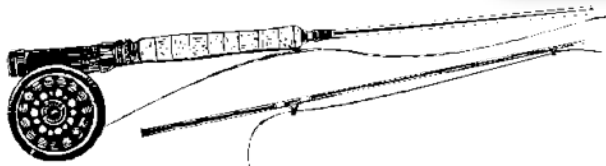
Written testimony from one of the sponsors can be read at the general meeting.

3. The new member swearing in ceremony will go as followed. The prospective member will be asked to leave the room, testimony from the sponsors will be given, the members will vote, If approved the new member will be asked to join his sponsors and take the oath. The membership team will present them with a congratulation gift.

4. The new member initiation fee has been increased from \$10.00 to 30.00 to help cover the cost of congratulation gifts.

5. When a prospective member is getting close to completing the program one of the membership team members will be assigned to them to help guide them through the final steps.

Nathan Weston, *FCFFCo-chair membership committee*



From A New Member....

I first became interested in becoming a member because it gave me an opportunity to spend more time with my Dad. Bill is 86 this year and I wanted every chance to spend and share more time with him.

Because of the new by-laws and requirements for membership, I soon found out what FCFE was really about! By getting involved with the conservation, education groups, outings, meetings, board meetings and other functions like the Picnic and casting classes or tying classes, I saw an opportunity to pass on the values, morals and outdoor ethics that I have always believed in. I realized these are also the main structure and force behind the club. To be able to pass this on to the next generation, to help create a new group of young people to be stewards of the tremendous resources is truly an opportunity for all of us.

I always get enjoyment out of watching eagles or looking into the shallows to see what miracles are happening there, I do also love to fish but to see the smiles and excitement on the faces of Colleen Unema's high school class at Lyndon Christian as part of our clubs Education Program, well, that is what it's all about.

Now I have a group of guys who feel the same as I do. Because we are a group, we are able to make a difference. So again, thank you for your efforts to put together a "membership process" that means something!

It was not easy but well worth it. I believe now that it is something that strengthens the club to do what we all really believe in. It will help bring together those that would be leaders and mentors for generations and it will help to keep the direction of our club moving forth in a respectable and giving way. It teaches us all to leave more than you take.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of something that I see as very valuable and that I will always be privileged to be a part of.

Sincerely with Gratitude,



Brad Williams, The most recent person to have the privilege of membership into the FCFE

January Outings Report

Welcome to 2012.

To say the least we are building on a solid base from last year. I have sent along this first version of this year's calendar as an attachment along with the Newsletter. As you can see there are many items already on the schedule. This will be up on the website (www.4thcornerfly.com).

There are several things to note when viewing the calendar:

- At the top on the left you will find the revision date listed in red.
- The column on the left describes the type of event.
- Changes and additions will have a light red background color.
- Cancellations will have a yellow background color.
- If there is no entry in the **Date** column the event is planned for that month but a specific day has not been set. I will be adding those as I get the research done.
- The dates for the outings especially the "small stream" events are subject to conditions on that day.

Fly Tying:

It's that time of year again when we get to spend a lot of time at the vise filling all those gaps in our fly boxes. We have 6 sessions in the calendar. The first one is at Dan Combs' residence on January 21st beginning at 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend, let him know. (His contact information is at the bottom of the newsletter.) There will be 3 in February, and 2 in March and 1 in April. I would like to get at least one more in so if you are interested in hosting one let me know. Hosting a session doesn't require a huge amount of effort. You can set a limit on how many tiers you can accommodate and anything else you want. You don't even know how to tie! (See below) This is a great way to meet and spend time with your fellow members.

"Fly Tying 101"

As part of the program this year we are setting aside some room at each tying session for teaching the fundamentals of fly tying. **Ed Ruckey** is running this so if you want to learn what all the fuss is about, give him a call (733-8935) and let him (and the host) know you are going to attend. The club has vises and materials so all you need to bring is you. We will advance the lessons with each session.

Outings:

Every year it is always a challenge to put together a package that lets us have the most comprehensive array of opportunities for fishing within our club. The elements in play include travel costs and time, camping facilities, crowd control, members schedules, the weather, the climate, who is cooking, what is hatching, tackle requirements, and *oh by the way*, are there likely any fish?????

(January Outings Report Continued...)

So with that in mind, here we go! There are several traditional trips that we **will** take. Pass Lake, Big Twin, Chopaka (new date), Methow (*FCFF Classic*), upper Skagit, small stream, and the salmonid trips we hit in the fall.

Some new attempts will be made for Sea-run Cutts off the beach, more small streams, local trips to lakes, saltwater beach fishing trips, a float trip on a local river, morning shots for steelies and bulls, and anything else you can suggest.

There are several sets of potential trips at the same time. We have not been back to the Yakima River in several years. It's in the schedule for April, but we have a backup to either some low BC Lakes or Dry falls Lake.

In June, we are going to go to Chopaka early this year to get in on the hatches and fight the crowds. It is early enough in the month to have time for trips up to the Canadian lakes we love.

This year the *Fourth Corner Classic* will be at Winthrop on the Methow River. This should be a great event so plan on attending.

One thing you will not see in this year's calendar is a destination outing. The requirements for such a trip are outside the scope of what our club can really sponsor. If you want to go somewhere that is inviting, just contact other members and work it out.

This year I will be asking some of you to give me a hand in putting the trips together. It shouldn't be too big a chore but it will help the club a lot and who knows I just might get a little more time on the water! So thanks in advance or pitching in!

Those are the high points, so keep an eye on the calendar; it will get filled out by the end of the month.

Classes and training:

Last year we were able to institute several classes for our members. This year we will do the same. I am working on setting classes up for novice and intermediate levels. And we will be doing the Small Stream Clinic again. The latter will be scheduled when we have a handle on the runoff and the safety conditions on the streams.

I look forward to another great year. So I hope to see you all out there.

Frank Koterba
External Vice President/Outings Chairman



So You Want To Tie Flies... Part Two

By Ed Ruckey

In this segment we will talk about what is needed to tie flies after you have acquired the basic tools. Items such as thread, hooks, wire, tinsel and beads.

First lets start with the hooks. What are your interest? Are you leaning towards fresh water or salt water or a little of both in your tying. To keep it simple I'll start with fresh water as this is where the majority of new fly tiers tend to start.

Lets start with the dry fly. Ideally you want a hook that is 1X fine, standard length to 1X long, down eyed, wide gape, bronze, forged. In sizes 8 to 16. In wets and soft hackles you want a hook that is standard wire, 1X long to 2X long, down eyed in sizes 6 to 14. In nymphs you want a hook that is 2X strong, standard length to 2X or 3X long, down eyed, in sizes 6 to 14. In streamers you want a hook that is 1X strong to 2X strong, 3X long to 6X long in sizes 2 to 12. Sounds like a lot to swallow when your starting out, well it is. Every hook



manufacturer has there own way of measuring hooks but it still comes out the same in the end.

The hooks I recommend and use for my personal use are from "The Fly Shop" in Redding, California. They have a good Catalog from which to choose your fly tying stuff and in it if you wish they have Dai-Riki, Tiemco, Mustad and a few other styles of hooks. The code numbers they use at "The Fly Shop" for their hooks are mostly the same numbers that Tiemco uses for their hooks. For example the Fly Shops TFS#100 is the same as the Tiemco TMC#100. The big difference is in the price. The TMC Hooks run from \$5.95 to about \$9.00 +per 25. The Fly Shops TFS Hooks are \$3.39 to \$4.95 per 25. The other hooks I use are "Dai-Riki" hooks which I use for club boxes at the outings through out the year. We pick up our Dai-Riki hooks from Worley-Bugger Fly Co. They have been real good to us over the years.

Well lets get to the threads for tying flies. There are several companies out there selling thread for fly tying. You have for example, Griffith 14/0 tying thread to flymaster plus 1/0 thread. The larger the number the smaller the thread. In starting out you will probably want thread that is 3/0, 6/0, and 8/0 in thickness and strength. The smaller the fly the smaller the thread is. This is one way you keep the bulk of the fly body down. The colors that I suggest you start with are Black, Olive, Dun, Tan and Cream. Black and Olive would be the first ones to buy. The base type of threads I use are Uni-Thread in 6/0 and 8/0. Any trout fly I am tying from say size 10 or 12 on down to 18, I like to use size 8/0 Uni-Thread. It is strong enough for most tying. For spinning deer hair I like to use 6/0 thread. Another good thread I like to use is UTC Ultra-Thread, in 70denier and 140denier. It lays nice and flat and in 70denier it adds very little bulk to the fly. It is more fragile than Uni-Thread and requires a softer touch when tying. I like to use it when I am tying anything smaller than say a size 16 to perhaps a size 20 or 22. For a size 20 to 24 it would be a great advantage to use something like the Griffiths 14/0 thread. But all this would come later after you have been tying awhile, in the meantime use the Uni-Thread 8/0 or 6/0 and you will do just fine.

(Tying Flies...Cont.)

Now lets talk about wire and tinsel. Wire comes in sizes XSmall, Small, Brassie, Medium And Large. In Silver, Copper, Gold and several other colors under the brand name Wapsi Ultra Wire. For starting out all you will need is Gold, Copper and Silver for ribbing material. Small and medium are the wire sizes you ill need to start with. Tinsel is another area where there is a lot of choices that you can make but for starting out all you will need is Gold & Silver mylar tinsel. That is gold on one side silver on the other side. It comes in sizes Xsmall, Small, Medium and Large. To start with, one spool of small and one spool of medium is all you will need.



Now I will touch briefly on Beads and Weighting of flies. Beads come in several sizes, colors and materials. You have beads made of brass and Tungsten which I will talk about in this segment. Tungsten are the heavier beads, with Brass being somewhat lighter of the two. The following is the general Bead Head Manufacturer Size Designations. Bead size 1/16" = hook size 20 to 22, Bead size 5/64" = hook size 18 to 20, Bead size 3/32" = hook sizes 14 to 18, Bead size

7/64" = hook size 14 to 16, Bead size 1/8" = hook size 10 to 14. Bead size 5/32" = hook size 6 to 12, Bead size 3/16" = hook size 4 to 8. Mostly in weighing flies with bead heads you will be working with sizes 3/32", 1/8", 5/32" and 3/16". Bead colors that you will be using to start with are, Gold, Copper, Black and White. The white bead is used in a fly called the Ice Cream Cone, a Chironomid Pattern. There are other colors of metal beads out now, that once you have gained experience, you may want to try. Instead of lead wire to add weight to the fly Gold, Copper and Black beads are used. If you want to use some type of wire for weight, they have out there on the market spools of non-lead wire. They come in size, .015, .020, .025, .030 and .035. The trend right now is to get away from using lead for weight on flies, instead going to tungsten or other non-lead weight materials.

As you progress in your fly tying abilities, you will be able to explore and use many of the fly tying items I have thus far written about. As you can see, everything I have given you so far, in this article and the previous article can be somewhat overwhelming to some one who has never tied flies. But fear not, in the third and final article I will list five or six flies and the materials needed to tie them. I will start with the Chironomid and end up with a nice Dry Fly such as the Adams. I will also explore fly tying kits and give you my personal opinion about them. I will also let you know what might be available in the club for you to use to see if this is the way you want to go.



Ed (Doc Hackle) Ruckey

Tribal Harvest Rights under the Boldt Decision

By Hugh Lewis

WDFW's website contains a compendium of the various factors that influence harvest restrictions: http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/salmon/constraints_to_fishing.htm

The sections on treaty rights are given somewhat short shrift in the general text of that site, but there's a link on the site to this document, which does a pretty good job of spelling out the rights that the Tribes have to harvest anadromous fish: http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/salmon/wa_salmon_understanding_alloc.pdf

Here's a link to the Supreme Court's decision in *Washington v. Washington State Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Ass'n* 443 U.S. 658, 99 S. Ct. 3055, 61 L. Ed. 2d 823 (1979), which effectively upheld the so-called Boldt decision which established the general principle of apportionment of harvest opportunities between tribal and non-tribal fishermen: <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?navby=case&court=us&vol=443&page=658>

It makes for very interesting reading. It demonstrates that the decision arrived at by Judge Boldt was not the product of some dementia affecting Judge Boldt which predated the Alzheimer's disease which ultimately took his life, but that instead the decision was the only logical resolution of the dispute, in light of past judicial precedent. Past precedent, and in particular the *Winans* case cited in the decision, helped the Court arrive at an interpretation of the language in the treaties that reserved fishing rights to the Tribes. A "reservation" is, under property law principles, a right retained by a property owner in a transaction in which other property rights are granted to another party. Implicit in such language is that what is reserved represents a paramount, preexisting right. Rights that have been reserved typically cannot be limited by the party who receives what was not reserved, since such a limitation could undermine the reservation itself. Since the treaties expressly reserved to the Tribes the rights to fish, the result in the Boldt case may be viewed as essentially preordained.

However, the precise language of the Supreme Court's decision also establishes the soft underbelly of such harvest rights: the Tribes are entitled to take only 50% of the harvestable portion of each run that passes through a "usual and accustomed" place of Tribal fishing activity. The decision then permits an apportionment of harvest opportunity into approximately equal treaty and non-treaty shares, and permits a reduction in the treaty share if tribal needs may be satisfied by a lesser amount.

But it's the word harvestable, when used in the decision, that provides a nugget for restricting the kinds of wasteful over-harvest that threatens Washington's fish with extinction. The Court explicitly recognized the need to permit fish to escape the fishery, so as to spawn and repopulate the rivers. Here's the relevant language:

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"Anadromous fish hatch in fresh water, migrate to the ocean where they are reared and reach mature size, and eventually complete their life cycle by returning to the fresh-water place of their origin to spawn. Different species have different life cycles, some spending several years and traveling great distances in the ocean before returning to spawn and some even returning to spawn on more than one occasion before dying. [443 U.S. 658, 663] 384 F. Supp. 312, 384, 405. See *Comment, State Power and the Indian Treaty Right to Fish*, 59 Calif. L. Rev. 485, 501, and n. 99 (1971). The regular habits of these fish make their "runs" predictable; this predictability in turn makes it possible for both fishermen and regulators to forecast and to control the number of fish that will be caught or "harvested." Indeed, as the terminology associated with it suggests, the management of anadromous fisheries is in many ways more akin to the cultivation of "crops" - with its relatively high degree of predictability and productive stability, subject mainly to sudden changes in climatic patterns - than is the management of most other commercial and sport fisheries. 384 F. Supp., at 351, 384. Regulation of the anadromous fisheries of the Northwest is nonetheless complicated by the different habits of the various species of salmon and trout involved, by the variety of methods of taking the fish, and by the fact that a run of fish may pass through a series of different jurisdictions. Another complexity arises from the fact that the State of Washington has attempted to reserve one species, steelhead trout, for sport fishing and therefore conferred regulatory jurisdiction over that species upon its Department of Game, whereas the various species of salmon are primarily harvested by commercial fishermen and are managed by the State's Department of Fisheries. *Id.*, at 383-385, 389-399. Moreover, adequate regulation not only must take into account the potentially [443 U.S. 658, 664] conflicting interests of sport and commercial fishermen, as well as those of Indian and non-treaty fishermen, but also must recognize that the fish-runs may be harmed by harvesting either too many or too few of the fish returning to spawn. *Id.*, at 384, 390. "

Of course we can quibble with the Court's characterization of the relatively high degree of predictability and productive stability of fish returns, and the ability of regulators to accurately anticipate future returns and effectively regulate their harvest, but at least the decision recognizes the general principle that harvest protocols must be structured so as to do no damage to the affected stocks. Stocks that are subject to Endangered Species Act listings should be presumptively OUT OF BOUNDS under the harvestable surplus rule of this Supreme Court case.

Nevertheless, the ESA listings have permitted harvest of even listed fish under the terms of so-called Section 4(d) Rules which permit harvest of these fish under scientifically-conducted and monitored harvest regimes. These Rules were negotiated by the State and the Treaty Tribes. Both the State and the Tribes have maintained that their harvest protocols are scientific. The lawsuit that the Wild Fish Conservancy filed and ultimately lost in 2009 attempted to establish legally what we all know empirically, i.e. that there's virtually no science in most

(Boldt Decision...Continued)

cases since, in contrast to the language in the Supreme Court case quoted above, climate change and dwindling stock size from habitat loss and hatchery damage mean that there is NOT a high degree of predictability or a productive stability of fish returns. Under such circumstances, NO harvest should be made of listed fish.

It's the State to whom we should be making our objections. We cannot tell the Tribes what to do. The Tribes can always say Our rights are secured under a decision of the United States Supreme Court, and leave it at that. But the State, under that same Court case, has both the power and the implicit obligation to exercise that power to protect anadromous fish runs, **for the benefit of the Tribes as well as for everyone else.**

Unfortunately, the State just has not exercised this power, because for purely political reasons it continues to seek to provide harvest opportunities for non-tribal fishermen who not only fish, but who also vote. There have been many instances where our State legislators have literally threatened WDFW and its precursor agencies, WDF and WDW, with a loss of funding if harvest opportunities for specific groups of non-tribal fishers were not maintained. WDFW has considered high harvest rates a politically expedient option even when its scientists have recommended lower harvest rates out of deference for the precautionary principle that urges moderation in light of the uncertainties present in harvest management paradigms.



Hugh Lewis, *Lifetime Member of the FCFE*

Photo of the Month



January Culinary Corner

One of the things I really like about this time of year it's a great time to do some braising. On one of my sojourns on the web I came across some references to a book by [Molly Stevens](#) called [All About Braising](#). This does a really good job on the technique and covers quite a few really good recipes.

This one caught my eye and taste buds. I like adding fruit whenever I can and pears in particular. As with most dishes using this method this will take a little time. You will need to start almost 3 hours before you want to serve it, although a lot of the time isn't active. But it is worth it. And the leftovers are pretty damn good too. This is another great recipe for a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Whole chicken braised with pears and rosemary

- 3-4 pound whole chicken
- Salt and pepper
- 3 pears
- 4 Tbsp butter (divided)
- 2 rosemary sprigs
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 large leek
- 2 shallots
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp rosemary
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar



First, prepare the chicken.

Preheat the oven to 300.

Rinse the chicken (inside and out) and pat it dry. Remove any large chunks of fat around the neck.

Remove the last two joints of each wing. *I did this by cracking the joint and then using very strong kitchen scissors.*

Season both the inside and outside of the chicken with salt and pepper.

Quarter the pear and stuff it inside the chicken cavity. *The easiest way to do this is by putting two quarters in stem side first and two quarters blossom side first.*

Truss the chicken with kitchen string. Bind the drumsticks close to the body and then wrap the string back around the chicken's body and tie it behind the neck.

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Brown the chicken

Heat 1 Tbsp of oil and 2 Tbsp of butter in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. The butter will foam and then settle down.

Pat the chicken dry again and lay it breast side down in the hot pan. Brown the chicken for at least 3-4 minutes and then gently lift it up with wooden spoons to see if it's browned. If not, let it go another few minutes. You'll want to carefully turn the chicken so that it browns on all sides. *This can be tricky. Using two wooden spoons can be helpful here. Just go slowly and carefully.*

Once the chicken is completely browned, remove it carefully to a plate.

Add any chicken pieces (such as gizzards, heart, neck, and those wing tips you cut off) to the pan and sauté them until browned, about 7-10 minutes. Remove those to the plate as well.

Drain the pan of all fat. *Don't scrape it though, you want to leave all those caramelized bits.*

Turn the heat to medium and add a tablespoon of butter. Now add the leek, shallots, and rosemary sprig, along with some salt and pepper.

Cook the vegetables for about 7-10 minutes, or until they are soft.

Add the wine, turn the heat up to medium-high, and boil for 2 minutes.

Add the stock and vinegar and boil for an additional 2 minutes.

Braise the chicken

Carefully lay the chicken on top of the veggies. Tuck the chicken parts in with the vegetables and cover the dish with parchment paper.

Cover and slide into the oven.

Baste every 20 minutes for about an hour and 20 minutes or until the chicken registers 170 between the breast and thigh on a thermometer.

About 10 minutes before you take the chicken out of the oven...

Peel the last two pears, core them, and slice them into 1/2 inch thick slices. Mince the rosemary and set aside.

Heat 2 Tbsp of butter over high heat in a large, nonstick skillet – the largest skillet you have.

Once the butter stops foaming, add the pears and toss to coat.

Add the sugar, rosemary, salt, and pepper.

Cook and stir and turn the pears frequently, until they have started to caramelize. Do not over cook the fruit.

Add the balsamic vinegar and cook for another 30 seconds. The balsamic vinegar will form a glaze that will very quickly thicken.

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(The rosemary helps cut the sweetness of the sugar and balsamic vinegar and cooking them for just a few minutes left just a bit of crunch to the slices.)

Pull the chicken out of the oven. Using those same wooden spoons (or a meat fork), tip the chicken so any juices inside the cavity run into the Dutch oven.

Set the chicken on a cutting board and cover with foil for a few minutes.

Strain most of the vegetables and other chicken parts (wings, heart, etc) out of the pan, keeping all of the juices.

Boil the juices over high heat for 5 minutes, stirring frequently, to thicken.

Serving

Carve the chicken.

Top with pears and balsamic glaze, and then spoon some of the pan finished juices over the whole thing.

Enjoy!

Frank Koterba, *Campsite Chef of the FCFF*



Newsletter Awards!

The board has agreed to handing out awards for best articles and photos of the year. This competition will start as of January 1, 2012.

There will be three classifications for best articles. The first will be the best report on any outings during the year, the second will be memories of fishing, and the third will be any article of interest to the club such as fly tying.

There will be three classifications for best photo. The first will be the best photo fish and fishing, the second will be the best photo of any gatherings at outings, and the third will be the best photo of either flies, insects, or nature.

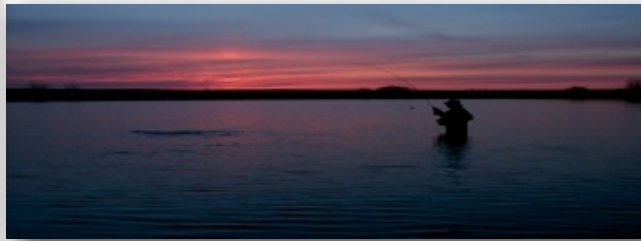
Photo resolution is not required...you don't need an expensive camera. However, the photo has to be taken during 2012. The pictures and articles will be displayed at the November meeting and will be voted on by the membership and the winners will be awarded prizes at the January 2013 meeting.

It is important that I receive the articles and photos as soon as possible so that I can put some of them in the monthly newsletter. That way, everyone has a chance to read and see the entries before the vote.

Sid Strong, *FCFF Communications Committee*
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Mastering Western Rivers & Lakes

a 2-day workshop with
Rick Hafele & Skip Morris
February 25 & 26, 2012



Skip Morris and I have scheduled a 2-day workshop for fly fishers called Mastering Western Rivers & Lakes in the Seattle area and want to offer fly fishing clubs a special price.

The workshop will be held February 25 & 26, 2012, at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Issaquah, WA. Full price for the workshop is \$145 for both days, or \$80 dollars for one day.

We want to offer members of the Fourth Corner fly club special prices of \$125 for two days, or \$70 for one day.

"Note: To receive the club discount you must use the code "FCM" where requested during registration."

More detailed information about the workshop can be found at: http://www.rickhafele.com/RH/New_Workshop_Scheduled%21.html

About Rick Hafele...

RICK HAFELE is co-author of numerous books including *Western Mayfly Hatches*, *The Complete Book of Western Hatches*, *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations*, and his newest book, *Nymph Fishing Streams and Rivers*. His videos, *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*, *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*, and *Nymph Fishing Basics and Advanced Nymph Fishing* are considered some of the best on the subject of trout fishing. Rick has a Masters degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology. He has worked as a aquatic biologist for over 30 years. Few anglers have Rick's knowledge about the world in which trout live. For many years he has been sharing that knowledge with fly fishermen through books, articles, slide



About Skip Morris...

Skip Morris is among the most prolific fly-fishing and fly-tying authors alive and his name is known to anglers around the world. He has written twelve books, including the established standard beginning fly tier's volume *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, and *The Art of Tying the Bass Fly*, *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes* (with lake-fishing guru Brian Chan), *Concise Handbook of Fly Tying*, and *Western River Hatches*. His six videos range from instruction for tying nymphs, to tying bass flies, to tying and fishing flies for sea-run cutthroat trout.

Skip has published over 200 articles in magazines from *Fly Fisherman* to *American Angler*. For three years he was among the hosts of the "Fly Fish Television Magazine" show.

As a speaker and clinician, Skip is well-known as an entertaining, concise, and knowledgeable presenter, with a sly sense of humor and an easygoing manner that draws in the audience.





4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Conservation Projects

Conservation is the corner stone 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) or Frank Koterba (647-9715) 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>. Frank Koterba is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (360) 647-9715.

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 your own lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

January's Meeting January 26, 2011

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
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 7, 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Klaus Lohse, Craig Carlile, Nathan Weston, and Matt Roelofs

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed in our club. Conservation projects, educational classes, and all chairman positions are always open for new and old members....INCLUDING THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION!!!

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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