



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you know, for the last 18 months I have been attached by the head (not the heart) to a personal project. We added a shop/mancave to our house and did a whole bunch of upgrades as well. You will see them soon or when I host the next fly tying session.

In that time I haven't had much time on the water. The project is for the most part finished and now I have time to pursue some other activities I have missed. Recently we entertained a visit from a brother who has just retired and is expanding his angling endeavors. We were able to spend a couple of hours on a small stream tossing some dry flies to some hungry Dolly Varden. Mike has been gearing up for salmon and steelhead in his adopted state of California. He has a collection of one and two-handed rods and the paraphernalia that go with them. I loaned him a 7'6" 3 wt. with a handful of buggy attractors, showed him a modest roll cast, set up my Tenkara and we were off.

I think we covered about 100 yards of water in total. We tangled with a few over hanging trees, a few submerged branches and a fair number of willing fish. It was a chance to acquaint myself with the experience of just being on the water, the joy and satisfaction of a successful presentation and especially the continued relationship with a brother and a friend. I think he felt the same, that grin he had long ago is still with him.

It almost feels like it did when I got here in 2006. At that point I wanted to find out about the 4th Corner Fly Fishers. I think it is a "Caddy Shack" moment. I still want to find out more about us. The club keeps evolving. We are moved by our new members, by our existing members and this month we added a former member who joined the club in 1975!

As this year winds down it is time to start looking toward to 2017. We will soon have several new board members the will add new perspectives to our leadership. There will also be opportunities for you to lend a hand on the various committees that make 4CFF so

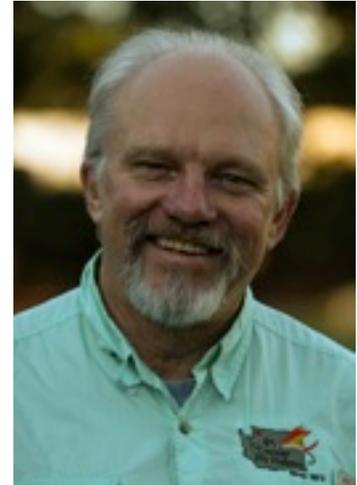
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successful. We will be looking forward to the contributions from all of you. We thank you in advance for sharing your energy and incites.

Recently there was a "Writers on the Fly" program that came through town. It featured writers reading some of their work, as well a gallery of photographs that have been published in "The Flyfish Journal". The locally published quarterly should be one of your reads. It was a great evening and when the next one occurs, you should make an effort to get there. It is a couple of hours well spent. It was also a way to raise funds for the North Sound Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Have some great Holidays!

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, November 17, 2016 [NOTE: This is one week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday]. 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 are lucky to have Scott Willison, owner of the Confluence Fly Shop and your fellow member join us as he shares photos from the annual coho fly fishing trip to Southeast Alaska with a host of other esteemed fly club members. He'll take you through the meanders, muskeg and mud in search of big aggressive wild coho in an evening that promises laughter and despair, rainbows and darkening skies, leaky waders, broken rods and armadas of thrilling bright salmon caked in sea lice.

Here's a bit more about Scott...

*Scott is the owner of the Confluence Fly Shop in Bellingham, WA and a certifiable fly fishing geek. His pursuits with a fly rod have taken him all over the map, including Washington, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia, France, Mexico, The Bahamas and Costa Rica in search of anything that*

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*swims. He's a self-proclaimed steelhead nut, but also deeply enjoys fishing for coho, cutthroat, bull trout and bonefish. In addition to fishing, Scott enjoys writing and speaking to fly clubs. He's published articles in Northwest Fly Fishing as well as a chapter in 25 Best National Parks to Fly Fish. Scott is currently the Native Fish Society River Steward for the Stillaguamish River and serves as treasurer for the North Sound Chapter of Trout Unlimited.*

Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, November 16 at 8am 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 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. We've had a little spike up in walk-ins lately and it makes it difficult for the kitchen and serving staff at the country club if we don't know that you're coming. We VERY MUCH appreciate your help in placing your reservations on time.



Tight lines,

matt

## Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for September included the following:

Guest Status Application Fee	\$30.00
Monthly Dinner No-Show Fee	\$17.00
Monthly Gilly	\$13.00
Total	\$60.00

Monthly expenses for September included:

Monthly Meeting Speaker's Expense	\$417.00
QuickBooks Monthly fee	\$32.60
Total Expenses	\$449.60

Bank account balances as of November 5, 2016 were \$2,483 (Club Checking), \$13,938 (Club Savings) and \$12,868 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer

# Communications Report

Laura created a YouTube instructional video for the website forum function. I sent it to the membership and included a link in the newsletter last month. I have not received any feedback yet.

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## 4CFF's Donation to Whatcom Land Trust: Helping Fishers and the Environment

Whatcom Land Trust recently received news that one of their grant requests was ranked within the top 10 grant applicants for the [WA] State Department of Ecology's Floodplains by Design competition. WLT feels confident that should be getting a \$500,000 grant for acquisition and restoration of 20 acres in the lower Middle Fork River floodplains adjacent to the River. The WLT restoration effort, when implemented will result in increased public access/fishing accessibility.

In addition, another grant application is currently in play. This involves Skookum Creek, the largest tributary of the South Fork Nooksack. The Skookum Creek Corridor Project is a 1,000-acre acquisition along Skookum Creek from just upstream of its confluence with the South Fork Nooksack to just upstream of where Skookum Creek and Arlecho Creek meet, approximately 1.5 miles of prime habitat. The project will acquire a forested riparian corridor along this Skookum Creek complex of streams and wetlands that averages about 500' feet wide on each side of Skookum Creek, plus a mile long segment of the Hutchinson creek headwaters, which is the most critical watershed for Steelhead. Estimated price: \$1.75 to \$2.25 million, pending appraisal.

Whatcom Land Trust would like to hear from you. Please log on to their Conservation Plan Update Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WLTplanupdate>

WLT is using the survey to help prioritize the areas of the county and the types of projects it should be working on.

Mike Reed

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# Conservation Report

Hi 4CFF'ers,

October went by in a blur for me but at least Nathan's creek cleanup didn't have to be cancelled by rain. Weather was, do I dare use the word NASTY, to have our work session on 10 Mile Creek on Oct. 8 so we will finish up out there next Spring. Although our club work parties are done for 2016 here is a list for NSEA and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement groups work parties for the next month or so for any of you who are feeling Conservation withdrawal symptoms:

NSEA Squalicum Creek Sat. Nov 19, 9AM-12PM. Park at 3057 E. Bakerview Rd.

Little Squalicum Creek Sat. Dec. 3, 9AM-12PM. Park at the Bellingham Technical College lot.

Whiskey Creek Sat. Dec 10, 9AM-12PM, this site is in Ferndale. Park at EL Nopal Restaurant 6104 Portal Way (exit 263).

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Nursery work party in Burlington, Sat. Nov 12.

Diobsud Creek planting party in Marblemount. Please call 360 336-0172 if you want to attend either of these Skagit County functions.

Lastly, the 4CFF Conservation Committee will be meeting at my home at 6:30 PM on Tuesday November 15. We will be discussing the 2017 plan for allocation of money to various groups, we will discuss current and future Conservation projects and any other issues that may come up. If you want to give any input for this meeting please call me or plan to attend that night. Thanks to all of you who have found time to help with our club's Conservation projects during the past year. We couldn't keep these projects going without all of you.

Thanks soon much,

Dan Coombs

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# Outings Report

Outings have finished up for this year. Tom Langley is the presumptive successor for outings next year. He plans to convene the outings committee early next year and add some new outings to the list for 2017.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your External VP and board member for the past two years. It was a great way to stay involved and get to know so many of the members. I would urge other members to serve on the board and become committee chairmen. It does not require all that much time or effort and it is fun and rewarding.

Phil Terzian

## Painted Lady Raffles



Don't forget that we have a final raffle coming up for the "Pursuit of the Painted Lady". They are \$10. Tickets will be available at this month's meeting. The raffle winning ticket will be drawn during the 2016 Christmas Party. Proceeds will support the Club's Conservation Committee and the club.

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# Conservation Pluviophiles Unfence!



9/17/2016(Saturday), 9-11am, Ladies of the Lake Conservation Event: Yes, it did rain on our parade, .74 inches to be exact! But, the rain did not deter 4CFF pluviophiles teaming with Whatcom Land Trust to unfence about 150 yards of barbed wire along Fir Creek, a Lake Whatcom Kokanee spawning area.

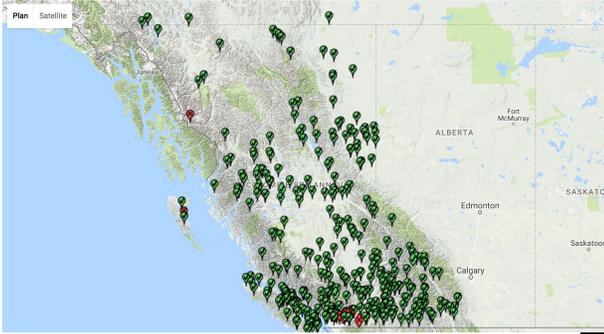
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Janet Murray (Whatcom Land Trust volunteer) Lynn Frazey (friend, volunteer), Dan Coombs (4CFF Conservation Chair), Bob Cooper (4CFF volunteer), Eric Carabba (Whatcom Land Trust Stewardship Director) and his dog. Photographer: Mike Reed (4CFF Steward for Ladies of the Lake Property). The after-conservation pub and grub was called due to rain!! And everyone's preference for a hot shower!!

Mike Reed

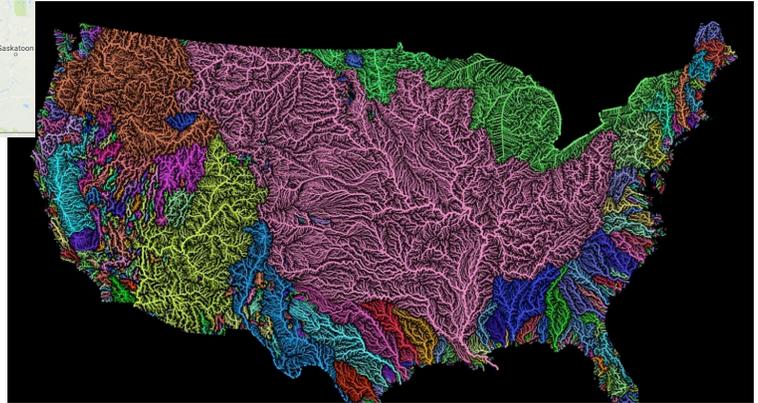
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# Notes from the Web



Emil Ekman found some interesting sites on the web that you might be interested in. The first is a link to [real-time hydrometric data map for British Columbia](#).

The second is a map that “visualizes Strahler Stream Order Classification with higher stream orders indicated as thicker lines.” [More here](#)



## Welcome back!



We welcome Bill Keep back to the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers. After a 20 year absence, he has returned to our midst. Bill became a member in 1976. He served as Secretary for 2 years and as President for 2 years.

# Save the Date!

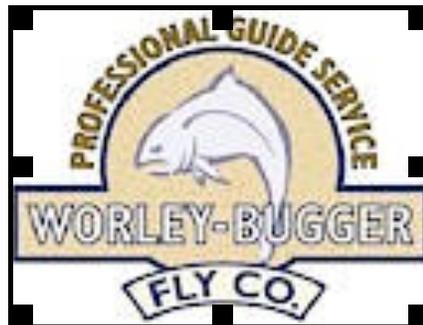
Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 15, so please mark it on your calendars! Look for more details from Matt in the next month.



## 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 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>.

Phil Terzian is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (408) 410-0969.

**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

Nov 17,  
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!

### Next Board Meeting

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

## 4CFF Board Members

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Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Mike Riber, Nathan Weston 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 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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