



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another calendar page has turned and 2016 lies ahead. How will we make the most of it? The 4CFF has a lot of opportunities for you to participate. To track and maximize all of all those options we want offer you a really useful tool.....Our 4CFF Website!!!

Phil Terzian (Thank You Phil!) has taken over as the webmaster and he is working hard to expand its capabilities. If you want to know what is the latest on our activities, check the club calendar. The members' section has the latest rosters; the board meeting minutes are coming. We will be improving the links and other pages to help you plan an outing, buy a license, read the newsletter, or get other information. In short this is the place to go.

I would like to welcome our new Board members Mike Riber and Angus MacArthur. Once again we have a capable mix of veterans and newer members willing to lead the club through another year. And I offer all of you an open invitation to attend any and all of our Board Meetings.

NSEA Tour: In recognition of our long relationship with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, they have invited us to take a private tour of their new facility. It is an opportunity to see one the results of one of our primary conservation investments. We have partnered with NSEA in many ways in the past and are initiating a new project on Squalicum Creek with them and the City of Bellingham. There is more information on that in the Conservation section of this newsletter. Just keep a spot in your schedule for Saturday January 30th at 9:30 am. (As part of the process of keeping you informed NSEA has offered free subscriptions to their newsletter for all club members. To accept this offer let Dan Coombs know that you authorize us to give them your address.)

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the next year at our outings, events, classes and meetings. Let's make this a great year.

Frank Koterba

4CFF President



# Treasurer's Report

It is time for members to pay annual dues for 2016. Dues for single membership remain at \$60, and family memberships are \$90. The deadline for payment of club dues is February 28. Dues may still be paid after the 28th until the end of March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Checks for 2016 dues can be made out to 4CFF, or Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and mailed to Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, P. O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227. Persons unable to participate in club activities in 2016 may petition the Board for a leave of absence of up to two years.

The board is in the process of constructing the 2016 annual budget. Committee chairs have been provided with 2015 profit and loss statements for their respective committees, and should communicate their requests for their 2016 budgets to the club president. Present bank account balances as of January 5, 2016 were \$1,785 (Club Checking), \$13,847 (Club Savings) and \$16,785 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner  
FCFF Treasurer



*"At midday, when the sun beats down on the forest, you often hear in its depths a sound like a long sigh, a plaintive cry that lingers into the distance. It is the last effort of the dying wind. Then all around you everything subsides into a silence so profound, a stillness so complete, that your soul feels penetrated by a sort of religious terror... How comes it that human languages, which find words for every sorrow, meet an insuperable obstacle when they try to express the sweetest and most natural emotions of the heart? Who can ever paint a faithful image of those moments, so rare in life, when physical well-being prepares you for mental peace, and before your eyes the universe seems to attain a perfect equilibrium? Then the soul, half asleep, balances between the present and the future, between the real and the possible; enveloped in the beauty of nature, breathing a mild and tranquil air, at peace with yourself in the midst of universal peace, you listen to the steady beating of your arteries, and each pulsation seems to mark the passing of time blowing drop by drop into eternity."*

*Tocqueville's Discovery of America* by Leo Damrosch.

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# Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, January 28, 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 there will be two parts to our program. First, we are fortunate to be able to honor the club award winners from 2015 during our annual awards ceremony. This is a great opportunity to come and learn more about what some of your fellow club members have been up to this year and honor some of our outstanding contributors! The second part of the program will feature Gabe Epperson, Conservation Director from the Whatcom Land Trust (WLT). Gabe is coming at the invitation of Dan Coombs and the 4CFF Conservation Committee so that we can all learn about the activities of the WLT and consider how we might partner with them on upcoming projects. Here is some additional info about Gabe and the WLT.

Gabe has a background in Urban Planning and large-scale environmental planning with a focus on public outreach. He was the Planning Director at Envision Utah for 5 years, completing the Blueprint Jordan River and Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow projects, which included thousands of Utah residents and led to the formation of the Jordan River Commission and the protection of hundreds of acres of wildlife habitat and recreation lands in the Salt Lake metro area. Mr. Epperson moved to Bellingham in June last year to do land acquisition and conservation planning for the WLT.

For over 30 years the Whatcom Land Trust has been working to protect critical wildlife habitat, farms and recreational lands, by securing ownership interest in properties and promoting stewardship. As part of the 30 year anniversary, the Land Trust has recently completed a Land Conservation Plan which outlines geographic focal areas throughout the county and identifies strategies to accomplish its mission. Gabe will be presenting an overview of the new plan and highlighting a few areas in the county that he is currently working to protect critical fish habitat.

Please RSVP for the meeting by Tuesday, January 26 (midnight deadline) by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@deepsnow.com), or by phone at 360-319-1350. Be sure to indicate if you'll be having dinner or just attending the

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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 VP and Program Chair



## Conservation Report

Happy New Year everyone!

As we begin 2016 I am very excited about the club's Conservation agenda. As most of you know, we have become stewards of a sizable portion of the new Squalicum Creek project which will provide prime salmon spawning habitat right here in the center of Bellingham. Currently we are walking this stretch of the creek and giving feedback as to presence or absence of spawning redds, progress of the new plantings, and any changes that occur along our stretch. A few days ago I observed the first signs of beaver activity along the creek so that is a positive change. We are walking this reach of Sq. Creek every couple of weeks now so give me a call and join us for one of these trips. It takes about a hour to accomplish.

We are very pleased to announce that Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc is currently occupying their newly purchased property and has invited the members of 4CFF to a tour of their new facility on Saturday January 30 at 9:30 AM. For many years we have been financial supporters of NSEA so we are one of the first groups they want to show off their new home on E. Bakerview Rd. Coffee and refreshments will be served and a tour will be given. Members, spouses, children, friends and relatives are all invited to attend this function. Please mark your calendars now and make a point to attend as NSEA is doing this as a thank you to all of us for our continuing support of their stream restoration efforts. There will be a sign-up sheet for this free tour at the January meeting and/or call me with your RSVP.

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NSEA would like a fairly accurate head count so they can order refreshments in the proper amounts. Their new property is located at 3057 E. Bakerview Rd. which is down the hill and around the first curve once you leave the intersection of Bakerview and Hannegan Rds. If any questions call Adrian Shulock @ 360 312-3178. Let's have a great turnout of members etc in response to their generosity.

Lastly, Adrian from NSEA has offered to mail a free copy of their quarterly newsletter (newspaper) to any and all 4CFF members who would like to keep abreast of local restoration efforts, learn about various native plants or glean information about other aspects of healthy streams. You don't have to personally be a NSEA member to take advantage of this offer. Several of us already receive this newsletter and find it enjoyable as well as enlightening. Give it a try by signing up at the next club meeting or by giving me a call.

Thanks to all of you who in 2015 found a way to help with our club's Conservation efforts. Each of you who have given your time will automatically have great karma and will catch more fish in the coming year.

Dan, Bob, Terry, Don and Mike

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



## Outings Report

We are entering the new year with 12 outings on the schedule. A preliminary schedule is shown below. Two significant changes from last year are the elimination of the Duck Lake, Montana outing for 2016 (but most likely back in 2017). While this was a very successful and enjoyable outing last year, our gracious hosts, the Hillers, have schedule conflicts this summer. I personally attended this event in 2015 and had a great time fishing and socializing, so I'm really looking forward to the trip in 2017.

The 100 Mile House trip to fish the trout infested lakes of British Columbia is also off the calendar for this year, primarily because of light attendance last year (bad weather?) and Frank's unavailability to guide us through this multi-lake fishery this year.

There is space on the calendar for a couple more outings and I would love to hear fresh ideas from the membership. The Faulkners have already checked in with an interesting

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outing idea in the Roslyn WA area. Are there any other ideas out there? Also, I'm very keen to hear any ideas that members might have about how to increase attendance at outings. It takes quite a bit of effort to host an outing, so we want to make sure that a lot of members are eager to attend. Different venues? More pot-luck meals? Free camping? Door prizes? Guaranteed fish catching???? Please call or email me if you come up with something.

**Website update:**

The web site continues to evolve and improve. The Links and Contacts pages have been recently updated and the calendars have been pretty well populated with events to keep everyone informed of activities, such as those in the External Education and Conservation committees. Much of the site is open to the public but some of it is for members only (such as a Member's Roster with contact information) and requires a sign-in. If you are having trouble signing in please get in touch with me so I can lend a hand ([pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto:pterzian@pacbell.net)). As always, I am very interested in any comments you might have on how the website could be improved.

Phil Terzian  
Outings Committee Chair

## 4CFF Library

We continue to make progress on improving our library resources. The material in the cart is being reorganized with the materials in the archives. The result hopefully is a cart full of the most desired books, DVD's and other useful items with the excess materials being relegated to the archives. In the process we have identified several MISSING items. If you have knowledge of any of the below items please contact me. If you are finished with them please return them to the cart and sign them back into the sign in book or call me to pick up.

THE ESSENCE OF FLY FISHING	B	MEL KRIEGER
FLY FISHER GUIDE TO WASHINGTON	B	GREG THOMAS
FISHING THE MIDGE	B	CHARLES BROOKS
FLY FISHING FOR KAMLOOPS TROUT	B	RAY GOULD
FLY FISHING SMALL STREAMS	B	JOHN GIERACH
BUGS OF THE UNDERWORLD	DVD	DOCUMENTARY
SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES	DVD	G. LA FONTAINE

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FLY FISHING LARGE WESTERN RIVERS	DVD	R. HAFELE
INTRO TO FLY CASTING	DVD	T. GUNN
LEFTY KREH ON FLYCASTING	DVD	LEFTY KREH
TROUT BUM DAIRIES-VOL 2	DVD	ANGLING EXPLORATION GROUP
SOURCE TO THE SEA:COLUMBIA RIVER SWIM	DVD	
SKAGIT MASTERS	DVD	

In addition, we have added three new books to our collection.  
 One man’s Steelhead Shangri-La by Ralph Wahl 1989.  
 Come Wade the River by Ralph Wahl, 1971  
 The Old man and the Sea by Hemmingway, 1952

## A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>





## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### Conservation Projects

Conservation is the cornerstone of our club. Projects are continually being added to our calendar. The only thing that is needed is the willingness to give something back to the resource will all love. Call Dan Coombs at (360) 398-1637 and sign up to be put on the list of volunteers.

### Fly Tying Sessions

Fly tying sessions are constantly being held. Whether you're an expert or just beginning, please join us. Check our website <http://www.4thcornerfly.com> for dates, times, and locations. R.S.V.P.'s are required.

### Education Classes

We need Volunteers to help teach fly tying and fly casting at various places throughout the year. Even if you have tied for a little while, your presence is needed. Please contact 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.

## Monthly Meeting

Jan 28,  
2016

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!

## December's Board Meeting

Feb. 2, 2016  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.



## 4CFF Board Members

### President

Frank Koterba

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## LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

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## Newsletter

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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 FCF. All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCF 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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