



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The November Membership meeting is yet another very important meeting to attend! Not only do we have a 'new to the club' program speaker, Tom Johannesen, on Sea Run Cutthroats, this meeting is also the club's annual meeting so we will be voting on a new slate of club officers and directors for the next two years.

After several months of discussion, at the November 6th meeting the Board approved the 2013 budget as proposed to membership at the October membership meeting. The Board has also approved an increase in the annual dues. The dues for 2013 will be as follows:

Single Membership: \$60 / year

Family Membership: \$90 /year (Includes spouse and children under 18)

Thank you to all members who took the time to review the budget, and who provided input on the both the budget and the subsequent dues.

In this Newsletter you will learn more about a Spey Casting Clinic at the end of the month sponsored by Ed Megill and Scott Willison. The event starts Thursday night, 11/29, at the Bellwether Hotel with authors Bill and John McMillan of May the Rivers Never Sleep speaking and signing books. Friday will include spey and switch rod casting lessons on the Nooksack and a dinner at the Rome Grange supported (with volunteer chefs and servers) by 4CFF. Saturday will be another day of two-handed rod casting lessons. We are very fortunate to have this event in our community and I encourage everyone who has even the slightest interest in learning about two-handed rods, or who want to improve their two-handed rod casting skills to participate.

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving!

Winding down,

Lin Nelson, *President FCFF*



Attention all 4CFF Members

The slate has been set for the election at this month’s general meeting. The slate of officers being put forward for the election by the nomination committee is attached. Please note that there will be an opportunity for members to submit their nominations prior to the voting by ballot.



Hugh Lewis



Matt Roelofs



Frank Koterba



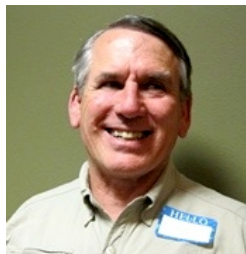
Larry Irwin



Craig Lang



David Johnson



Roy Wilson



Jim Darden



Rick Todd



Ed Dahl

2012 4CFF Election Ballot

President

Hugh Lewis _____

Vice President, Internal

Matt Roelofs _____

Vice President, External

Frank Koterba _____

Treasurer

Larry Irwin _____

Secretary

Craig Lang _____

Director

Vote for one (1 year term to replace Matt Roelofs)

David Johnson

Roy Wilson _____

Director

Vote for two

Jim Darden

Rick Todd _____

Ed Dahl

DUES TIME!!!

After a lot of cussin' and discussin' the Board has determined a budget for 2013 and a level of dues income that will bring us more nearly into a true balance between income and expenditures. We will be less dependent on income from the club share of the Conservation Auction proceeds or the Savings Account to make ends meet and can continue the present level of activities with a few well considered reductions in cost. The amount of dues increase brings the total to \$60 for regular membership and \$90 for family membership.

Dan Coombs has the honor of being the first member to renew under the new level of support. I am hoping others will follow his example and get those checks in the mail or have them ready at the November or December meetings so we can have the bulk of that business out of the way before the New Year begins.

In March the Communication Committee plans to develop a picture directory to include each member's photograph and a brief statement about each person, their fishing interests, preferences and history, etc. We'll need to have everyone who is staying with us paid up and ready to be included.

This would also be a good time to consider the possible benefits of family membership if you have a child or spouse becoming interested in sharing your hobby. The extra cost will be at least partly offset by charges for non-members being instituted for some of the events being instituted.

If, for any reason, you are planning not to renew, the Board would appreciate knowing that in a timely manner. If you have any helpful feedback as to what would have made the club more able to meet your expectations we would appreciate hearing from you. The best way to get your information to us is by mail to PO Box 1543 Bellingham, WA 98227

Larry Irwin, *Treasurer FCFE*



To the anonymous, and purported, whiskey connoisseurs,

Pendleton Whiskey was created in 2003. Crown Royal was created in 1939 and Jameson Whiskey was created in 1780. What more needs to be said? More to come on the fine art of drinking whiskey!

NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM

I have viewed Tom's presentation and it will be a "Great Night"! Again, the meeting is a WEEK EARLIER, November 15th, due to Thanksgiving.

Please let me know if you will be having Dinner!

Gary Jones, *FCFF Program Chair*

"I am Tom Johannesen. I've been an avid fly tier and flyfisherman for over twenty-five years. It all started when I was very young and has continued to excel to what it is today. Writing and guest-hosting fishing programs for television have been part of the interests that fuel my passion. This year will be my twentieth as an outdoor writer and photographer and I now have over one hundred and fifty articles published in Canadian magazines. My excursions started on the lower mainland and have since taken me throughout British Columbia in search of new and more exciting fisheries to write about. My past articles primarily consisted of useful information on fly fishing along with numerous lodge profiles and weekend outings. I enjoy writing on specific techniques and aquatic life as it helps the readers better understand the many mysteries involved in becoming a more productive flyfisherman. Over the past few years my interests have turned more towards the photography side of the hobby. Now I head out on a fishing trip in search of quality photos to accompany the experience on the water. With camera in hand some outings turn out to be exciting even when few fish are landed."



"Nearly always by November the earth is wet and the swamps are full so that all rain that falls runs off to the rivers and rivers are high. The return of salmon and steelhead is inevitable as the spring of grass or the fall of leaves; it may be delayed a little, reduced from year to year, affected in many ways, but it cannot suddenly and mysteriously fail altogether."

Roderick Haig-Brown, "A River Never Sleeps"

November Outings Report

Fall has certainly arrived! Since the rain has finally made an appearance, it doesn't seem to want to go away! We have gone from very low flow rates to waiting for the rivers to drop. The fish are moving in and if you can find a river that is not blown out, you can find them. Life in the Pacific Northwest is always an adventure.

Eight of us hit the Vedder River earlier this month. It was right after the first rain occurred. We fished the dugouts on the Vedder River that were made this year. Unfortunately the high water chose a much different path for the flow and new channels have been made. There were a few fish around Errol McWhirk hooked a nice coho and played it for a while only to have it break off as he was landing it. Brian Faloon also had a match with chum that he eventually released. After lunch we spread out and there were several other fish hooked by others. With the timing of the tide the fish just were not up that far.

Errol McWhirk has been one of my scouts for outing locations. Tammy Findlay and Scott Willison have been others. It looks like we will go across the border for our next outing. The choice will be for the Vedder, Nicomen Slough, or maybe the Harrison.

On the 6th, 3 of our members hit the Stave River for a shot at some coho. The access is restricted since BC Power has closed it's park for the foreseeable future to reface the dam. You have to park on the road and hike in from below. They got there soon after first light and had one of those days. All of them caught fish and all brought some home. It should have been 2 each for Scott Willison, Brian Faloon and Errol McWhirk. However Errol is working on a new release technique. It involves getting the fish up on the grass before he releases it. He has done it each of the last 3 outings. I'm also told that he needs to start attaching balloons onto the fish he does manage to keep. You never know how far one of them will go after you bonk it!

Keep an eye on your e-mail there will likely be another outing before we shut things down.

Soon it will be time to start planning next year. So if you are interested in making a trip to a specific destination, for a particular species or a type outing let me know.

Conservation Dinner:

I want to thank Tammy Findlay, Dianna Horan, John Leighton, Bob Cooper, Steve Runge and Rick Todd for their help in putting on the Conservation Dinner that was won in the

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Conservation Raffle from 2009! I really want to thank Don Anderson and his Daughter Heather for being gracious and generous hosts for the event. We were able to pare some of their new varieties with the menu. It was a great evening!

"40 Year" Fly Boxes: If you want one of these now is the time. Wholesale Sports has just about exhausted its supply of these. I'm not sure how long it will take to get more. I can get 1 or 2 more large and about 6 small before they are gone.

See you out there.

Frank Koterba
Your External VP/Outings Chair



FCFF EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

On October 22nd & 23rd, 2012 FCFF Education Committee launched their annual fly tying classes with Ferndale High School FFA students. The studies included entomology, streamside restoration, and environmental impacts.

Six volunteers from FCFF, (Klaus Lohse, Ralph Lloyd, Joe Kelly, John Leighton, John Boblett, and Will Costhran) taught approximately 120 students the basic fly tying skills using the Olive Woolley Bugger pattern. This was accomplished using FCFF's new instructional equipment (camera, projector), purchased with part of a grant received from Whatcom Community Foundation.

An interesting story happened the afternoon of the 22nd. A young student from the class of the previous year saw our class in session and with excitement came in asking if I remembered him from last year. He reported that on a fishing trip with his father and grandpa he caught three Rainbow Trout on the Woolley Bugger he tied in class and his dad and grandpa did not catch anything. A good endorsement of our instruction.

Bill Hall, *FCFF Education Committee*

Spey Gathering

Ed Megill and Scott Willison of the Confluence Fly Shop are hosting a weekend of on the river spey casting, conservation and camaraderie November 29th through December 1st. This is a great opportunity to connect with other local fly fishermen and women, try out some awesome spey and switch rods and get personalized instruction on two-handed casting, find out more about supporting some key conservation organizations and see how waterproof that Gore-Tex jacket of yours really is before the upcoming winter steelhead season. Admission is \$10 per day/event with all proceeds going to the Native Fish Society. Space is limited so reserve your spot early.

Thursday, November 29th

Meet at the Bellwether Hotel on the Bellingham waterfront for a presentation by renowned steelhead author and fisheries scientist, Bill McMillan. Happy hour starts at 5:45pm with the presentation beginning at 6:45pm. Bill will talk about his new book, May The Rivers Never Sleep, as well as the importance of our precious native fish. Bill also authored Dry Line Steelhead and Other Topics, an iconic work in Northwest steelhead literature. Bill has been instrumental in the most detailed scale sampling study on the Skagit we have to date. Bill is an amazing individual to meet and we're proud to have him involved in the event. There will be a few goodies available by raffle and silent auction, all in support of the Native Fish Society.

We talked about doing a pre-order of Bill's book but it's available on Amazon for about 35% off the retail price...so, bring your own copy and have Bill sign it.

Friday and Saturday, November 30th and December 1st

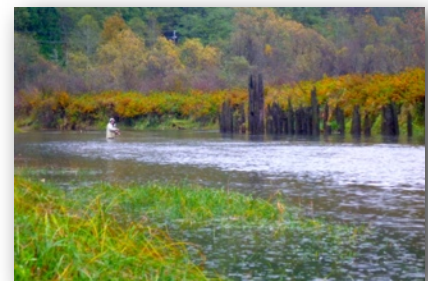
We'll meet at the Nugent's Corner boat launch. Casting starts at 10am and runs until dusk. Parking is somewhat limited so carpooling is recommended. Bring your rods or demo ours. We'll have just about every Airflo Switch and Spey rod and line you might like to cast. Eric Neufeld with Echo/Airflo and Jonathan Knapp with Solitude reels will be there with great gear to check out. We'll have multiple casting instructors available to assist you with improving your two-handed casting skills. Bring your waders or contact us early and we may have a pair you can use.

Friday evening –Join us at the Rome Grange off the Mount Baker Highway for an evening with the Native Fish Society, beverages and social hour with a hearty meal prepared by Chef Koterba. Mark Sherwood will talk about Native Fish Society efforts, the importance of our native fish and what you can do to get more involved. Native Fish Society is also offering deeply discounted \$25 memberships if you attend any one of the three days...and, you'll get a free NFS hat!

Please contact Ed Megill or Scott Willison for more information or questions.

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New Members!!!

Bob Johnston and his wife, Lynne Oulman, moved to Bellingham in 2010 after retiring from teaching careers at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff AZ. Bob taught Spanish language and literature; Lynne taught art. Both are originally from Portland, OR, and they have always intended to return to the Pacific Northwest. Bob says they chose Bellingham because it reminds him of Portland when he was young, it's on water, and it's near rivers. Bob has enjoyed fishing, hiking, backpacking and other outdoor activities most of his life. As a novice flyfisher, he's looking forward to learning as much as he can about fly fishing and to contributing to FCFE.



Bob Johnston



Thanks again to Craig Carlile for sponsoring me into the club. I commercially fished for almost twenty years, in Alaska and Washington. I owned several boats over my fishing career with the last one a 58 foot salmon seiner. I longlined for halibut, black cod, dogfish, fished for crab and gillnetted for salmon in Bristol Bay. I worked at the GP paper mill for ten years until it shut down and now work for JH Kelly as a pipefitter. Melissa is my wife of 23 years and have two great kids, Megan, my 22 old daughter and Ian, my 14 year old fly fishing son. As a teenager, I started fishing small streams for trout and it is still my favorite, I have not been a member very long but it seems like I have already learned allot from the club. I would like to improve my fly tying, stream and lake fishing, casting and down the line, catch my first steelhead. Mostly I would like to not only like to improve but to get my son Ian up to the higher level of fly fishing where it is more enjoyable for him.

Thank you,



Angus MacArthur

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

Theodore Gordon (1914)

Coal Terminal, 4CFF Concerns

I am here to represent the 80 plus members of the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers. This year marks our 40th anniversary as a local fishing and conservation organization. Our organization has been recognized by the community for its efforts towards the education and conservation of local aquatic species and water resources.

Since this a scoping meeting, we have the following concerns that relate to the proposed SSA Terminal site and its operations:

Presently, at Cherry Point, there is a 3,000 acre aquatic reserve that is critical to maintaining the health of the marine food chain there. The Cherry Point herring, surf smelt, and sand lance are important forage species inside this reserve. These, along with the extensive eel grass beds serve as the fundamental units upon which many higher marine animals such as salmon, seals, orcas, and sea birds rely. Coal dust has been shown to be detrimental to these sensitive species, so this is our concern. A 2001 Canadian study of coal dust emission at the West Shore Coal Terminal near Twawassen showed that 715 metric tons of coal dust was emitted annually. At that facility there is a 2 ½ mile marine toxic zone that radiates out from the center of the West Shore terminal. Therefore, we request that scoping be done to determine how SSA Marine will control and eliminate this fugitive coal dust during train unloading, during coal storage, on conveyor belts, and during the weakest link - when coal leaves the conveyor belt and drops through the open air into the hold of the transport ship. A similar marine dead zone at Cherry Point would have devastating effects on marine species from Sandy Point to Point Whitehorn.

Our second concern is with the potential degradation and depletion of fresh water sources by terminal operations. An over-allotment of water from the Nooksack River pipeline could cause negative effects on instream flows on the Nooksack, thus being detrimental to salmon entering the river to spawn or on smolt survival. Scoping should include water withdrawal limits to preserve minimum healthy instream flows. In addition, how will the coal dust contaminated water from spraying coal piles be safely contained, reprocessed and disposed of?

Thirdly, scoping should include ways to preserve recreational and commercial fishing and crabbing, as well as safe recreational boating in the zone between Sandy Point and Point Whitehorn.

Dan Coombs, *FCFF Conservation Chair*



Culinary Corner

Spinach Salad with Bosc Pears, Cranberries, Red Onion, and Toasted Hazelnuts

I ran across this recipe several years ago and it is definitely a keeper. It comes from *The New Thanksgiving Table* by Diane Morgan. It features many of the ingredients grown in the Northwest this time of year. Earlier in the summer I substituted other apples, nectarines and peaches as the fruit. They were all worked well.

Yield: Serves 8

Ingredients:

Dressing:

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons whole-grain mustard
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
Freshly ground pepper

Salad:

1 cup thinly sliced red onion
1/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries
8 cups lightly packed fresh baby spinach leaves, stemmed if needed
2 firm but ripe Bosc pears (do not peel), quartered lengthwise, cored, and cut into long, thin slices
2/3 cup hazelnuts, toasted (see Cook's Notes) and chopped

Preparation:

To make the dressing, in a small jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the olive oil, vinegar, mustard, sugar, salt, and pepper to taste. Cover tightly and shake vigorously to blend. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Set aside.

Place the onions in a medium bowl and cover with cold water. Let stand for 30 minutes. This crisps the onion and takes away the raw onion taste. Drain well and pat dry on paper towels.

In a small bowl, toss the cranberries with 2 tablespoons of the dressing to soften them. Set aside for at least 20 minutes or until ready to serve the salad.

To assemble the salad, place the spinach, onions, and pears in a large bowl. Give the remaining dressing a last-minute shake and pour over the salad. Toss to coat evenly. Arrange the salad in a large serving bowl or divide it evenly among 8 salad plates. Scatter the cranberries and hazelnuts over the top(s). Serve immediately.



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Cook's Notes

Try to buy shelled hazelnuts (also called filberts) with the brown, papery skins removed as well. To toast, spread the hazelnuts in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and place in a preheated 375°F oven. Toast for about 12 minutes until lightly browned. If the nuts still have the skins on, transfer them while they're hot to a clean kitchen towel. (Use a clean towel that is old or you don't mind washing with bleach, because the skins tend to discolor the fabric.) Rub the nuts to remove most of the skins (they never come completely off).

You can substitute unsalted cashews for the hazelnuts. Toast cashews, as directed above for hazelnuts, for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly browned.

Do Ahead

The dressing can be made up to 1 day in advance, covered tightly, and refrigerated. Remove from the refrigerator 2 hours before serving. The nuts can be toasted up to 1 day in advance; store at room temperature in an airtight container. The onions and cranberries can be prepared up to up to 4 hours in advance. Set aside at room temperature.

Frank Koterba, FCFF's Chef



Photo of the Month



"Hey Errol, here's your fish!"



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 Bill Hall (305-0161), Joe Kelly (384-0623), Klaus Lohse (671-8453) if you wish to participate.

OUTING

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.

November's Meeting

Thursday,
Nov. 15, 2012

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"!

December's Board Meeting

Dec. 4 , 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.

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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