



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before I say anything else I want to wish Bill Hall a speedy recovery from the stroke he recently suffered. Bill and Norma, you are in our thoughts. I would also like to thank Jim Darden and others for keeping us informed of the latest developments.

What we had for a winter is now gone and spring is upon us. The pace and scope of our club's activities are ramping up. In addition to our traditional outings, new venues for fishing are being investigated and planned. The education programs the club sponsors are always changing and new opportunities to share our sport are always presenting themselves. The conservation committee is completing projects and evaluating new ones. And this year we are initiating a series of programs focused on Internal Education to enhance the knowledge and skills of our members.

Our membership is now at 97 and there are currently 10 more individuals in the program to become members. Trying to communicate and organize with a group that large is daunting and fraught with mistakes. Missing or bad e-mail addresses has been a real problem. We attempt to communicate by reaching out to every member to inform you, but all of the moving parts are not working. An alternative is to give you a place to go to get the latest information.

So one big step is our new website!! Please go to <http://4thcornerfly.com>.

This is currently under development. The content includes basic information on the club and our activities. It has calendars for meetings, education, conservation, and outings. The events in the calendars have links that take you to the pertinent information. We are currently working with the developer to add a member's only section that will contain secure information.

Look around and let us know what you think. Does it make sense to you? What else would you like to see?

The maintenance on this site and the management of the content is a process that can be easily done by us. The cost has been far below what we had in the budget and we will have the developer on retainer for a very reasonable cost.

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We owe several members a large bit of gratitude for this progress. Phil Terzian has been the driving force in developing this project to this point. Jamie Harrington was also instrumental in the search for a developer and the subsequent conversations about the new design. Others have provided input along the way. Craig Lang collected the recent set of proposals and kept the conversation going. Lin Nelson and Sid Strong have been long and loud advocates for getting this done. And finally, Tammy Findlay, a former member built who our old website, got the whole thing going.

There will be a lot of things to keep track of this year and the website will be an valuable resource in getting that accomplished.

Frank Koterba  
4CFF President



## 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, April 23 2015. The Wet Fly will begin at 6:00pm 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 Kelsey Helfrich of Helfrich River Outfitters out of Springfield, Oregon. Kelsey is a fourth generation Helfrich drift boat, fly-fishing and whitewater rafting guide in Oregon and Idaho. Running a boat, and the opportunity to introduce people to the beautiful rivers of the Northwest, is her true passion.

Kelsey grew up along the banks of the McKenzie River in Western Oregon and has been boating since before she could walk. Growing up in a boating family, Kelsey was raised going on river trips and helping her dad in the family business. As she grew, so did her love of the river and the outdoor lifestyle. At the age of 5 she got to go on her first overnight company trip and was soon tagging along on McKenzie pontoon trips as a junior swamper. When Kelsey turned 13 she moved up to running her own raft down the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. Getting her first guide's license when she turned 16, she started running rafting trips on the McKenzie in the

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## Monthly Meeting (cont)

summers and was introduced to the alluring waters of the Idaho rivers. Working on the river was a great summer job for her throughout high school and college.

Kelsey graduated from Oregon State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry Recreation Resource Management. After graduation she was able to expand her guiding career to work more trips and become more involved in the administrative side of the business as well. She now guides on the Middle Fork of the Salmon and the Main Salmon rivers in Idaho and on the McKenzie and Rogue Rivers in Oregon, along with a few others. Kelsey recently got married to Helfrich Outfitters guide Kidd Youren and they are enjoying their new lives together and have taken on new project of building their own home.

Kelsey will be presenting photos, videos, logistical details and stories surrounding two of her company's signature float / fly fishing trips – one on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho and the other on the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River in Oregon. These are full-service, multi-day trips with gourmet food, comfortable accommodations and fantastic fishing. Personally I'm quite excited to learn more about the trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon as it's on my family's bucket list! I hope you can make it!

Please RSVP for the meeting by Tuesday, April 21 (midnight deadline) 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 on time.

Tight lines,

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



# Treasurer's Report

Collection of 2015 dues is now complete. We currently have 58 single memberships, 13 family memberships and six lifetime memberships. Including the 19 spouses, partners and children from the family memberships we now have 97 members in the 4CFF Club.

Work with the QuickBooks accounting software purchased this year is progressing. We are presently refining the club's Chart of Accounts and hope to be able to track a more detailed catalog of financial events as the year progresses.

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



*“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 Haig-Brown*

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# Conservation Report

Hi Conservation Fans,  
Yes, it's a busy time of the year in the Conservation arena. Please note 2 photos of our work group at Lily Point on March 18 as well as a before and after shot of the Smith Creek project that borders Don Anderson's property.

This Saturday, April 11 our club members will convene at 10 Mile Creek School property do do our



Spring cleanup work in preparation for classroom activities on the creek. We will need rakers, pruners and people to wheelbarrow bark/mulch to place around the newly planted trees etc. See you there at 9 AM on Saturday. Your last opportunity to



help us out will be on Monday April 27 when we do our yearly spruce up of the trail, kiosk and launch area at Squalicum Lake. We will convene at the parking area at the junction of Y Rd and the Mt. Baker Hwy that Monday at 10 AM. At some point in May we will revisit Smith Creek for berry spraying and mop up of the newly planted areas. Stay tuned for that one. Call me if you need

directions or info about any of these outings.

Dan Coombs  
*Conservation Chairman*  
360-398-1637  
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# Education Report

Your education group is taking a short break, but will be at it again this coming Monday at Ferndale High School. Come on out and give us a hand at fly tying and casting with about 30 eager and ready to go students.

We will once again be at the Outdoor camp with the students from Lynden Christian School on May 14,..This an all day event and lots of fun and very rewarding for both the kids and us. We will need a lot of help and it's a great outing for prospective members to learn a lot about 4CFF.

I just found another great web site....[www.ginkandgasoline.com](http://www.ginkandgasoline.com). Check it out! Lots of good stuff on fishing, equipment and places to get the big ones.

Tight lines and full nets,

Jerry Hill

Education Chair

425 445-1201



# Outings Report

We got off to a great start on March 28 with some dry, sunny weather and an enjoyable opening outing to Pass Lake. There were about 20 club members in attendance and many of us (I should say, many of them) caught fish. During lunch, provided by Frank Koterba, thank you Frank, many of us stood along the boat launch ramp and watched some non-member pull in one fish after another, he must have caught a couple dozen. We, of course, had only nice things to say about him.....

Coming up next are the April 17-19 Port Townsend/ Hood Canal outing and on April 25 the always fun opening day at Silver Lake. Here are some details:

## **Port Townsend and the Northern Hood Canal Beaches**

**When:** Friday April 17 through Sunday, April 19 2015

**Location:** To get there: Take I-5 south and exit to westbound Highway 20 in Burlington. Continue west on Highway 20, following the signs to Whidbey Island and Port

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Townsend Ferry. Take the ferry at Keystone and exit at Port Townsend. More specific directions to the area we'll fish to follow.

**Access:** We will access on foot a number of public tidelands in the Northern Hood Canal and Marine Area 9. There are numerous State Parks and public beaches that afford easy access within a short walk to the water. More specific maps and access points will be further discussed with outing participants. Make sure that you display the appropriate Vehicle pass!!!

**Details:** <http://4thcornerfly.com/wp/events/port-townsend-hood-river/>

**Signups:** If you would like to see who is signed up for this event or to sign up yourself, please go to: [EventBrite: Port Townsend Hood River](#)

### **Silver Lake Outing**

**When:** Saturday, April 25th, 2015

**Meals:** Frank and staff putting on the annual breakfast

**Sign ups:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/silver-lake-opening-day-april-25-tickets-16351595061>

**More info:** <http://4thcornerfly.com/wp/events/silver-lake-opening-day/>

Best to all,

Phil Terzian

[pterzian@pacbell.net](mailto: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, \$69.
  - [Beginning Casting](#), April 18 from 9:00am-Noon, \$45.
  - [Intermediate Casting](#), May 2nd from 9:00 am-11:00am, \$29.S
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## Big Twin Outing

The outing this year is the weekend of May 15-17. We are sandwiched between Mothers Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend. With our mild winter and early thaw, I expect a very good carry over of last year's fish, with some big ones lurking!

The outing document and Eventbrite reservations will be accessed from our new web site by clicking on the calendar. So you can go there or call me (961-3539) for more information about the trip.

As usual we will have a fabulous Ed Ruckey fly box raffled off and great food. I just got off the phone with Big Twin Campground and they are already very busy that weekend as it is a long weekend (Victoria Day) in BC. They are holding 4 full hookup sites which is all they have left, and 10 tent sites. So if you want to get a campsite, please call Big Twin Campground (509) 996-2650 and mention you are with the 4th Corner Fly Fishers. The sooner you can reserve, the better, especially if we need more than 10 camping spaces!

See you over there!

Rick Todd

## Fishing New Zealand, Economy-Class

The rosy image of fly fishing in New Zealand involves a tastefully rustic country lodge, a guide who dresses like a retired mercenary, and frequent day trips to stream headwaters in a helicopter. That style is beyond the financial means of some of us, and is not necessary.

I recently spent three weeks on the South Island, wandering about on my own, fishing streams large and small. I rented a small Nissan Cabana campervan for about \$2200, including insurance. It had a fold-up padded sleeping platform for two, pillows and a duvet, a pullout propane heater plate, a sink with a hand pump for the 25 liters of water, fold-down mini-table, loads of dishes, and a small cooler

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powered by the car's battery. (Larger campers are also available.) A folding chair added to my leisure-time comfort.

My tourist-class roundtrip airfare was \$1883, after a \$50 discount from The Best of New Zealand Fly Fishing, a L. A.-based travel agent. I strongly recommend sleeping pills and a seat pillow for that 12-hour flight across the Pacific.

After consideration, I picked mid-February to early March, late summer in New Zealand. The weather was nicely warm and mostly dry. However, because of a semi-drought there, too many small streams were dry or trickles. December/January is probably better watered, for better or worse, although that puts the angler tourist in competition with families who are out and about during NZ's vacation season, when schools are out. The road system is good, generally in better repair than ours.

By law, NZ fishing is open to the public. Landowners may post their property if they feel the need, but I didn't see a 'No Trespassing' sign during my whole trip. A nonresident season fishing license is \$160 NZ (currently 77% of the U.S. dollar). The streams were mostly quite clear, except after two days of rain.

New Zealand is thinly populated, like the western U.S. In the 19th Century: about one million on the South Island, mainly in the large cities. (An exception is farm animals: 15 sheep for every Kiwi, cattle, goats, and fenced European red deer.) That goes for hatching insects, too (except for the #\*%+@! sandflies). Adams and Deer Hair Caddis are among the most popular dry flies. (I hooked my largest brown trout on a No. 12 Royal Humpy.) Despite the popular drill of identifying and stalking visible trout, 60% are caught by conventional fishing-the-water.

Kiwis are friendly, energetic, and helpful. It may be the least-threatened by terrorism of any tourist destination in the world. The landscape is strangely familiar (but different) and always beautiful.

Wayne McLemore

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# 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](mailto: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

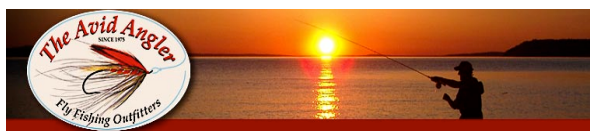
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## A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<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 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

April 23,  
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  
360-319-1350

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

## May's Board Meeting

May 5, 2015  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
119 Texas Street  
Bellingham, WA  
6:00 P.M.

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### LIBRARY

Volunteer Needed!!

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Raffle Chairmen: Pete Lamb

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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