



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Change is something that occurs everywhere. At certain points in time this is obvious. We have a new board of directors in place with a number of new faces included. I want to thank all of those serving on behalf of myself and the membership. I would also like to thank all of you who are working on the Conservation, Communication, Education, Library and Membership committees and especially the committee chairs for their continued dedication.

We will see change in the operations of our club as well. There are investments to be made to have a club approaching 100 members run smoothly. We are going to revitalize our website. At present, the information on schedules, events, and opportunities for participation is usually disseminated via several e-mail lists. These contain a few errors and omissions, so the communication is far from flawless. Having a single conduit like a working website could go a long way to solving this. Given the expansion of the outing schedule, we will use the same "Eventbrite" software that Matt uses for our programs. You will be able to sign up for an outing, determine who else is going, and receive information and communications from the event host.

In less obvious areas, we are also developing a way to make our accounting and records more robust and where appropriate, more available. The goal is to have the board meeting agendas and minutes available to members and to create an archive. I have received several folders and bundles of old records and there are many more out there. At this time there is not a single location for our history. This year we are going to integrate more of our financial records to include those sufficient to create a balance sheet and all of our activities. The transition to a new treasurer has also pointed out that we will need a stable platform and accounting program independent of the operating system.

I would also like to see the creation of a program for member development. We expend quite a bit of energy toward projects outside of our membership. I would like to see the same level of effort devoted giving our membership opportunities to progress in their participation in the sport we love. There are resources in this club that should not be wasted. And you know who you are.

This is also the year when our Conservation Auction takes place. There are innumerable opportunities to participate in this effort. This event provides the funding for our Conservation efforts and also provides the club with additional support.

And finally there will be the change in each one of us who were able to spend the year fishing, eating, lying and teaching with one of the best groups around! Thank you all for taking your part.

Frank Koterba, 4CFF President



January Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on January 22, 2015. 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 we will be kicking off 2015 by celebrating the many accomplishments and contributions of our members to our club and the broader community via our annual awards ceremony! Please make a point to attend to honor those who have gone above and beyond!

In addition to the awards ceremony, we will be taking advantage of the winter darkness to view a very important film. The movie is Wild Reverence: The Wild Steelhead's Last Stand. This film was produced and directed by Shane Anderson, former pro skier and WA native. If this sounds a bit familiar, it is probably because this movie played for one night at the Pickford Theater in May of 2014. If you missed it then (as I did), then now is your chance. If you caught it at the Pickford, this is an opportunity to invite a friend and see it again. Here is a summary of the movie from Shane's Kickstarter campaign in 2013:

Wild Reverence is a documentary film chronicling the plight of the iconic wild steelhead along the west coast of America. In Nov. of 2012 I made a pilgrimage back to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state to the rivers I once fished as a boy. This was a once in a lifetime fishing trip and I soon discovered wild steelhead and salmon were disappearing from the rivers and appearing as federally listed under the Endangered Species Act. How could the icons of the Northwest slip toward the abyss of extinction?

This discovery left me asking many questions so I decided to take off the rest of the year, cash out my life savings and embark on an adventure up and down the west coast to document and learn about the current plight of wild steelhead and why this fish is so revered.

We are constantly misinformed on information about the reality and the status of our fish until its too late. The effects of shifting baselines is more evident then ever. I wanted to find the truth, look at history and hard scientific fact as well as talk with people who have dedicated their lives to studying and advocating for wild steelhead and salmon.

My journey took me from Malibu, CA back north to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state. I snorkeled some rivers and creeks and fished in others. Everywhere I traveled I met kindred spirits that the steelhead has influenced.

Hopefully through my journey you can see the scope of our rivers across the west coast, hear the stories and see with your own eyes where things are working, where they are broken, how WE can turn the decline around, fill our rivers back up with wild fish and save some of the magic for future generations. I hope to give the wild steelhead the spotlight it deserves and through "Wild Reverence" begin a movement to enact some real change before its too late.

*Thanks for you support!!
Shane*

Please RSVP for the membership meeting by Tuesday, January 20 by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at 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 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 Roelofs
4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



Upcoming Lecture at WWU!

Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. in Special Collections: Seth Norman, Pulitzer Prize-nominated author and renowned fly fisherman, will discuss how to write about fly fishing and will display treasures from the Special Collections' Fly Fishing Collection.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to function in the role of club treasurer for the 2015 year. I am presently struggling with the help of Frank Koterba and Larry Irwin to acquaint myself with the process.

My first order of business is to remind the membership that the deadline for 2015 dues - \$60 for single membership and \$90 for family - is February 28. Dues paid in March require an additional \$10 late fee, and the final deadline is March 31. You can bring a check made out to FCFF, or 4CFF, or Fourth Corner Flyfishers to the January meeting or send it to Fourth Corner Flyfishers P. O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227. If you are mailing your check, please include your current phone number, home address and e-mail address with your payment. Further, if you pay at the January meeting, please verify these data with me so that we can have current contact information for all members.

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



“It is not in the book, yet it is human enough to spend a moment before casting in trying to imagine what the fish is thinking, even if one of its eggs is as big as its brain and even if, when you swim underwater, it is hard to imagine that a fish has anything to think about. Still, I could never be talked into believing that all a fish knows is hunger and fear. I have tried to feel nothing but hunger and fear and don't see how a fish could ever grow to six inches if that were all he ever felt. In fact, I go so far sometimes as to imagine that a fish thinks pretty thoughts.”

Norman Maclean, “A River Runs Through It”

Conservation Report

Hello Members,

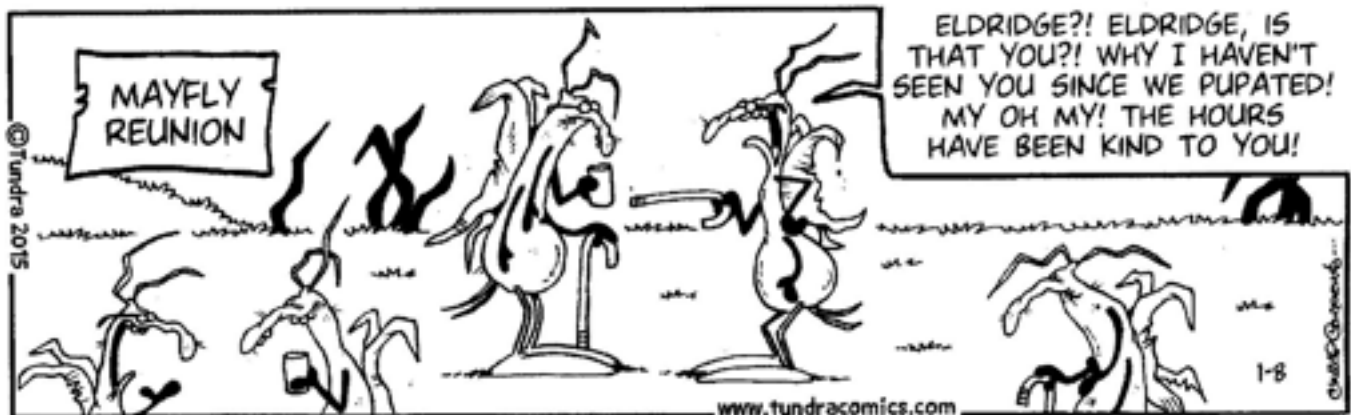
Just to let everyone know that the Conservation Committee members will be meeting at my house next Tuesday (Jan. 13) at 7 PM to discuss and vote on where conservation funds will be spent in 2015. Our club has several groups that we contribute money to on a yearly basis but are always open to suggestions on where and how much to spend on any given group. We are also open to the funding of new conservation avenues should any of you have any good ideas. There will be discussion of possibly adding new conservation projects to our workload so ideas in that vein are welcome as well. Just like the 4CFF board meetings, we welcome any members to attend our yearly meeting to either present an opinion or idea or just to observe this process. Any of you wishing to attend please call or E-mail me for directions to my home.

Happy New Year,

Dan Coombs
Conservation Chairman
360-398-1637
djcmb@nas.com



TUNDRA



Education Report

2014 ended with a bang! We had great time and created a lot of smiles at the annual BP Kids Christmas party at the fair grounds in Lynden. Thanks to Scott Willison and the help of about 24 of his close personal friends from Forth Corner Fly Fishers and with total contributions from BP, who supplied all the materials and with the use of our tying vices we tied about 250 flies and presented them to the kids in glass ornaments for their Christmas trees.

We got started this afternoon at Blaine Middle School with the first of 17 fly tying and casting sessions:

Advanced class: Jan. 8,13,15,22,27,29. Feb. 3,5

Beginning class: Feb. 10,12,19,24,26. March 10,12,17,19

All classes are only 2 hours, starting at 3 P.M. There has historically been a trip to a local fishing spot at the end of each session.

There will be a lot of opportunity to get involved as we are committed to outings of the past and are looking for new venues to display our interest and skills. We will keep everyone informed and updated on classes and outings as they develop. There is always HELP NEEDED and wanted. All skill levels are welcome.

Keep your head on a swivel,

Jerry Hill
Education Chair



“Every once in a while, angling provides an episode one can keep for life. It is not necessarily about big fish, though it sometimes is, nor about great difficulty overcome. Rather, it’s kind of poetic singularity. Sometimes you’re even aware of it as it’s happening.”

Thomas McGuane, “The Longest Silence”

January Outings Report

The Outings Committee met in December and developed a list of 27 outings for 2015. (see attached). Some of these are repeats of enjoyable outings from last year and some are new this year. There should be something for everyone on this list.

Our first big outing of the year will be the traditional Silver Lake opening day event on March 28, which will include a breakfast. Stay tuned for details. Preceding this event we are putting together an outing in early March for some fishing in the Port Townsend vicinity for the first time in recent memory. Details on this outing will be coming along well before the event.

This year we will be using Eventbrite to announce events and get an idea of how many folks will be attending. This is the same online invitation package the club currently uses to announce and manage participation for our monthly membership meetings. The hope is that we can disseminate information more efficiently and issue changes and corrections right up to the last minute without burning up the phone lines or contacting everyone individually. In some cases where the venue has limited facilities (like Ala Spit) we can also cap the number of participants more easily using Eventbrite and avoid disappointing attendees. I'm optimistic about this new methodology.

Please feel free to contact me any time with suggestions or comments.

Phil Terzian

pterzian@pacbell.net



Looking for a nice winter boating project?

Upcoming Tying Events

Sid Strong's lair/shop/studio.

Date : January 17th, 1:00-4:30

Place: 28 North Point Dr. Bellingham (Sudden Valley)

Contact Info: Phone 220-0099, e-mail swstrong@comcast.net

Limit: Due to the size, space is limited to 8 tiers, and carpooling is a must. There is an area to meet out there so you will have to co-ordinate with Sid.

Ken Kloehn

Date: Tuesday January 20th from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Place: 2151 Dellesta Dr. Bellingham

Contact Info: Phone: (360) 733-1048, e-mail kenk40@comcast.net

Limit: He has room for 10 so let him know your are intending to attend.

As usual there might be some snacks and beverages involved as well.

Dan and Jane Coombs

Date: Saturday, February 28th, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Place: 1063 Sterk Lane, Bellingham

Contact Info: Phone: (360) 398-1637, e-mail: dwjmcoombs@gmail.com

Wanted: Club Librarian

We are looking for a new librarian for the club per the bylaws:

"Library Committee. The Library Committee shall consist of one or more persons designated by the Board, each to serve for a term of one year. The charter and purpose of the Committee shall be to maintain a library of books and audio-visual materials relevant to the aims and purposes of the Club. The Chair of the Committee shall be known as the Club Librarian."

In addition the librarian has a potential budget to purchase materials to expand our current library. We hope that someone will step forward before the "Fly Fishing Show" February 13-15th. If you are interested contact:

Brian Faloon (360) 733-4499 Brian Faloon

Frank Koterba (360) 647-9715 Frank Koterba

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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 Bill Hall (305-0161), Joe Kelly (384-0623), 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>. 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 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.

January's Meeting

January 22,
2015

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

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!

February's Board Meeting

February 3, 2015
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

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LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

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Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Nathan Weston

Raffle Chairmen: Pete Lamb

Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Rick Todd, Nathan Weston and Hugh Lewis

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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