

4th Corner Fly Fishers



4CFF MEETINGS CALENDAR



General Monthly Meeting

April 28, 2022 at Bellingham Golf and Country Club or by Zoom
Wet fly: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Program: 7:30 pm

RSVP to Bob for reservations:
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

Virtual Board Meeting

May 3, 2022
Own home or Trinity Lutheran Church (maybe)
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members, Chairs and Directors

- President:..... Steve Kopp
- External Vice President - Outings:..... Kevin McClurg
- Internal Vice President - Programs:..... Bob Carney
- Secretary:..... Bruce Aigner
- Treasurer:..... Frank Koterba
- Conservation Chair:..... John Leighton
- Education Chair:..... Klaus Lohse
- Library:..... Wayne Mclemore
- Website:..... Marion Hiller
- Newsletter:..... Jamie Harrington
- Raffle Chair:..... Scott Willison
- Membership Chairs:.....Cassandra Spitzer
- Directors:.....Angus MacArthur, Dean Bates, Kevin Formway
- Events:.....Bob Cooper

President's Message

President's Corner

As I sat on my patio in the morning sun drinking coffee in a t-shirt and seeing a few insects, it felt like spring had finally sprung and fish would soon be rising. A couple hours later while driving home from collecting a few eDNA samples, I got snowed on in Bellingham. Maybe its those risers are a little further off than I'd hoped.

After more than two years of virtual meetings I'm pleased to share that in April we will be getting back together in person at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. We will also have a Zoom meeting connected in for anyone who can't be in-person. There is much more about the meeting later in the newsletter, please read on and join us.

After a two year hiatus we are also resuming our August club picnic. This will be at John Leighton's house on Saturday August 6th. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

This year is the club's 50th anniversary. This is quite a milestone and we're forming a committee of people to make sure we give it the attention it deserves. See the note later in the newsletter for more information.

We have a couple of changes to make to the club By-Laws, and according to the club Constitution everyone is to be given the opportunity to review them. More information about this as well as the changes are in this issue of the newsletter.

We are continuing the Nooksack eDNA project again this year and have already begun collecting samples. If you're interested in learning how to collect samples please reach out to me. You can find more information on the North Sound TU website at:

<https://www.northsoundtu.org/dna.html>

As we work on this over the next month I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions.

stevekopp@hotmail.com 909-633-0734.

Steve Kopp, President



Monthly In Person/Zoom Meeting

In Person or Zoom Presentation April 28, 7:30 pm: Joe Rotter from Red's Fly Shop talking about *Fishing the Yakima*.

In-Person / Zoom Hybrid Meeting process

The plan for the April meeting is to be a combined hybrid of both in-person and Zoom. This assumes we get some final audio and room logistics worked out. If that changes we will let you know via email. The in-person meeting will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. If this is your first in-person with us, enter the clubhouse, come up the stairs then turn right. And for the regulars, we are changing rooms. Instead of being at the end of the hall next to the bar, we'll be in the first part of the room with the fireplace. Twice as much space, but a few extra steps to the bar.

The information below is what we will attempt to do in April, see how it goes and maybe adjust. Much of this is similar, but also some notable changes, so please read through this, and provide feedback after the April meeting.

Meeting times - We will go back to our original in-person meeting times. The room will be available and bar open at 6:00 to come mingle and share stories. Weather has been great for hanging outside on the terrace. Dinner buffet will start at 6:45. The meeting will start at 7:30.

We will change the structure of the meeting a little to better accommodate our virtual guest speakers and virtual attendees. We will begin the meeting at 7:30 and start by introducing the guest speaker and getting straight to their presentation. We will welcome guests and get fishing reports following the guest speaker.

For virtual attendees on Zoom, the Zoom Master will begin admitting people into the meeting at 7:10 to get you in and make sure the audio and video for you and the room are working correctly. Please try to join a little early in case there are technical issues. We'd like to have everyone successfully connected before we start our guest speaker.

Raffle – The meeting will change back to our previous raffle approach selling tickets in the room for a drawing at the end of the meeting. If you are joining on Zoom and want to participate in the raffle, please coordinate that with a club member who will be in the room.

Eventbrite – Everyone loved Eventbrite and will be happy to know we're going back to it. Everyone attending the meeting in any form, is asked to please register on Eventbrite. The invitation will be updated to allow you to select: attend, attend with dinner, or Zoom. We need to know how many tables to set, the Zoom Master needs to know who to expect, and the club needs to plan dinner.

Monthly In Person/Zoom Meeting (con't)

In-Person / Zoom Hybrid Meeting process

Dinner - If you plan to attend in person and have dinner it is very important that you RSVP through Eventbrite early, and definitely the before Monday morning before the meeting when we need to tell the club how many people are coming for dinner. Dinner will be \$25 and includes coffee and a small desert as in the past. That cost also includes gratuity/service fee, so you don't need to tip on top of your dinner. However tipping the bartender if you use them is appreciated.

Say your name or owe *the Ghillie (Scottish spelling)* – It is a longstanding club tradition that whenever a member speaks, you start with saying your name. This is important for newer members to learn who people are, and for members who we might not see very often. We didn't do this on Zoom because everyone's name was under their picture. We are going back to this tradition in April, whether you are in the room or on Zoom, when introducing a guest, providing a fishing report, etc the first thing to do is say your first and last name. "*Hi Steve Kopp and I'd like to introduce my guest...*". If you start talking without saying your name, expect someone to yell "ghillie!", and you should have a dollar ready to put in the ghillie's net. This is going to seem surprising to newer members but you'll catch on and soon by yelling ghillie also.

Covid protocols – The country club is following government guidelines and there are no mask or vaccine rules at this time. Masks are a personal choice and welcomed without judgement. We are reducing the table seating from 8 to 6 chairs per table, and will spread the tables further apart since we have twice as much space. For some this may be one of their first group events, so respect each other's personal space and don't take it personally if someone doesn't want to hug, shake hands or talk close. And obviously if you don't feel top notch or have been around someone sick, please take a test or join via Zoom.

Our guest speaker will be Joe Rotter from Red's Fly Shop talking about *Yakima River Fishing*. Joe's an engaging presenter and skilled fisherman and I'm sure his virtual presentation will be top notch.

This is new to us all, so some patience and feedback is appreciated and we will make changes where needed to optimize the new format.

Treasurer's Report

April Treasurer's Report:

Dues: The annual membership quest is complete. When the smoke cleared our club has 9 Life, 48 Regular, and 9 Family memberships. 3 members have requested a leave of absence. I have added the new updated roster to our website 4thcornerfly.com/ and you can download it from there. It is in 2 formats Excel and PDF. For the excel you will need to check your print formatting to make sure that it prints correctly. The PDF should work as is.

It was great to see a number of you at Long Lake! And from the reports the chili was pretty good as well. I look forward to seeing you on the water again shortly.

As you have seen in other parts of this newsletter, we are planning to put together a combined membership meeting starting in April or June. It will depend on. Our ability to get all the parts for the in the room and remote communications worked out at the Country Club. We will be returning to Eventbrite for in person attendees. To work in the new reality, the costs are going up. Our meals will be \$25 and the club will be paying for the room every meeting. As far as the menu goes, let me know if there were any favorites you had and those you really don't want to see. As before if you sign up and don't make it to the meeting there will be a charge for the meal. You will be able to attend without the dinner. If you need to order off the menu that can be accommodated as well.



Frank Koterba,
4CFF Treasurer

"Fishermen are born honest, but they get over it."

Ed Zern

To Hell With Fishing (1945)

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

There are some Bylaw changes that the board is recommending. They are to cover our new remote environment. It will allow for remote meeting and voting.

They are as follows:

(It should be noted that the Club Service award has been renamed to the Dan Coombs Club Service Award.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 4CFF BYLAWS – April 2022

3.10. Meetings.

3.10.1. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Corporation shall be held at such place within Whatcom County, Washington or within sixty miles thereof as may be designated by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting. Meetings may be held in person, remotely by videoconferencing as provided in RCW 24.03A.485, or both simultaneously.

5.3 Selection of Officers.

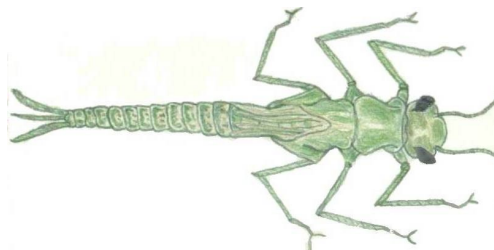
If candidates for Board positions, or any of them, have not specifically run for positions as Officers, the Officers of the Corporation shall be selected annually by the Board of Directors at its annual organizational meeting. Board of Directors, at its annual organizational meeting, shall select from its membership such person or persons as are necessary to fill any vacant Officer position.

8.2 Standing Awards.

The Club shall make at least one of the following Awards each year:

(1). President's Award: This Award shall be given to the outgoing President in recognition of having held the highest Club office.

(2). Dan Coombs Club Service Award: For outstanding service to the Club in terms of furthering its aims and purposes.



Outings Report

4CFF Newsletter Outings Report April 2022.

Greetings fellow fly fishers. Spring is finally here and the fishing is picking up. We had our first outing of the year at Lone Lake. The weather was ok but the fishing was a bit slow and the water a bit cold. The people in our group caught 1 to 3 fish. I was only able to land one but it was a hard fighting 18 incher. Frank provided us with his famous chili verde. Everyone seemed to appreciate the chili and the chance to gather together for some comraderie. Also, there was a raffle for a box of Ed Ruckey flies.

Below are some upcoming outings. Go to the club website Outings page for the dates and click on the outing for more details. I won't have any additional time to go on club outings in the later part of this year, however, we need someone to step forward to be the host for a fall outing. Your choice, Yakima River, Chopaka Lake or elsewhere. Let me know.

1. **Omak Lake**, April 21 – 24th. Angus MacArthur will be the host for this trip. We'll be angling for some big Lahontan Cutthroat. For details go to the link on the club website outings page which will bring you to the Evenbrite page.
2. **Big Twin Lake**, May 19-22nd.
3. **Fazon Lake**, June 10th. Blue gill and bass fishing.
4. **Methow Classic**, July 22-24th.
5. **Small Creek Outing** in August or September.

If you have a suggestion for someplace you'd like to go to for a club outing or if you're willing to be a host for an outing, let me know.

Cheers,

Kevin McClurg



“Nothing in this world so enlivens my spirit and emotions as the rivers I know. In their clear, swift or slow, generous or coy waters, I regain my powers; I find again those parts of myself that have been lost...”

Nick Lyons, “Bright Rivers”

Outings Report

Lone Lake Outing Pictures:



Miscellaneous

Recruiting for 1 more Board Director

Its been great to see a lot of people stepping up to volunteer for position openings the last few months. Thanks to Bob Carney for taking on the Vice President / Programs role, Susan Swetman for taking on the raffle role, Mike Riber for taking over Squalicum Lake activities, and Hugh Lewis and Lynn Peterson for offering to provide A/V and zoom support to make our hybrid meetings successful.

We have 1 additional board director role we need to fill. There are no defined tasks for board directors, the primary task of this role is to attend board meetings, join discussion on ideas and help have quorum so we can make club decisions. This is the best role to get to know the board and learn how the club operates, and is especially helpful if you might be interested in other board positions in the future.

4CFF 50th Anniversary Committee forming

Fourth Corner Fly Fishers began on Wednesday April 12, 1972. We can all thank current member Wayne McLemore, and the nine other charter members for founding this esteemed institution of fly fishing fellowship. The board has been kicking around celebratory ideas and want to involve more members. We'd really like this to include some of the earliest members who joined in the 70s or 80s, and also anyone else who likes to help plan and organize. We'd like to have a kickoff meeting of this group to exchange ideas in May. Please reach out to Steve Kopp or other board members if you're interested in getting involved.





4CFF Activities



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.

Contact John Leighton 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. 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 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>.

Kevin McClurg 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 outing hosts.

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