



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is a time when we look to celebrate many things. It is also a time when we think of family and the time we can spend together. This club is much the same. We are a family of a different sort. And while we have diverse interests and activities, we get together and forward what we can! It is one of the real gifts we give!

I, for the club, thank you for your treasure but especially for your time! Happy Holidays!

Frank Koterba
President 4th Corner Fly Fishers

PS Go be a mentor!



Treasure's Report

Many thanks are due to Ed Dahl, Frank Koterba and the other members of the Auction Committee for their hard work this year. Final figures are not yet available. However, to date the total income from the auction is \$17,782.31 and expenses are \$3,206.00 resulting in a net income of \$14,576.31.

Club bank accounts include currently total \$32,230.56.

Annual membership dues can be paid after the first of the year. Dues for single membership remain at \$60 and family memberships are \$90.

Bill Faulkner
FCFF Treasurer



Monthly Meeting

Happy December! I wanted to drop you a line this morning to let you know that sign-up for the Christmas party is now live. You can read all about it by visiting the Eventbrite page directly ([follow this link](#)) or by going to our website and looking on the calendar for Events ([follow this link](#)).

Please let me know if you have any questions and note that the deadline for signing up is late on Monday, Dec. 14. This gives the kitchen enough time to stock up and prepare our holiday feast!

Tight lines and ho, ho, ho!

Matt Roelofs
4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair
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Conservation Report

DEAR MEMBERS,

All of us on the Conservation Committee wish to again thank you for making our October Conservation Auction such a successful one. We are going to be able to really help conservation efforts on both local and statewide levels. Many of you may not be aware that one quarter of all Auction profits go into the club fund for use on booking great programs, helping setup and maintain our website and for defraying expenses for in-house classes. All of these areas will be much better thanks to your generous participation.

Several of us are now taking walks and monitoring our newly adopted stream site on Squalicum Creek (near James St.). If any of you would like to join us for these bi-weekly surveys please contact me and I will make sure you are included. No special gear is needed and it takes less than an hour to make our leisurely walk along the creek.

WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Dan Coombs
Conservation Chairman
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Outings Report

Done for the season! We are looking forward to an exciting fishing season with lots of water and cooler temperatures in 2016. I will be calling a meeting of the Outings Committee sometime in February or March to look over our preliminary plans for 2016 and make additions, deletions and date changes. Stay tuned. Also, please note that Tom Langley will be taking a larger role in the Outings activity as I transition over to web site management. Tom and I will be working on the Outings together for the next few months, so please feel free to contact either of us with your questions or comments.

Phil Terzian
Outings Committee Chair



Welcome Bruce Aigner!

Bruce Aigner is our newest club member. I'd like to encourage any of you who have not met him to introduce yourself and welcome him into the club. He grew up in a family with a long tradition of fly fishing. His father was Boyd Aigner, a well-known fly tier and member of the Washington Fly Club. His sister, Marion Hiller is also a recent member here.

Despite his exposure to fly tying through his Dad, Bruce is really interested in improving his fly tying skill and would welcome any club members' help. He has a long experience fishing lakes for trout, but would also really appreciate help learning to fish our local rivers for whatever swims there. He was very active in the education committee during his candidate member time and is going to be an awesome new member in our club.

Dave Johnson, sponsor

4CFF Library

LIBRARY GOES HI-TECH

Well, the headline may be a bit of an exaggeration, but what do you expect. I'm a fisherman! But we are making some important changes that hopefully will result in improving your ability to use the materials and hopefully increase your knowledge and enjoyment of our beloved pastime.

As part of the overall strategy to improve our web presence we now have all the library materials inventoried. A PDF document (4THCFF Library Index) has now been posted on our web site under the [MEMBERSHIP](#) tab. This index currently has 189 listings of our books, DVD's, Video's, Pamphlets, Calendars and Magazines. The index is arranged by Primary Subject and then Title. For each listing there are 6 pieces of information. The primary subject, title, year published, author, type of media (book, DVD, etc.) and location. For quite some time our library cart has only been large enough to house only about 60% of our materials.

To access this index, go to our web site, log in, and click the MEMBERSHIP tab and then the LIBRARY tab. If the location of the material you are interested in is identified with an "A" (archived), e-mails the librarian – tomlangley@windermere.com to make arrangements to pick up the item. Otherwise, as usual, if the location is identified with a "CRT" (cart) pick it up at the next monthly meeting.

As part of this overall effort, Scott Williston has graciously offered to allow us to return materials via his drop box at the Confluence Fly Shop in addition to returning them to the cart at the monthly meetings.

As a follow up to this announcement, you will receive an e-mail from me shortly covering some additional details as we continue to upgrade our library resources.

Tom Langley,
4CFF Librarian

"For the fly-fisherman on the Pacific coast, December is the beginning rather than the end of the year. In November even the most enthusiastic fly-fisherman may decide to lay his rods aside, dry off his lines and tie up some flies against a new season. Then in December, with the running of the first winter steelheads, the new season starts."

Roderick Haig-Brown

Communications Report

There have been several upgrades and changes in the website recently. The links page (under the Home tab) has been reorganized and upgraded. Take a look when you have a chance. Also, Tom Langley has added a link under the Members tab so that you can view and download a list of all the materials in our club library. The club documents section has been updated, so you can view the constitution, bylaws and hold-harmless agreement. We have decided to postpone online dues payments until 2017 as we make some decisions about costs and methods for implementing this convenience feature. If you have any comments or suggestions about the web site, or are having any login issues please contact me directly (pterzian@pacbell.net).

Phil Terzian
Outings Committee Chair

Book Review

Molly Semenik's new book, *25 Best Off the Beaten Path Montana Fly-Fishing Streams* is amazing. This is a Northwest fly fisher's dream. When Molly told me last year she was writing a book on remote streams in Montana, my hackles were lifted.

We all know the famous rivers and tributaries of Montana like the Gallatin, the Missouri, the Yellowstone, and the Madison. She takes this to a new and unique level by including out-of-the-way places that most of the fishers that I know only dream of.

The book turned out to be more than expected. She goes into extreme detail of the rivers, the equipment, the flies, the hotels, the motels, the campsites, and the local diners and bars. The way she writes is the way she talks. Knowing Molly, I hear her explain all of this incredible information as if she is there beside me at the stream, unpretentious and real.

Since buying the book, I pick it up almost every night and find something else that I missed before. It helps me dream of spring, Montana, and fish. I plan to go to Montana next year and take advantage of the incredible and extensive research Molly has presented in this book.

This is a GREAT Christmas present, just sayin'. Buy it before she runs out.

Thank you Molly, great job!

Sid Strong
Newsletter Editor (Emeritus)

Photos from BP Kids' Fair

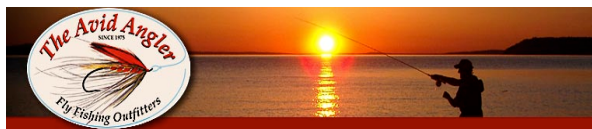




A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<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

Dec 17,
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!

January's Board Meeting

Jan. 5, 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

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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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