



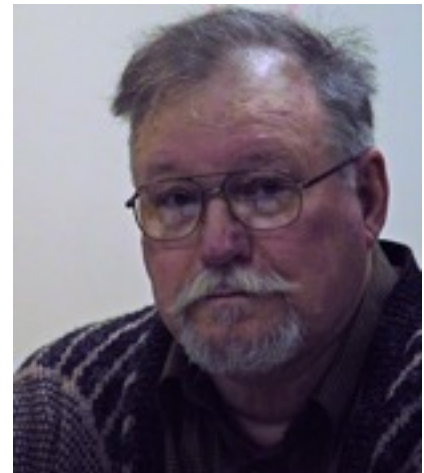
# FOURTH CORNER FLY FISHERS

## President's Message

This morning, there's an edge to the breeze again. It's back into the pile sweater, even though two days ago, I was fishing in a t-shirt. We never own the weather, but during the spring and autumn shoulder seasons, current conditions can be particularly unstable as current meteorology thrashes about, looking for a new identity between the Solstice and the Equinox.

From the early years on Boy Scout campouts, when I discovered that the "official" Scout kapok sleeping bag was a guarantee of shivering misery, I've suffered, literally, with the paradox of loving the northern outdoors despite a body that was designed for the tropics. I suspect that many of us hesitate to recreate when the weather report is hedged with ambiguities, much less overt bad news. To my shame, I've passed on countless opportunities for just that reason.

But fishermen can't hide forever, so we resort to tricks. My standard strategy is overkill: I pack extra layers of insulation, sleeping bag liners, two rain parkas (so that one can dry while the other is in use), neoprene waders for much of the year, a compact stove to keep the coffee flowing. Dealing with the cold is like a protracted war against insurgents: it can never be won, but we can keep it at a level that we can live with.



Wayne McLemore, *President FCFE*



*"April days can be as cold and wet and miserable with wind as December days. April rivers can be swollen and thick with flood. But April is still as beautiful as its name, the true spring month that breads our world out of winter into something nearly summer. It could not be right to keep anglers away from their rivers at such a time, and I think they seldom are kept away, unless by the ice of a high altitude or a late year."*

*Roderick Haiq-Brown, "A River Never Sleeps"*

# IMPORTANT...

## CCA NORTH SOUND CHAPTER 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET AND BENEFIT AUCTION Saturday, May 9, 2009

CCA is the largest and most effective marine conservation and restoration organization of its kind in the U.S. Chapters span from the Gulf Coast, to the Atlantic and now, through your help, the Pacific Northwest. Your involvement and support will allow our precious steelhead, salmon and other marine resources to continue for future generations.

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn  
2300 Market Street, Mt. Vernon, WA

**Tickets**            \$65 per person - includes annual CCA Membership  
                         \$120 per couple - includes annual CCA Memberships

Reception and silent auction            5:00pm  
Dinner and live auction                    6:00pm

For ticket information please contact:

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*"No one knows what game there is in a trout, unless he has fought it out, matching such a rod against a three pound fish, with forty feet of water underneath, and a clear, unimpeded sweep around him! Ah, then it is that one discovers what will and energy lie within the mottled skin of a trout, and what a miracle of velocity he is when aroused."*

*Adirondack Murray*

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## April Outings Report

As the temperatures have started to creep up so has the amount of activity for our Club. This month we have completed another fly tying session and our first outing. The tying session was hosted by Mark Brovak on St Patty's day. In addition to cranking out a bunch of flies ranging from salt water monsters to the ever-present chironomids; we feasted on a tradition corned beef and cabbage dinner. I couldn't resist so we had corned beef presented 2 ways with all the associated vegetables. This was washed down with a bit of beer as well.

There will be one last tying session this season. Klaus Lohse will host a session on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It will help break those tax time blues. The session will start at 12:00 noon. If you need directions contact me or Klaus for directions.

The Pass Lake outing was a well attended event to say the least. The weather was surprisingly pleasant given the forecast and we had 26 members and guests take part. It was quite a mix of the old, the new, the initiates and the experienced, and all of the hungry. As I was heating the pulled pork, I kept seeing the crowd getting bigger. I began to have an inkling of what Custer might have felt at the Little Bighorn.

The fishing was a bit spotty with most getting startled by the occasional take. On the other end of the scale Jack Salstrom, and Tammy Fridley seemed hooked up all the time.

For me, it was a chance to knock off some rust and remember which things I forgot to bring while the consequences were small. Ed provided a couple stellar fly boxes. The large box was drawn by Gary Lang and a second smaller box would up in the possession of Ralph Lloyd

By the time you read this, we will have had our casting clinic up across the border. Reaction Fly and Tackle should provide an educational day on the water that should keep our hands full

The end of the month brings our annual club pilgrimage to the Yakima River. The outing will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We have reservation at the KOA campground in Ellensburg. They have a couple of RV sites and a number of tent sites reserved beginning on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Give them a call at (509) 925-9319 to confirm your spot.

I checked with Steve Worley at Worley Bugger's and he said we might see a few remaining Skwalas coming off along with the usual March Browns, BWOs. The caddis hatches could be starting as well. Of course this all could be altered by the weather.

After fun on the river we will meet for the potluck on Saturday at 6:00pm. And as usual Ed will be giving away one of his killer fly boxes.

I hope to see many of you out there.

Frank Koterba



# PASS LAKE



## APRIL PROGRAM

Peter Patricelli will present "Dry Fly Fishing Desert Lakes" for our April program. He is a lifetime honorary member of the McKenzie Flyfishers where he has been a member for 35 years. He is an avid fly fisher, photographer and collector of fishing craft and has fished salt water, warm water as well as the usual cold water species. Peter says, "at this point in my life and fishing career, the most fun for me is watching and helping youngsters of all ages climbing up and sliding back on the steep side of the fly fishing learning curve". Peter has presented to almost all of the clubs up and down the northwest coast except for FCFF. I am very pleased and excited to have him for our speaker this month. You may wish to check out his website at <http://www.flyfishingfotography.com/>.

Our meeting is Thursday, April 23 at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Please send your email to [fcff@verizon.net](mailto:fcff@verizon.net) and let me know whether you plan to attend and if so how many will be in your party. If you don't have access to email give me a call at 312-9856.

### Charlie Scaief - Programs



*"In fact, the Adams is symbolic of fly fishing itself, a sport that, at its best, mixes the basics of science with dark powers on one hand and bumbling luck on the other. It's a good pattern for flyfishermen who catch trout by suspending belief in any particular system and who don't feel driven to know everything. It's a cowboy's fly, notwithstanding that it comes from Michigan.....for that matter so do pickup trucks."*

*John Gierach, "Trout Bum"*

## NEW ZEALAND

In late February Patty and I were lucky enough to spend two great weeks in New Zealand. It is a magical land full of natural beauty and incredible people. While I fished, Patty was taken on some incredible excursions around the south island. While she got to see more of the country, I had to content myself with catching some pretty nice fish.



I am putting together a Powerpoint presentation for when Charlie gets desperate for a speaker, so I'll save the trip details until later! The Yakima River trip is coming up, and I wanted to let you all know that I will bring my whole flotilla, so if you are boatless, there will be a place for you in a drift boat or pontoon! I hope to see many of you there. Also, if the river blows out (as it can in the spring, Lenice, Lenore and other desert lakes are nearby so bring your lake flies and lake boats along!

Rick Todd, *Member FCFE*



# DOC HACKLE'S FLY CORNER

## K & E CADDIS II

**Hook:** TMC #2312 Size 8 to 14

**Thread:** To match 8/0 or 6/0

**Tail:** Antron Yarn-Under bronze Mallard

**Body:** Fine dubbing to match natural

**Thorax:** Dubbing to match natural

**Hackle:** Dry fly quality, brown, grizzly, dun

**Head:** Deer Hair-Bullet head

**Thorax:** Deer Hair-Wing pad

**Wing:** Deer Hair

**Note:** Head, Thorax and Wing = Same clump of deer hair

**Step 1.** De-barb hook, anchor thread on and run it down to the bend and back up to mid-point.

**Step 2.** Tie in a small amount of antron yarn and anchor it on top of the hook all the way to the bend. Wrap thread back up to mid-point and add the bronze Mallard, wrapping it down to the bend. You should end ½ hook shank length beyond the bend.

**Step 3.** Wrap dubbing on thread and build the body. Starting at the bend and wrapping it up to just beyond the mid-point towards the eye.

**Step 4.** Take a pencil size bunch of deer hair, clean and stack it. Then tie it in by the butt ends at the point where you left off with the body. The tips must extend hook length beyond the hook eye. Wrap the thread over the deer hair all the way up to the hook eye keeping the deer hair on top of the shank.

**Step 5.** Tie in the hackle, concave side up at the point where the body ends. Then dub the thorax up the shank to within 1/8 of the hook eye. Now wrap the hackle the same distance up. Then trim the hackle even with the thorax on top.

**Step 6.** Now fold the deer hair back over the body of the fly, first making a small bullet head tying it down, then move the thread under the deer hair to a point where the hackle and thorax started.

**Step 7.** Now pull down the deer hair and tie it off at the beginning of the thorax. Whip finish or half hitch a number of times the thread and cut it off. Add a drop of cement to that point and cut a "V" in the hackle on the bottom and you are finished.



Ed Ruckey, a.k.a. "Doc Hackle"



# Frank's Culinary Corner

## *Grilled Sesame Asparagus*

*Serves 4*

Toast the sesame seeds in a dry skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently, until golden, about 5 minutes

### **Ingredients**

2 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 teaspoons light brown sugar  
1 garlic clove , minced  
½ teaspoon grated fresh ginger  
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1 pound asparagus , trimmed  
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil  
Salt and pepper

**1 tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted**

### **Instructions**

1. Whisk soy sauce, vegetable oil, sugar, garlic, ginger, and pepper flakes in shallow dish. Add asparagus and toss until well coated. Let marinate at room temperature for at least 15 minutes or up to 1 hour.
2. Remove asparagus from dish (do not discard marinade) and grill over hot fire, turning frequently, until tender and lightly charred, 4 to 8 minutes.
3. Add grilled asparagus to dish with reserved marinade. Add sesame oil and toss until asparagus is well coated. Taste and season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Serve.





# Outings for 2009

## March 21<sup>st</sup>

Pass Lake  
Lunch and fly box

## April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

Yakima River  
Pot luck and fly box

## May

Spring Creek Trip  
Eastern WA  
Pot Luck and fly box

## June 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Roche Lake  
Pot Luck and fly box

## August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Methow River  
Pot Luck and fly box

## August

Saltwater Coho in Puget  
Sound  
Pot Luck and fly box

## September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Upper Skagit River  
Potluck and fly box

## OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

East Side Lakes– Chopaka,  
Blue, Sidley, etc.  
Fly Box & Food?

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**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.*

# Calendar

## May's Board Meeting

May 5, 2009

Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

## April's Club Meeting

April 23, 2009

BELLINGHAM  
COUNTRY CLUB  
3729 Meridian St  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-3450

Wet Fly	6:00
Dinner	7:00
Program	8:00
Meeting	9:00

**You have to make reservations.**

Call or write Charlie Scaief.  
(312-9856) [fcff@verizon.net](mailto:fcff@verizon.net)

Bring money for the raffles and a fly for the "Fly Plate".

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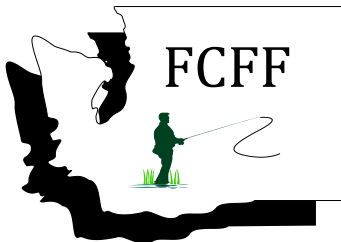
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