



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February President's Message:

While I am looking forward to 2018, I know there will be some challenges. We have seen the last couple of years affected by fires, low water, regulation changes and a number of other factors. We are also likely to face new environmental issues. This year will probably have more of the same. This is just like it's been for the last 45 years.

To continue to thrive, we will need to continue the practices that have led to our success.

We have almost 100 other members with which to invest some time. Let's make the most of it. On the Club's behalf several committees will be rolling out the events for the year. Tom Langley is putting together a pretty impressive outings schedule. If you want to join in some conservation efforts, Dan Coombs and our partners like NSEA the SFEG will be scheduling work parties. Klaus Lohse and the Education Committee will have opportunities to bring others into our sport. We will also be producing events to improve our member's skills.

This is the basic plan. There will be changes. How that works out is up to us. I expect that there will be many ways for all of us to participate. Let's go have some fun.

One item came up in our last board meeting. We have a number of prospective members in the program. Not all of them have sponsors. It is up to us to get them through the process. Look on your club roster. See who is on the list. Lend a hand!

Right now there are many decisions being made regarding laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the places we love so much. It is incumbent on us to make our voices heard. There are numerous sources of information regarding the individual issues. Please take the time to become familiar with those that cause you concern. And then act. You're your legislators, make comments to the appropriate agencies, and vote!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

And now for some of the nitty gritty.

If you are interested in participating in one of our spring Fly tying sessions here is the current list along with the Eventbrite links.

I have heard mixed results on the Eventbrite so I am adding the hosts phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

February 24 - Ken Kloehn 12:30-4:30pm

360 733 1048, 360 303 8962 <mailto:kenk40@comcast.net>

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fly-tying-at-casa-kloehn-2018-tickets-42855770764>

March 3 – The Hiller’s 12:30-4:30pm

360 739 0186, 360 739 0343, <mailto:steve-n-marion@comcast.net>

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fly-tying-casa-hiller-2018-tickets-43003287992>

March 17 – John Leighton: 1:00 – 4:30pm

360 724 6381 <mailto:leightonjohn49@yahoo.com>

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fly-tying-casa-leighton-2018-tickets-43036907549>

Sessions to be added: Klaus Lohse Frank Koterba

If you have questions ...Give me a call 360.927.0544 or reply to this email

Thanks

Memorial service for Bill Hall:

It was with a bit of sadness and much joy and admiration that we got together and honored the life of Bill Hall. His memorial service brought together many people who shared his time. We will miss and remember you Bill.

I look forward to creating more stories with you on the water this year.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, February 22

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, February 22, 2018, third Thursday. 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. with introduction of guests, fish stories, announcements and the evening's program. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting of committee reports and other items. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

February's Program:

Fishing for Smallie; species background and habitat, gear, techniques, and flies.

Our guest speaker is Todd Fuychigami, a Senior guide from Ellensburg Anglers grew up fishing the reefs and open waters of Oahu, Hawaii. He joined the Army in 2003 and while stationed in North Carolina, where he was introduced to the world of fly fishing, catching his first trout on a fly in the Smoky Mountains. Since, he has been addicted to fly fishing and shares his passion with others. His job in the Army as a Flight Medic and Medical Instructor is apparent when he is working with new anglers. He's fished for strip bass off the coast of NY, stalked bonefish in Hawaii, and chased trout in several states on both coasts. Todd's true passion is chasing fish in the desert creeks of Eastern Washington. He is featured in an very powerful upcoming film called "*Trama*," which focuses on a Medevac unit in Afghanistan and then follow the unit's members as they return to civilian life and how fly fishing plays an important role in Todd's transition. View the preview clip here: <https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/video-trauma-healing-power-fly-fishing>.



Future Programs:

March: *Fishing the Method*, guest speaker Rick Todd. Rick, a member of 4CFF

April: **Please take notice of a date change for the month of April** due to BGCC rescheduling needs. April's meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**. Guest speaker is Jim Coxs from Western Rivers Conservancy who will speak about their current projects and efforts river to protect those western streams in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California. Link to current projects: <http://www.westernrivers.org/about/staff/>.

Monthly Meeting

May:

Fishing the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, guest speaker Molly Semeniak, former guide on the Yellowstone River, author and winner of Bronze Medal Winner of the Independent Publisher Book Award in the West-Mountain Best Regional Non-Fiction Category for her book "25 Best Off-The-Beaten Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams," International Fly Casting Instructor, sought after speaker, and master mind behind women's fly fishing adventures 'Tie The Knot Fly Fishing, along with friend Marion Hiller will share the how-to's of taking a four day guided trip with Helfrich River Outfitters Inc. on the Rogue River as experienced on a recent *once in a lifetime* adventure.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by Wednesday, January 24, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-dinner-meeting-feb-22-tickets-42796186546>, by email at 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.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager



"It is not in the book, yet it is human enough to spend a moment before casting in trying to imagine what the fish is thinking, even if one of its eggs is as big as its brain and even if, when you swim underwater, it is hard to imagine that a fish has anything to think about. Still, I could never be talked into believing that all a fish knows is hunger and fear. I have tried to feel nothing but hunger and fear and don't see how a fish could ever grow to six inches if that were all he ever felt. In fact, I go so far sometimes as to imagine that a fish thinks pretty thoughts."

Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"

Conservation Report

Greetings to all 4CFF'ers,

Spring is just around the corner and may be upon us sooner than usual this year. That means it's time to start planning which Conservation functions you'd like to be part of. NSEA has several work parties in Feb. and early March which you may participate in:

Feb. 17 Squalicum Creek next to the NSEA offices on Bakerview Rd. 9 AM-12

Feb. 24 Haynie Creek Ferndale area 9AM-12 Call NSEA for directions 360 715-0283 or E-mail www.n-sea.org

March 3 North Fork Baker Creek 9AM-12 Parking at Unity Church of Bhm (1095 Telegraph Rd.)

Our first club work party will be held at the Ladies Of the Lake property at the South end of Whatcom Lake on Sat. May 5. Carpool info and hours of operation will be given at a later date.

Prospective members can get Conservation credits for attending any of the club or NSEA sponsored work sessions but be sure to sign in when you get there. If any questions, call me 360 398-1637.

Latest news on Puget Sound net pen operations is that WA Dept. Land management has permanently closed the net pen operation that failed near Cypress island and is in court with Cooke International over closure of its Port Angeles operation. State legislature and Governor have decided to phase out all ocean net pen operations as each lease expires in Puget Sound. For more info go to oursound-oursalmon.org. Hope to see most of you at one of the fly tying sessions that are coming up.

Dan



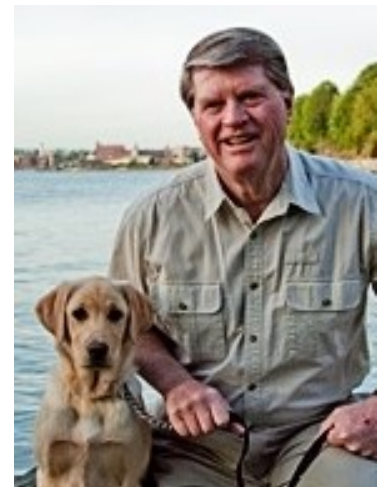
Outings Report

If you haven't heard by now here's your chance to get the latest news on our net big event. THE FIRST ANNUAL KICKSTART FISHINAR. You should already have your Eventbrite invitation but if not here is the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-1st-annual-kickstart-fishinar-hosted-by-the-4th-corner-fly-fishing-club-tickets-42992254992>

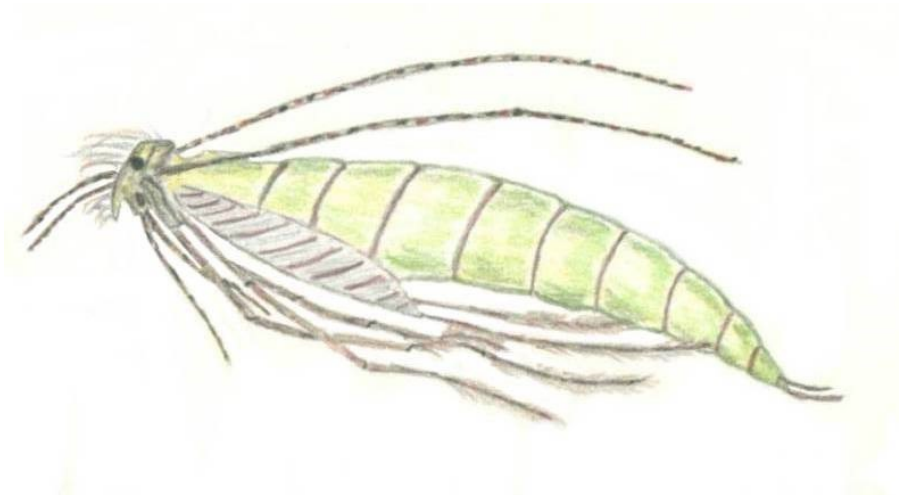
Check it out...It's going to be a great time.

Also, I'm going to be sending out an email about our new tab on the club web page .."MEETUP NOW" Watch for it.



Tight Lines

Tom Langley



Website Update

Website

Several updates have been made to the website plugins, but they should all be transparent to our users.

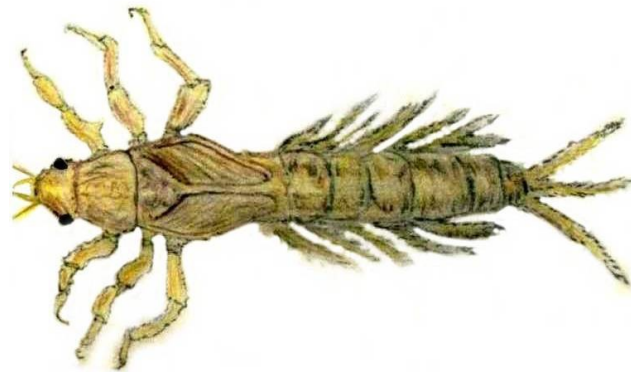
The home page was updated to remove information and links regarding the auction, etc.

The "Contacts" page has been updated to edit the officers and directors, the roster will be updated as soon as I have the file from our treasurer.

Tom Langley and I have been working on an idea he has to increase small, spur of the moment fishing trips between members. As part of this idea I have added a new tab to the home page of the web called "Meet up now". I'm sure Tom will talk more about this over the next few months.

Fish On!

Phil Terzian



MARKING FLY LINES

Fly lines are supplied with a label which should be attached to the spool holding the line. The trouble is that sometimes either the label falls off the spool or the line is used with another spool.

It is really important to mark the line, not the spool. Here's a method I have been using for more than 25 years. With a permanent marking pen, place a one-inch mark around the line approximately a foot up from the nail knot. That will be the mark for the five. To signify a mark for the number one, make a small ring (approximately 1/4 inch long) around the line with the pen. To further identify your lines by taper, for weight-forward lines, you can put the long mark forward of the line and the small ones toward the back. Thus (as shown on the line at the top of the illustration), a weight-forward 9 weight line will have a one-inch mark forward of the line and four short ones toward the back.

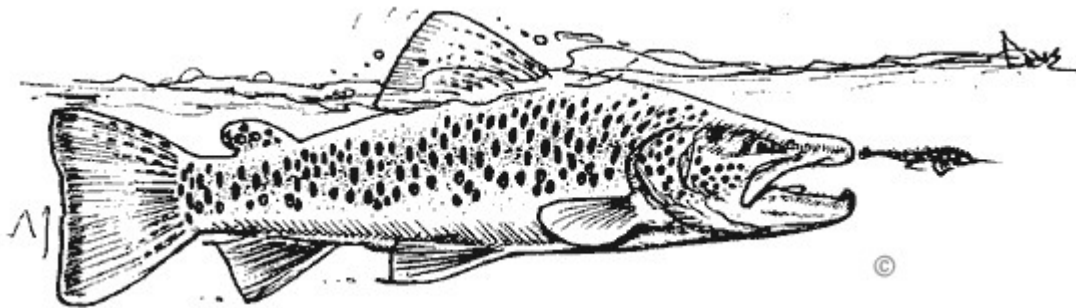
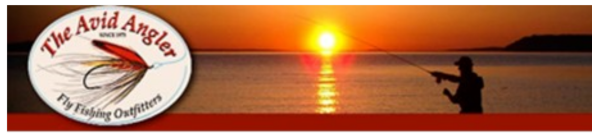
For double-taper lines, simply reverse the process. Thus, a double-taper 6 weight line (as shown) would have one 1/4 inch-long mark forward of the line and a one-inch mark toward the back.

Lefty Kref

A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



[Osprey Fly Fishers](#)

Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

"What do you want to do this afternoon, old man?" he asked.

"Fish," I said.

But you can't always fish," he said.

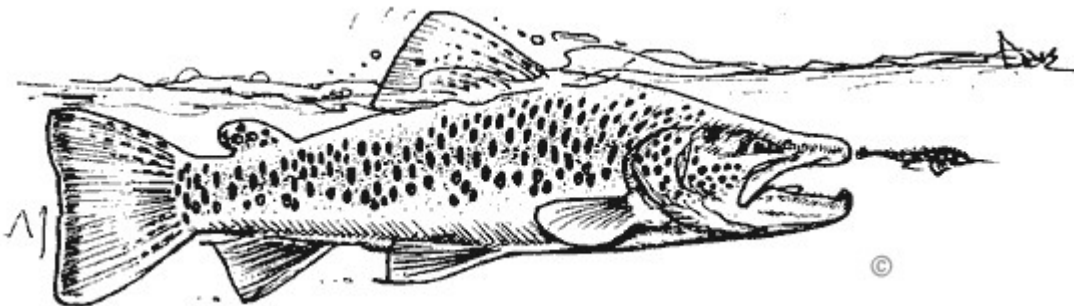
I told him I could and I was right and have proved it for thirty years and more.

"Well, well," he said, "please yourself, but isn't it dull not catching anything?"

And I said, as I've said a thousand times since, "As if it could be."

Roland Pertwee

"The River God" (1928)





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

Mar. 6, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

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Frank Koterba
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Tom Langley

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Membership Chairmen: Bill Faulkner

Raffle Chairmen: Scott Willison

Directors: Angus MacArthur, Cassie Spitzer, Bruce Aigner, and Wayne McLemore

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
