

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### December President's Message:

Last month was undoubtedly my shortest message. (If I ever start tweeting ....just shoot me.) This month I have a bit more to say.

Before we do anything else we need to acknowledge our roots. We lost a couple of guys who really made our club something special. Joe Kelly and Bill Hall made contributions to the club that will continue with us as long as we are together. They were both past presidents and were involved in all the different activities in the club. We will miss them.

2017 could be another in a stream of landmark years. As far as our club is concerned we are continuing to grow, both in numbers and age. It is encouraging to see the participation of some of our newer members. They bring us a fresh perspective and a lot of new energy as well. Next year we will have a number of challenges both as an organization and as stewards of our sport. With all the upheaval in our environment, the regulations we face, and our continued commitments to education and conservation we will need to take appropriate steps to respond. And while all this heavy lifting is going on, let's get out and fish a bunch!

Speaking of fun, thanks to all of you who made it to the BP kids Christmas party. I know there a couple hundred kids, a few parents, and a grandad or 2, who went home with something extra for their tree. From some of the comments its apparent that there are some collections of ornaments that are being created by our efforts over the years.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

In January we will be renewing our Board of Directors with the addition of several new and old faces.

The roster of officers and directors with their remaining terms is as follows:

**President:** Frank Koterba (1 year)

**Vice President Internal:** Marion Hiller (1year)

**Vice President External:** Tom Langley (1year)

**Secretary:** Paula Faulkner (1 Year)

**Treasurer:** Steve Hiller (2 years)

**Directors:** Angus MacArthur (2 Years), Cassie Spitzer (2 Years),

Bruce Aigner (1 year), Wayne McLemore (1year) Wayne is completing the term of Steve Hiller.

**The Membership Chair:** Bill Faulkner.

Thanks to those who have finished their terms. Directors Mike Riber and Angus MacArthur (he reupped) and Bill Faulkner who was our treasurer for 3 years. Bill's tenure included a serious upgrade to our capacity to manage our finances.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Just like last year we will be having several raffles one for the Christmas rod a nice versatile one handed spey, and the usual raffle from the meeting raffles and a large infusion from the club. And like last year every member attending will get a set of tickets. I have also been lead to believe that it will be run like last year. That was quite a bit of fun. There will also be a gift exchange with a suggested limit of \$25-30.

This is also the years when we will be having our Club Awards presented to members who have made conspicuous contributions to our organization.

Until then, enjoy your Holidays with your family and friends.

Frank Koterba,

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



# Monthly Meeting



## Christmas Party, December 21

Happy December and Ho, Ho, Ho! It's time to sign-up for the annual Christmas Party, December 21st for a holiday feast and some fun opportunities. Bring a friend, and bring your wallet for food and fun.

As usual this Annual Christmas Party takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, December 21, 2017. We will gather to celebrate the holiday season with fishing buddies and guests. The evening begins at 6:00 P.M with The Wet Fly, a social time/open bar. Dinner follows at 6:45. The evening's program begins at 7:30 P.M.

Dinner is \$35 per plate, payable upon arrival as usual. Be sure to sign up on Eventbrite and order your entree choice for you and your guest. Your choices will be: a Pan Seared Salmon w/ Blueberry onion compote, a Honey Mustard Chicken with apples, or Grilled Portabella Mushrooms. Each main entree will be accompanied by a Bacon & Spinach Salad, and to finish the meal, a Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis.

Besides a wonderful holiday meal and fellowship, the evening holds several opportunities. We are fortunate to be able to recognize and honor the outstanding contributions, work, and efforts of certain club members during our Annual 2017 Awards Ceremony. Learn what awards we give, and hear the work of our club members.

In addition there will be fun opportunities. One is to participate in a gift exchange. As in years past this is the **traditional gift exchange** – bring a wrapped gift, get a wrapped gift. Please keep the cost of the gift to \$25 and it need not be fishing related. When you arrive with your gift you will receive directions on where to place your gift for the exchange and how it works if you are new to this event.

There are two different raffles. One raffle is for wonderful mystery prize decorated in holiday paper with each item having an emphasis on quality. For this first remember to bring your raffle tickets from this past year and exchange them 5 to 1 for tickets in the drawing, and then even more tickets will be on sale.

A second raffle will be for a 10' 4" 6 wt. Echo One Hand Spey rod. Tickets for the rod are on sale for \$5 per ticket available the night of the party. There is no limit to how many you can purchase.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by **December 20, 8:00 A.M.** at: <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [bxxcooper2010@gmail.com](mailto:bxxcooper2010@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-961-4398. Getting your RSVP in on time helps provide an accurate count for the kitchen and is highly appreciated. Please indicate if you desire dinner or just attending the meeting. Remember a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay.

**Future Programs: January.** Gabe Epperson from Whatcom Land Trust. Gabe is coming at the invitation of Dan Coombs and the 4CFF Conservation Committee so that we can all learn about the recent activities of the WLT.

# Conservation Report

Greetings to All You 4CFF's !

Holiday Greetings Everyone,

Several of us went to the Trout Unlimited meeting last month to hear Curt Beardsley give a very informative talk on salmon net pen issues in Puget Sound. In lieu of printing out all his information I suggest you go to this website for current information - Our Sound -Our Salmon. Suffice it to say that at present there is very little oversight of the fish farming industry in Washington State waters and that legislators are beginning to line up to possibly not re-license Puget Sound fish farms once their current tenures are over. As a club we may circulate a letter in the near future that will give support to the Wild Fish Conservancy's efforts to protect our sound from the harmful effects of these operations. In addition, we are hoping to have Kurt give us a program later in 2018 as an update on how this issue is playing out in the state legislature.

A small group of us was finally allowed by the weather to complete our Fall cleanup of Whatcom Creek this week. Most interesting finds were a cellphone, bass lure and 2 Fisher stereo speakers! Thanks to Don A., Dave J., Bob J. and Terry McEwen for a good job.

For the die-hards who would like one more work session on local streams, NSEA has its last work party on Squalicum Creek on Saturday Dec. 9 from 9AM till noon. Parking is available at the new NSEA office at 3057 E. Bakerview Rd.

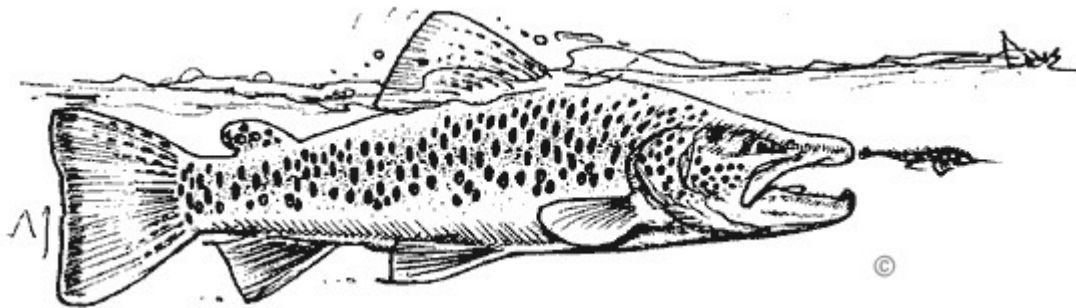
See you at the Christmas Party Dan C.



# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



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## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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## Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

### [Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

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*"...come let's to supper...this Trout looks lovely, it was twenty-two inches when it was taken, and the belly of I looked some part of it as yellow as a marigold, and part of it as white as a lily, and yet methinks it looks better in this good sauce."*

*Izaak Walton, "The Compleat Angler"*





# 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 we 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.

## 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>.

Tom Langley 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

### Christmas Party December 21,

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

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

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

### Next Board Meeting

Jan. 2, 2018

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 & Bob Cooper

Secretary

Paula Faulkner

Treasurer

Bill Faulkner

Conservation

Dan Coombs

Education

Klaus Lohse

Library

Tom Langley

Website

Phil Terzian

Newsletter

Jamie Harrington

Membership Chairmen: Steve Hiller

Raffle Chairmen: Scott Willison

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 FCFF. All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCFF Member Dan Homel*





# 4CFF Board Members



## 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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*"On all the streams and little rivers and in many of the lakes there are spawning salmon in October; and the big rivers carry their own tremendous runs, becoming tributary to their own tributary streams."*

*Roderick Haig-Brown*