



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have many ways to enjoy membership in the 4th Corner Fly Fishers. They are a combination of what you choose to do and who you choose to do it with. The blend of the results is pretty phenomenal. We owe an acknowledgement of the inquisitiveness, generosity, knowledge, and willingness that is present every time we get together. Thank you all for that. There will be many opportunities available through the coming year. Next time you see Molly Semenik, welcome her to the club, she is the latest to join .

And now for a few commercials:

As I mentioned last month, we will be expanding our programs for member to improve or add skills to you angling adventures. The casting program currently has a couple of programs in the works.

March 19th 1-4pm Nugent's Corner 2 Handed casts with a 1 handed rod; this is a chance to work on some techniques to use when you are backed up against it with your standard rod. To sign up you can use the following ([2-handed-casting-with-a-single-hand-rod Eventbrite link](#)). This session will be limited to 8 members. The Eventbrite site has information on the required gear you will need and the rest of the details about the event. Thanks Molly for putting on the class and welcome to the club!

July 9th, "the Casting Games; "this is a new event e that is in the style of a links tournament on Dan Coombs property. The course will be a number of casting holes set up to test your casting skill set. We will be announcing the details as they are available.

And as usual there are still a few fly tying sessions

All the sessions are listed in the calendar on the 4CFF website. ([4thcornerfly.com](http://4thcornerfly.com)) we will be using Eventbrite to get these set up. Here is the current schedule.

March 12th 1:00pm	( <a href="#">Tying at Koterba's Eventbrite Link</a> )
March 30th 1:00pm	( <a href="#">Tying at Kloehn's Eventbrite link</a> )
April 2nd 1:00pm	( <a href="#">Tying at the Hillers' Eventbrite Link</a> )
April 16th 1:00pm	( <a href="#">Tying at Leighton's Eventbrite Link</a> )

We are also going to put together standing casting practice schedules. I will be looking for feedback on putting that together.

As a way to finalize the Conservation Auction, we will be having several silent auctions during our upcoming Meetings to clear the framed prints we have remaining in the inventory. There is an ongoing raffle for the "Pursuit of the Painted Lady". The tickets are \$10 and you can get them at the Confluence Fly Shop, or at our General Membership meetings. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Christmas party.

Frank Koterba  
President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers

Frank Koterba  
4CFF President



## Treasurer's Report

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016. Single memberships remain at \$60, and family memberships are \$90. The deadline for payment of club dues is February 28. Dues may still be paid after the 28th until the end of March but will require an additional \$10 late fee. The final deadline for payment of dues is March 31. Checks for 2016 dues 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 2016 may petition the Board for a leave of absence of up to two years. The board passed a budget for 2016 at their February meeting. Copies of the budget will be presented at the business meeting later this month.

Present bank account balances as of February 8, 2016 were \$3,916 (Club Checking), \$13,886 (Club Savings) and \$13,194 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, March 24, 2016. 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.

Our speaker this month is Nick Chambers from Trout Unlimited's Wild Steelhead Initiative and Wild Steelheaders United. Nick grew up on the Rogue River in Southwest Oregon and obtained a degree in fisheries from Oregon State University. Since that time he has worked for a variety of fisheries management agencies and organizations throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. In addition he worked in the fly fishing industry and guided part time. Nick now works for Trout Unlimited as an Organizer for their Wild Steelhead Initiative and is a relatively recent transplant to Washington.

Who is Trout Unlimited? Most anglers know TU is a nationwide conservation organization with local chapters who contribute hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours annually. Not as many people know that TU has about 200 full time staff throughout the nation who are involved in a wide variety of conservation and restoration projects. This talk will cover some of the current projects that TU is involved in throughout Washington and the Northwest but will focus on our steelhead work. Just over a year ago TU launched the Wild Steelhead Initiative which is a region wide effort to conserve and restore wild steelhead populations. The Initiative and its associated group of anglers, Wild Steelheaders United, is building momentum and has had some great successes already, however there is no shortage of challenges facing wild steelhead. Much of TU's steelhead work is centered in Washington and we will cover some of the most pressing issues our staff are working on as well as proposed solutions.

Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, March 23 at 8am by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto: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 in a timely fashion.

Tight lines,

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Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal VP / Program Chair



# Outings Report

CALLING ALL FLY FISHERS !!! OUR FIRST OUTING IS AT HAND

That's right, our first club outing of the year is on Saturday, March 26 at Pass Lake. If you haven't already signed up be sure to do so right away by going to the web site and finding the event on the outings calendar, clicking on the link and signing up on Eventbrite. We will be having free chili, courtesy of our top chef and club president, Frank Koterba, and will also be awarding a beautiful fly box put together by Ed Ruckey. So be sure to attend, even if you don't feel like fishing.

All of the other outings for the year are now on the club calendar, although the Eventbrite sign-up links are not yet operational . Here is a summary of all the outings we currently have planned.

March 26	Pass lake	Klause
April 23	Silver Lake	Errol, Brian
May 4	Ala Spit	Frank, Scott
May 13-15	Big Twin	Rick Todd
June 4-5	South Sound	Frank, Scott
June 19	Fazon Lake	Nathan
July 21-24	The Classic	Rick Todd (River Bend) (alpine lake, John L.)
July 26	Small Streams	Ed Ruckey (limit 6, lunch flies)
Aug 24	Whidbey	Nathan
Sept 8-10	Baker Lake	John Leighton (alpine hikes)
Sept 24	Skagit float	Jack Salstrom
Sept 30-2	Chopaka	Mike Riber
Oct 8	Vedder	Errol, Brian

Phil Terzian  
Outings Chairman

# Communications Report

Not much to report on the web site construction this month. Everything is humming along as far as I know. If you have any trouble using the web site or logging on to the member's only pages please get in touch with me at [pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto:pterzian@pacbell.net).

Phil Terzian

# Conservation Gossip

*4th Corner Fly Fishers caught green-handed at "Ladies of the Lake!"*

*See Tabloid Photos!*

*by Mike Reed*

In late February, Mike Reed, Bob Johnston, and John Leighton joined with 4CFF's newest conservation donee, Whatcom Land Trust. It was a rainy yet rewarding habitat restoration morning at WLT's Ladies of the Lake property. 33 volunteers planted about 500 trees (16 different native species). There was plenty of action with saws and loppers too! Non-native holly and blackberry received their spring "buzz" haircut. WLT did a good job organizing the work party. Plenty of tools were available and when ready for a break, there was hot coffee, tea, bagels, etc. Afterward, a smaller group, including myself, stayed until about 2pm for instruction on WLT stewardship responsibilities.

So how did this property get its name? As told at the work party, two young ladies met while serving in the Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) program during WW2. They flew bombers to embarkation points for overseas missions. After mustering out, they bought the current property at the south end of Lake Whatcom, opened up a restaurant, and lived on the property. In their senior

years, they set up an agreement with WLT. WLT helped them manage the property while they lived on it and then, after they died, the property would be returned to its natural state.

The property is a beautiful 102 acre parcel with two creeks flowing into





Lake Whatcom. The Fir Creek is on the property and Anderson Creek is adjacent with City of Bellingham owning and restoring along Anderson Creek. About 20 acres was farming and pasture land. The remainder is hilly forested land.

Promoting 4CFF goals, our conservation committee has adopted this property. I will be the property steward, establishing a habitat monitoring program with periodic work parties. With Dan Coombs and other conservation committee members, we'll be reaching out to members for support. The Ladies of the Lake, through WLT, gave us all a wonderful gift. Please join me in realizing their dream to restore this property to its natural beauty.

## Conservation Report

Hi members and prospectives,

As you see, we had our first work party at the "Ladies of the Lake" site which was a great success. As we enter Spring I want to put out a request that each of you find time to participate in at least one of our Conservation functions. Our club is currently responsible for six different Conservation areas so Spring can be a busy time. We will be entering the dates and times for upcoming work parties so check the club website for that information. Most of these functions are "family friendly" so think about bringing along your spouse or children as a learning experience for them. Most of our tasks are in the light to moderate range and we are happy to fit a task to your abilities. On our calendar for this month is a "potting party" with the Bellingham Dept. of Parks and Rec. on Saturday March 19 from 9-12 AM at their field location just North of Lakeway off Woburn St. They have ordered trees and shrubs as bare root plants that we will be

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putting in pots for future use at the Squalicum Creek site. This will be a perfect family type activity so hope to see you there. A pair of gloves, a set of hand pruners and a small trowel would be handy to bring if you have them. Tools will be supplied if you don't. This will be a rain or shine function so mark the date on your calendar for some fun and comraderie.

Dan, Bob, Terry, Don and Mike

Dan Coombs  
Conservation Chairman  
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## 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

Mar 24,  
2016

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!

### Next Board Meeting

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



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**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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