



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to 2017! We are once again at a point of renewal point. Several of your fellows have taken on new club responsibilities. They are adding their interests and energies to our upcoming activities. Some of their ideas are to be found in the other sections of the newsletter. Change will be coming in many areas of the club, so I invite you to join in fun. If you have an Idea for an outing, a program, a class, or something else get in contact with the appropriate person and pass it on. Also feel free to join any of the committees. It will keep the vibrant and moving forward.

One underlying theme for this year is that we want to increase the returns to our members. You will see additions to the programs, outings, and other events. I have even heard rumblings of a derby for the big kids! Stay tuned. This is also a "Pink Year" so if WDFW can get its act together we can have some fun in the salt and elsewhere.

For my part, we will also have an expanded program for internal education. The "casting course" was a big hit and there will be more. Shortly, I will be sending out the first invitations to our schedule of fly tying sessions.

One of the other opportunities we have this year is our Conservation Auction. The work of the last Auction Committee really set up the ground work for successful programs. One of you out there is this year's chairperson. The sooner you stand up the quicker we can get the ball rolling. And that person will need a bunch of help in preparing for and executing the event. So there is room for you to join as well. The proceeds from this event have greatly expanded our capabilities to make things happen for Conservation and the club.

I hope to wet a line and hoist a few with you in the next 12 months.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



# 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 26, 2017. The Wet Fly will begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 P.M.

We will be viewing segments of a new DVD to our library, *Top 85 Tips on Fly Fishing for Trout*, a series that teaches all aspects of fly-fishing from its very basic to its most advanced levels with host James Marsh whose profession is producing fishing and outdoor instructional videos. It includes the where, when and how to fish with specific tips on fly fishing gear, techniques, presentations, finding and approaching trout, and is designed to bring anglers a greater knowledge of the fish they pursue and the insects and other food sources they survive on. Over six years in production, the series of programs were digitally recorded in forty-four states on over 150 rivers, lakes and streams. Eighty-one are included in Trout Unlimited "America's Best 100 Trout Streams". This project was shot over many, many popular streams throughout the USA and the program starts out with a segment on the beautiful Blackfoot River in Montana where the movie "A River Runs Through It" was filmed. Our librarian believes this film offers something for everyone.

In addition to this preview, we will be viewing a couple of short films. The main feature of the evening is *The Super Salmon* which highlights the tale of one fish to illustrate the importance of the river to the wildlife, tourism, economy and lifestyle on Alaska's Susitna River, one of the world's biggest and healthiest wild salmon watersheds. It outlines the threat to its famous salmon runs and the potential consequences of constructing an enormous and outdated technology, a mega-dam, to meet Alaska's need for renewable energy. As part of studies done in advance, scientists radio-tagged a king salmon that made an unexpected and unbelievable journey.

During this month's business program we are privileged to host our annual awards ceremony. Members of our club will be recognized for their contributions and service to the club's programs and goals from 2016. We are fortunate to acknowledge these contributors and learn more about their outstanding work. Also, will be take a look at our 2017 club year. Board members will highlight his/her goals, dreams, and hopes so you can be informed and expectant to this coming year's events. In addition, we will be voting in a new club member, Bill Rogers.

Please Note: February's Club Meeting, as in years past, will be held on a different date: **Wednesday, February 22**. Phil Rowley will once again be our guest, speaking on a new topic, one you probably have not heard before. Our meeting, as in the past, will be open to other clubs. Please make the date change on your calendar for February.

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Bob Cooper will be managing the Eventbrite invitations and RSVP. He would ask you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite for the meeting by Tuesday, January 24 (midnight deadline) by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [bxxcoper2010@gmail](mailto:bxxcoper2010@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-961-4398.

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.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

## Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for December of 2016 included the following:

Painted Lady Raffle \$240.00

Total \$240.00

Monthly expenses for December of 2016 included:

Board Meeting Minutes Copy Services \$20.33

Annual Post Office Box Fee \$86.00

BGCC Server's Gratuities \$250.00

Christmas Party Spouse/Partner's Gifts \$300.00

Christmas Party Raffle Supplement \$ 400.00

Rod Raffle \$ 597.85

Silver Lake Site Rental \$158.00

Library Purchases \$16.00

QuickBooks Monthly fee \$32.60

Total Expenses \$1,860.78

Bank account balances as of December 1, 2016 were \$15,495.26 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$12,024.67 (Conservation Savings).

Invoices for 2017 annual dues are being e-mailed to the membership. 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

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but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Memberships not paid after March 31 will be cancelled.

CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO: 4th Corner Fly Fishers, PO Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



## Communications Report

Communications, Web site: A new roster has been uploaded and is now available in PDF format so that members can download and print it without having Excel. If you have tried to log on to the web recently you might have noticed that we have added a security feature called CAPTCHA. This is to assure that you are a human, not a robot. Give it a try and let me know if you have any problems logging on. My phone number is 408 410 0969. Happy New Year to everyone.

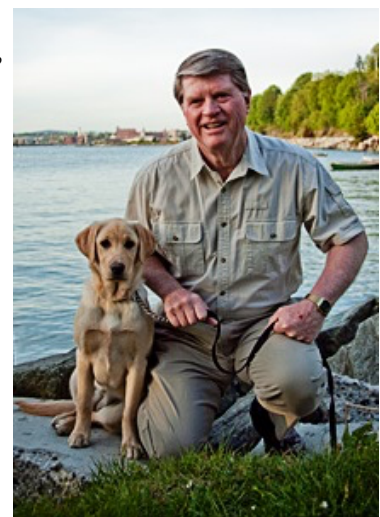
## Library Report

It's no big secret that the internet has had a major impact on how most people source out information. Access to online books, articles and videos have had the same impact on library usage as online shopping has had on brick and mortar retail stores. The same is true for our own club library usage. So this year we're going to try something new. We're going digital! We are going to acquire our first e-books for the club library. No more waiting in line to check out the latest book, DVD or hot tip of the month. I plan to provide complete details at the January meeting. So come to the meeting.

In the meantime we've acquired a great new DVD "Top 85 Tips on Fly Fishing for Trout."

This is a great way to brush up on your skills this winter in preparation for this year's lineup of exciting outings the club is planning. If time permits at the January meeting we'll be showing a sneak preview of this video.

Tom Langley



# Steelhead Vehicle License Plates

By Mike Reed

WDFW has recently announced that Steelhead vehicle license plates will be available for purchase. Per their press release, revenue generated from plate sales will be used to help support activities critical to conserving populations of native steelhead. A high resolution image of the steelhead license plate can be found [http://wdfw.wa.gov/license\\_plates/wildlife.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/license_plates/wildlife.html). More information on how to purchase a steelhead license plate is available on the Washington Department of Licensing website at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/specialdesign.html>

**Note: Publication of this information does not imply endorsement of purchasing the vehicle license plates or WDFW's conservation policies and practices.**

## Outings Report

As you probably already heard I will be heading up the outings for the club this year. Last year I had the good fortune to be able to assist Phil Terzian with several of the outings so I'm not coming into this position cold. Thanks Phil for getting me up to speed for the coming year. A couple other things happened last year. One, I retired....well kind of. The transition is taking longer than I had hoped. Nevertheless, I fished a lot and took several trips. For those of you that attended the last two or three meetings you might recall how many times Frank razed me for being gone all spring and summer and fall. Well, there was some method to my madness. Not only was I having a hella of lot of fun, I was also searching out new territory for us to explore this year as possibilities for some new outings to augment our traditional excursions. I was able to find two or three that are real possibilities and if we are successful in putting them together all I can say is that you're going to need a bigger net! At this year's planning meeting for outings I am inviting the entire club membership to participate. The meeting will be held a little earlier in February than usual. The location is yet to be determined but when the date and location are finalized you will be getting an e-mail with the details. With your help I am confident we can have an outstanding year on the water.

Tom Langley



# Conservation Report

Hi Members,

As we enter our New Year we can all look forward to doing our part to make 2017 one of the best years in 4CFF history. Whether its helping to teach young people to tie/cast, working on stream restoration, helping with the Oct. Conservation auction or just having a great time on one of our outings there's plenty of need for your involvement. Each of us needs to resolve to help in at least one or two club activities in the coming year. If you're not sure where you can help, just ask one of your Board members and they will help guide you into the perfect slot.

Here's your first opportunity to participate in a worthwhile conservation function: Community Work Party at Squalicum Creek on Martin Luther King Day. This will be a planting party along the section of Squalicum Creek near Orchard St.

Hosted by: Bhm Parks and Rec  
Bhm Public Works  
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Assoc.

Date: Monday, January 16 10AM-1PM

Directions: Take Orchard St. off the Meridian and follow signs to the work site.  
All gloves, tools and refreshments will be provided

Contact: Rae Edwards, Bhm Volunteer Coordinator, (360) 778-7105

For prospective members, this does qualify as your conservation credit as long as you sign in when you get there. Hope we can make a good showing at this function as this is "OUR" stretch of the creek.

See you there,

Dan

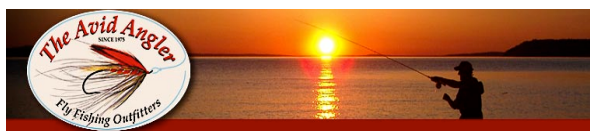


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## A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<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. Contact Dan Coombs to sign up to be put on the list of volunteers.

### Fly Tying Sessions

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

is our present Outings Chairman.

**If you are new to fly fishing, our club has fly rods, reels, and fly tying equipment available for use. Also, if you attend ANY outings, it's wise to bring your own lawn chair. (it's better than a rock or a tailgate.)**

**For more information, please contact the hosts.**

### Monthly Meeting

Jan 26,  
2017

Bellingham Golf and  
Country Club  
Wet Fly: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:45 pm  
Program: 7:30 pm

RSVP to Matt for reservations:  
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

Don't forget to  
bring a fly for the  
FLY PLATE!

### Next Board Meeting

Feb 7, 2017

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



# 4CFF Board Members

## President

Frank Koterba

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## External Vice President-Outings

Tom Langley

## Internal Vice President-Programs

Marion Hiller

## Secretary

Paula Faulkner

## Treasurer

Bill Faulkner

## CONSERVATION

Dan Coombs

## EDUCATION

Klaus Lohse, Chair  
Brian Duim

## LIBRARY

Tom Langley

## Website

Phil Terzian

## Newsletter

Steve Runge

Membership Chairmen: Brian Faloon and Steve Hiller

Raffle Chairmen: Nathan Weston

Directors: Sid Strong, Steve Hiller, Bruce Aigner, Mike Riber, and Angus MacArthur

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

**It is the responsibility of ALL members for ALL of the outings to obey ALL local, state, and national regulations.**

**We represent an outstanding conservation and fishing club. Let's set a great example to ALL.**

*All entomology sketches are drawn by Jack Salstrom, Member of the 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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