



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Watching our club in action this year has been a thing to behold. The energy and the ingenuity displayed on a number of fronts bode well for the future. We have already had a trendsetting event with Phil Rowley. The new outings schedule is more diverse and even includes a well-defined Montana trip. Our management and tracking of our club's financial position is improving. We have initiated the rebuilding of our website with a budget in the \$100's not \$1000's. The Conservation Auction committee has begun to prepare for this year's iteration. And a budgeted program for internal education has been initiated.

Our ability to get these things done has been sourced by a combination of great people, the willingness to try and enhance technology. Given the timeframe, we would have had a tough time getting the Rowley event to happen without Eventbrite. Matt Roelofs, Scott Willison and a host of others put this together. Using the software, they were able to track and design an event with both members, nonmembers, diners and attendees, while avoiding most of the headaches involved with reservations, no shows and a special raffle.

Our External Vice president and Outings Chair, Phil Terzian has added Eventbrite to the outings program, using it for both a way to track each event. In addition, if you have made the reservation to go you can see who else is scheduled to go and Phil can add the outing detail information.

We are also moving forward in the process and scope of tracking our financial position. Bill Faulkner and Mike Reed have been working to move our books to QuickBooks online. This will enable us to budget and track our activities much more accurately and without the issues of the platform on which we do it. We will also be including the Conservation and Education activities and assets to the reports. It also allows several of us to track the activities as well.

The issue of our website has been addressed by the Communication Committee. Lin Nelson, Sid Strong, Jamie Harrington, Craig Lang and especially Phil Terzian have discussed and evaluated our general requirements and potential paths forward. Phil

made contact with a local site designer. She has proposed building a prototype of our current site on a more modern template for a fraction of our budget. It will require some more work but we will be able to get it done for an acceptable amount.

Ed Dahl has stepped forward to chair the committee. And he Dan Coombs and others have begun to assemble the Conservation Auction for this year. We are looking to have another rousing evening of fun and put together another successful campaign to support our activities.

And finally we are developing Internal Education as a more formal program to provide our members with the skills requisite in our sport. Stay tuned, we will be having a Spring Tune-up for your casting.

In all, you have many of our members who are working to make this a better organization. If you want to get involved or want to find out more about an area, the people to contact are listed at the back of the newsletter.

While all of this is occurring don't forget to get your gear ready to go fishing!!

Frank Koterba, 4CFF President



March Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on March 26, 2015. 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 welcome two of my colleagues from Western Washington University, David Hooper (Biology) and Hart Hodges (Economics) to discuss a unique class that they have been co-teaching for the past few years: The Ecology and Economics of Salmon Recovery.

Here is how Dave and Hart describe the class:

The class is a chance for us to introduce key issues related to ecosystem services in biology and economics, using salmon restoration as the focus. We cover specific

March Meeting (cont)

concepts from biology and economics, with a focus on salmon...while highlighting ways that the disciplines complement each other or rely on each other. Students are exposed to a basic stock-recruit growth model and they have to think about genetic diversity, what makes for good habitat, etc. while also learning about opportunity cost, the tragedy of the commons, discounting, and nonmarket valuation. We include a moderate amount of math, so students can work on using quantitative skills and connect that math with basic ecological and economic concepts. Finally, the course includes an overnight field trip to the Elwha River to look at the restoration work and natural experiments underway with the dam removal.

Here are a few of the questions we ask the students:

- If a biologist can describe pretty easily what we need to do for salmon restoration (whether improving habitat, reducing harvest, or something else), why is it such a contentious issue and/or why is it proving so difficult to fix the problem?*
- What are the salmon worth?*
- What role can hatcheries play, if our real focus is on protecting/enhancing wild populations?*
- If it made economic sense to remove the dams on the Elwha, why aren't we hearing about the removal of other dams?*

The program will include a short description of this course and extended Q&A / panel discussion where we can all interact with Dave and Hart. You'll be given a chance to answer some of the questions posed to the students in this course, and also an opportunity to ask your own questions of these experts on the ecology and economics surrounding salmon recovery. We promise it won't give you too many flashbacks to your college days, but like any good university experience we hope it provides a stimulating evening of discussion (minus the fraternity parties and football games).

Here is a bit more about our guests:

Hart Hodges is an Associate Professor of Economics at Western Washington University, where he also serves as the director of the university's Center for Economic and Business Research. In addition to his work at the university, Hart is a registered investment advisor and vice president at Waycross Investment Management Company. His academic research interests include water resource economics and policy, health economics, and local economic development. Hart volunteers his time on several boards of non-profit organizations. Hart is a past president of the Association of University Business and Economic Research and a member of the

National Association of Business Economists. He is currently on the board of the Northwest Workforce Development Council, St. Paul's Academy, and the Northwest Economic Development Council. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Washington, his Masters in Environmental Management from Duke University, and his BA from Williams College.

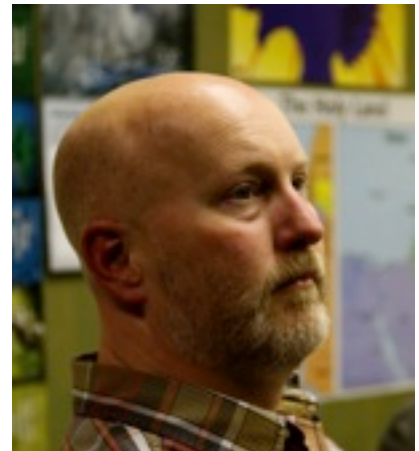
David Hooper is a professor in the Biology Department at Western Washington University. His research specialties are in ecosystem nutrient cycling and plant community ecology, so when talking about salmon, he is the inverse of a “fish out of water”. Dave became interested in watershed ecology while serving for 9 years on the Board of Directors of the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association; he currently participates in the working group for the Natural Resources Marketplace. He and his students have done several projects assessing the effectiveness of riparian restoration in Whatcom County, and are currently working to test models used to predict benefits of restoration activities for ecosystem services, including water quality and salmon habitat. He has also worked in Arctic tundra and grasslands in California and Inner Mongolia. He received his BA in Chemistry from Middlebury College and his PhD in Biology from Stanford University.

Please RSVP for the membership meeting by Tuesday, March 24 (midnight deadline) by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at 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 and we very much appreciate your help in placing your reservations on time.

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



Treasurer's Report

At the February board meeting, the Board approved a budget for 2015. It was presented to the club and discussed in some depth at the monthly business meeting on February 26.

The deadline for 2015 club dues (\$60 for single memberships and \$90 for family memberships) was February 28. To date, we have 70 paid single and family memberships and six lifetime members.

We have not yet received dues from five 2014 members. These dues may still be paid until the end of March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Checks can be made out to 4CFF, or Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and mailed to Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, P. O. Box 1543, Bellingham, WA 98227.

Persons unable to participate in club activities in 2015 may petition the Board for a leave of absence of up to two years.

The club has purchased a subscription to QuickBooks accounting software. We are presently setting up the 2015 books and hope to be able to create more detailed financial reports by the end of this month.

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



Notable Quotables from Steven Wright

1. *What happens if you get scared half to death twice?*
 2. *My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."*
 3. *Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?*
 4. *If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.*
 5. *A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.*
 6. *Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.*
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Conservation Report

Hi Everybody,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed our first Spring Conservation outing at Lily Point. There will be two more opportunities for members and prospective members to participate in our Conservation efforts when April rolls around. One will be at 10 Mile Creek School and the other at Squalicum Lake. Stay tuned for the dates and times for these two outings. In the mean time, those of you who want to lend a hand to the stream rehab efforts can attend one of NSEA's Spring work parties. Please note that the first one listed will be on Smith Creek adjacent to Don Anderson's property. This should be a good one to attend if you have the time.

- Smith Creek - Sat. March 14 9-12 From Bellingham head out the Mt Baker Hwy, go through Nugent's Corner and make a right on Finsrud Rd, look for NSEA signs.
- Squaw Creek - Sat. March 21 9-12 AM From Bellingham go north on Hwy 539 for about 15 miles. Turn right onto E Badger Rd/Hwy 546 E and drive for about 5.5 miles. Look for the NSEA signs.
- Upper Landingstrip Creek - Sat. March 28 9-12 AM Join Whatcom Land Trust and NSEA in planting native trees and shrubs and removing invasive plants along Landingstrip Creek. From Bellingham head East on the Mt. Baker Hwy for about 15 miles, then turn Right onto Hwy 9 just outside Deming. Drive along Hwy 9 for about 7 miles then turn Right on Turkington Rd. Parking is available at Acme Elementary School. Look for NSEA signs and Shuttle.
- Padden Creek - Sat. April 4 9-12 A M Come join Bellingham Parks and Rec and NSEA at this waterfront location. We will be planting natives and removing invasive plants along Padden Creek. Park don Harris Ave, near the intersection of Harris and 6th St. Look for signs of trailhead.

In case you haven't attended a NSEA work party, all you need to bring is yourself and a pair of gloves. Tools, refreshments and encouragement will be provided by the staff at NSEA.

Hope to see you all at some of these functions.

Dan Coombs
Conservation Chairman
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Education Report

Your Education section is winding down our Winter sessions with only a couple of more weeks planned at Blaine Middle School. It's been a great and rewarding time again this year. We have spent a lot of time with a total of about 30 kids, covering everything from tying wooly buggers to two-handed casting.

Next we will be joining the students at Options High School, in Bellingham and a spring outing at Ferndale High School as soon as our coordinators at NSEA can get the dates set. Somewhere in there we have to fit some time for our friend at the St. Joseph Cancer Center.

We have committed to participating again this year with the Lynden Christian School Outdoor Education program. And will be with them at the outdoor center on the Mt. Baker Highway on May 14, 2015. 4 sessions starting at 9 AM and ending at 4 PM. More information to follow as we get closer to the time.

We will need a lot of help on this one, as there could be as many as 60 participants, so expect an email or maybe even a phone call.

I just found a great web site for tying.
www.troutandfeathers.com Check it out.

Keep your head on a swivel,

Jerry Hill
Education Chair
425 445-1201



“I continually read of men who said they could be just as happy not catching trout as catching them. To me, that even then sounded pious nonsense, and rather more of an excuse than a statement of fact.... No, I want to get them, and every time I slip on my waders, and put on a fly, it is with this in mind.”

Brian Clarke, “The Pursuit Of The Stillwater Trout” (1975)

Outings Report

We're getting geared up for the first official outing of the year, Pass Lake on March 28. Hot chili (talk about an oxymoron) will be supplied by Frank K. It should be a lot of fun. There are already 11 folks signed up. If you are planning to attend please visit EventBrite using the link below and sign up so we will have some idea of how much food to bring for you all.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pass-lake-outing-2015-tickets-15812014160>

I've also activated an EventBrite invitation for the July 4-10 Duck Lake, Montana event. We're getting this out early because accommodations can be scarce near Glacier park on this holiday. Please see the outings detail in the invitation for details.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4cff-duck-lake-montana-outing-tickets-15948150347>

Here is the link to the latest version of our schedule for this year's outings. It should be a great year:

Phil Terzian
pterzian@pacbell.net

Upcoming Casting Classes

Here is the list of the Whatcom Community College classes on casting taught by Scott Christensen. Follow the links to learn more about each class:

- [Fly Fishing: An Introduction](#), April 11 from 9:00am-2:00pm
 - [Beginning Casting](#), April 18 from 9:00am-Noon
 - [Intermediate Casting](#), May 2nd from 9:00 am-11:00am
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Hike-in Lake Update

For those who attended the last meeting you know that a proposal was made that we look into the idea of organizing some outings that give us the opportunity to fish lakes that require hiking as part of the experience. Since that time an ad hoc exploratory committee was formed and has begun work on putting this program together. We are currently working on a couple of ideas.

First, we are in the process of creating a short list of lakes that will be recommended as our first excursion into the wilderness. As part of this process we are developing a rating system that can be used to match the level of difficulty of the hike into the lake with the abilities of those who wish to go on that particular outing. This system will identify the length of the hike, the elevation change (the huff and puff factor), scenery, hike time, degree of difficulty, trail condition, and hike type such as overnight or day hike in and out.

Second, we are exploring a way for those interested in getting into shape an opportunity to organize their own informal "training hikes". It's a good way to get together with some friends to start taking hikes so when summer roles around you'll be ready to hit the trail.

We hope to have more on this at the February meeting. So if you are not on the list and would like to join the 22 of us, who are already on the list, shoot John Leighton or Tom Langley an e-mail or come to the meeting. We'll have another sign-up sheet available.

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John Leighton

"So I hike and fish because it's pretty country and the trout are out there, with red slashes on their jaws and their fine, efficient coloring that changes from lake to lake. I look for two things, mostly: trout and solitude, in that order."

John Gierach, "Trout Bum"

Conservation/Education Auction

As most of you now know this is the year for the bi-annual 4CFF Conservation/Education Auction. I have volunteered to be the committee chairman but I can not do it alone. I have not been involved in this committee before and will need help in having a successful auction again this year. I will need help from all of the members to do this.

First, I am looking for people to help on the on the committee. I will need both experienced and novice members of the committee. A couple of members have already volunteered. If you would like to help please contact me by email at kedahl@icloud.com or by my home phone 360-734-2712. If we are not answering just leave a message and I will get back to you.

Next, as always the auction committee needed the help of the membership in finding and soliciting items for the auction. I urge all of you to do that again for this auction. One of the things that made the last auction so successful was that some member put together outing that they would sponsor. I know that our past President Hugh Lewis put up a small stream outing for two with lunch. I bid on that and won. Because the auction was between several members he said that he would do additional outings at the same cost for anyone else that wanted to go. He ended up doing at least one more outing. I believe that there were two separate float trips, one on the Yakima and one on the Skagit. I would ask that you consider putting together similar trips/outing again for this auction.

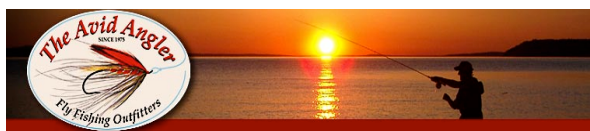
I have already solicited and received some items for the auction. I have received a commitment for a hand turned wood bowl. If you have something for the auction, an idea for an item, or need help in soliciting someone for an item, let me know. A committee member or I will be happy to assist you. Lets make this year's auction a very successful auction.

Ed Dahl
Conservation Auction Chairman

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

March 26, 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
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Don't forget to
bring a fly for the
FLY PLATE!

April's Board Meeting

April 7, 2015
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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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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