



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tonight, 12/6/2016, we had the last meeting with your present Board of Directors. Most of the incoming BOD was also there. We spent 2+ productive hours working on our Club's past and future. The effort covered Outings, Education, Conservation, Budgets, Programs, and the support we give to our members.

We are once again passing the baton to a new board. They represent a mix of seasoned veterans, long standing members who are new to the board, and new members. We had several members take on new responsibilities and added 4 new faces. I look forward to working with them on your behalf. The current roster includes: President, Frank Koterba, Internal VP: Marion Hiller, External VP, Tom Langley, Treasurer, Bill Faulkner, Secretary, Paula Faulkner, Director/Membership Chair, Steve Hiller, Director, Bruce Aigner, Director Mike Riber, and Director, Angus MacArthur. We are available to you and count on your input in the coming year.

I want to thank the departing individuals who have contributed their time and energy to the club. Nathan Weston has been the Membership Chair for 6 Years. Matt Roelofs has been putting together our programs for the last 4 years. Phil Terzian has run our outings program for the last 2 years. And Mike Reed has been our secretary for the last 2 years. Next time you see them say thanks and maybe buy them a brew!

Next year we should have a host of new opportunities to participate in club activities. It could be sharpening your skills with a rod or at the vice, joining an outing, going to a club sponsored event or program or even serving on a committee. And don't forget that 2017 will be an auction year.

Marion and Tom have stepped up to lead our efforts as the Internal and External VP's. If you have ideas for programs or outings let them know. It goes without saying that it is in our best interests to see that they are successful. The board and committee chairs will be sharing their outlook for the future at our January meeting.

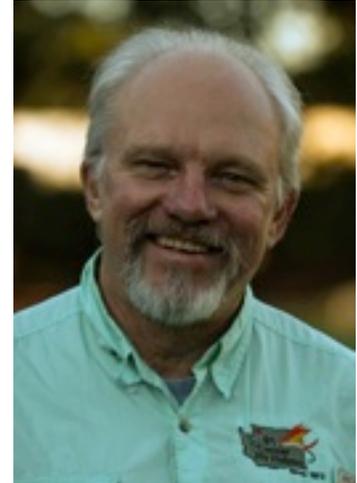
To all of you who were able to assist at the BP Kid's Fair, Thank You! It was a great time and the kids and parents really enjoyed the process and the ornaments. We have a number of families who are now part of their holiday traditions.

We just got the final inspection on our house projects so I am now free!! So I hope to see you around the area wetting a line!

Have some great Holidays!

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

On THURSDAY, December 15 we will once again gather at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club to celebrate the holiday season with fishing buddies old and new!

Registration Closes Monday—Register Now!

The social hour begins at 6pm and dinner will be served at 7. The dinner will begin with bread + butter and a salad of field greens, feta, cucumber, carrots and pumpkin seeds with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing. You will have a choice of three entrées (please specify your choice when you make your reservation): a 5 oz. baseball steak with a wild mushroom demi glaze, honey mustard chicken with BelleWood Acres apples, or butternut squash ravioli with sage butter sauce (vegetarian). The entrées will be paired with a side of smashed Yukon potatoes and a seasonal vegetable. The dinner will conclude with apple pie with vanilla bean whipped cream for dessert.

Dinner is \$35 per plate, payable upon arrival. As usual, a cash bar stocked with all your favorite libations will be available.

In addition to the wonderful holiday meal, there will be a number of fun opportunities to exchange gifts and perhaps win a nice prize.

For the Christmas Raffle, Santa Scott and the Raffle Elves (sounds like a good name for a punk rock band) have been busy assembling a wonderful list of prizes to reward your dedicated raffle play all year long. This year's raffle, much like last year's will focus on quality rather than quantity, though we have a pretty impressive amount of items to raffle off, including rods, reels, packs and other top notch schwag to up your fly fishing game in 2017. Remember to bring your raffle tickets from this past year and exchange them 5 to 1 for tickets in the drawing (precounting your tickets is much appreciated).

The Christmas rod raffle will be \$5 per raffle ticket and drawn separately from the general raffle. This year's Christmas rod is the Sage Bass II Bluegill rod. This fast action specialty series rod is 7'11" and sized appropriately for smaller bass and bluegill. The rod includes a 230 grain Sage Bass Taper line which is perfectly balanced for the rod and includes a cordura lined Sage rod/reel case, along with Sage's unconditional lifetime warranty. This is a super fun and very accurate rod that excels at placing tight casts into the nooks and crannies of shoreline vegetation and structure where the big bluegill live. The rod blank is a beautiful shade of green with attractive red guide wraps and well-suited to this festive time of year. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase for the rod raffle.



We will have our traditional gift exchange as well. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 or less and you will receive a number. When your number is drawn you will be invited to select a gift from the gift exchange table. You are welcome to choose your own gift, but where would be the fun in that?

Also, 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.

Our usual signup procedures are in place, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Because of the extra lead time required for the meal, I've set a deadline for all reservations to be in by **Monday, December 12 at midnight**. Please take special care in making your reservation as I'm using ticket types to keep track of your entrée preference as well as the number of women who will be attending. This means that there are six ticket types - male and female versions of each of the three entrée choices.

You can make your reservation by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com> or by contacting me via email at msr@deepsnow.com or by phone at 360-319-1350.

I look forward to seeing you for the party!

Tight lines and ho, ho, ho!!!

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Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair (one last time...)



Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for September included the following:

Guest Status Application Fee	\$30.00
Monthly Dinner No-Show Fee	17.00
<u>Monthly Gilly</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total	\$52.00

Monthly expenses for September included:

Membership Name Tags	\$60.44
Fly Tying Game Winner Dinners	85.00
<u>QuickBooks Monthly fee</u>	<u>32.60</u>
Total Expenses	\$178.04

Bank account balances as of December 1, 2016 were \$2,384 (Club Checking), \$13,938 (Club Savings) and \$12,868 (Conservation Savings).

Invoices for 2017 annual dues will be e-mailed to members at the end of December. 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 February 28th until the end of March 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

The website is operating normally. There have been a couple of roster revisions since last month, so if you are looking for accurate club member contact information please refer to the new roster under the "Members" tab. If anyone needs assistance logging in please get in touch with me at pterzian@pacbell.net.

Merry Christmas to all,

Phil Terzian 408 410 0969

BP Christmas Fair Event

A number of our members helped kids learn to tie a few flies again this year at the BP holiday fair, pictures below.



BP Christmas Fair Event



Conservation Report

Season's Greetings to all you 4CFF'ers!

As I mentioned in the November newsletter, the Conservation Committee met last month to outline the 2017 Conservation Budget and to discuss several other items. It was discussed and passed that in the 2017 year we try to have one or two Conservation related speakers who will bring us up to date on current environmental conditions in our county, and possibly in our state. We will begin a search for qualified individuals who are acknowledged as being experts in their respective fields as compared to company representatives who usually have their own agendas to push. Topics may include the current status of the Nooksack River, new developments in renewable energy, and various subjects related to climate change.

For years our committee has been active in Conservation education in our local schools, but has not addressed keeping our membership up to date on critical environmental happenings. These programs would be informational only and will not involve our club to make any political positions on the topics discussed. As adults, we should all be willing to hear a particular expert speak, ask questions, and be respectful if our opinion is different from that of the speaker. Our club should be a microcosm of our country where we all need to listen/learn more and be respectful of other's opinions when we do disagree. Bob Johnston has taken a particular interest in all of us becoming better informed, so will serve as the lead in the search for and proper vetting of Conservation speakers. If you have suggestions for potential speakers or other suggestions please E-mail Bob or me.

The Committee voted to purchase a small sandwich board type sign that will identify our club at work party functions. Mike Reed was given the reins of the wild fish group that will function to collect data and disseminate to the membership on all things involving wild fish.

Happy and Healthy Holidays to All of You and Wishing you.

Tight Lines in 2017,

Dan Coombs



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

Dec 15,
2016

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>
msr@deepsnow.com
360-319-1350

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

Next Board Meeting

Jan 3, 2017
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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Raffle Chairmen: Nathan Weston

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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