



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May President's Message:

It looks like we are finally enjoying some decent weather. So as you are out plying your preferred waters just a reminder on a couple of points. If you are fishing salmon make sure you have reviewed the regulations and any current changes. This is another year where fishing for salmon has changed everything. The other request is make sure you have the appropriate gear when you are wading or out in your boat. (wading staff, PFD 's, etc.) We want you all here at the end of the year.

I want to thank Molly Semenik for her part in the Keys to Casting Classes. We just finished the first round and they were a success. I have not had a rod in hand for a while and the layers of rust were pretty substantial. So I signed up for the Loop Control and Improving your Distance sessions. (For club members the tuition is \$10 per session...less than the cost of a 3 pack of leaders.) Molly does a great job of breaking down and communicating the elements in the casting process. This included a discussion of the physical limits inherent in the process and how to adjust them to fit different situations.

Molly is very observant and was able to analyze our efforts and put in corrections on an individual basis. She recommended practices and exercises with the intention of maximizing the benefits of classes. I guess that is all part of being a Certified Master Casting Instructor.

We will be offering another round of the classes on July 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition there will be an open casting session on July 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested you can sign up through Eventbrite. Registrations for all four of the sessions are located in the class link. [Key-elements-of-casting-class-2](#) or [Open-casting-session-2](#)

If you are coming to the conclusion that I really think this is a great deal ...you are right.

The memorial for Joe Kelly has been scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm at the Northwood Hall.

I will be assembling the team for this year’s Conservation Auction shortly, so if you feel that tap on your shoulder just say yes!

A few of us hit the beach at Ala Spit earlier this month. While there were few fish present it was another of those days that remind us why we live in this part of the country.

I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba  
President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



## Casting Class Pictures



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The evening begins at 6:00 P.M with The Wet Fly, a social time/open bar. Dinner follows at 6:45. The evening's program begins at 7:30 P.M. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting: fish stories, introduction of guests, announcements, and various committee reports. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

## May Program

Zach Rhodes is a fly fishing guide for Emerald Water Anglers, based in Seattle. In addition, he currently works part-time with Trout Unlimited specifically on the Reform Suction Dredging WA campaign which is taking steps to protect stream beds of native salmonids where suction dredge mining is necessary is seeking for stronger regulation and management. His presentation will explain the campaign's purpose, goals, actions, and progress. Zach recently presented at the local TU chapter and was well received. View the project at this link: <http://www.tu.org/tu-projects/suction-dredge-mining-reform-in-washington-state> .

## Coming Programs

June: Owner of Searun Pursuits and a fishing guide of SW Washington and the Olympic Peninsula rivers and beaches present "Fly Fishing for Steelhead and Cutthroat on the Cowlitz River."

July: Co-hosts, Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt of the TV show "Fishing with Ladin," will share their trout fishing experience on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana.

August: Annual Membership Picnic. Saturday, August 19. Host: Rick Todd.

## Reservations

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite for the meeting by Wednesday, May 24, by 8:00 A.M. by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/4th-corner-fly-fishers-3097475608>, by email at [bxxcoper2010@gmail](mailto:bxxcoper2010@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-961-4398. Getting your RSVP in on time helps provide an accurate count for the kitchen and is highly appreciated. Please indicate if you desire dinner or just attending the meeting. Remember a dinner reservation made is a binding commitment to pay.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

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# Treasurer's Report

Expenses for the Silver Lake Breakfast event included \$158 for the site rental and \$154.66 for food and supplies. The \$5 fees collected from attendees totaled \$60. Thus, the net cost of the outing was \$252.66.

The cost of food and supplies for the Pass Lake outing was \$112.15.

The first "Keys for Casting" session cost \$125 and produced \$90 in member tuition collected.

The speaker's fee for the April monthly meeting was \$150.

The club also spent \$919.39 on GoDaddy software expenses to cover its use over the next ten years, \$1,060.01 on materials for future outings and \$22.66 for new member name tags.

The gilly collected \$3 at the April meeting.

Bank balances as of May 4 were \$19,588 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,858 (Conservation Savings).

As a final note, PLEASE remember to sign up on EventBrite for monthly meetings and dinner. And do not forget to check your names off the list when you pay for dinner so that you are not wrongly billed as a "no show".

Bill Faulkner,  
FCFF Treasurer



*...perhaps the greatest satisfaction on the first day of the season is the knowledge in the evening that the whole of the rest of the season is to come.*



# Outings Report

We kicked off the outing season this year with a couple of great events. Pass Lake as always was a lot of fun and the chili really hit the spot. We followed that with a trip over to Dry Falls Lake. The weather was on and off, but overall it was beautiful there and everybody caught fish. The first 4cff fly challenge was great fun with everybody participating. Dan took the first fish category, with Dave outnumbering the group with the most fish while Molly landed the biggest fish of the day before breaking off and losing her secret chironomid. Silver lake was lightly attended, but those that made it reported a good time and as usual a great breakfast.

Coming up next is the Big Twin Lake outing scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. There's still room, so if you haven't signed up check out this link.

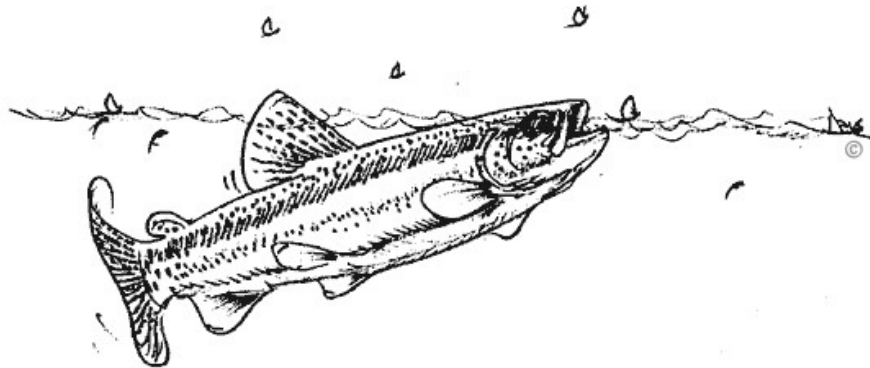
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/big-twin-lake-outing-okanogan-county-wa-tickets-33705214203>

If you haven't heard we have a temporary hold on the Duck Lake outing signup. (as of press time it is back on with motorized craft restrictions). There are some regulatory changes occurring at the lake this year and we will update you as we get more info in the next couple of weeks.

We're still in the planning phases for an early June outing over to eastern Washington to try our hand at fly fishing for bass. This will be your chance to catch a lot of bass and to develop your skills for this fishery as we are arranging for a very well-known expert to provide our group with an on shore clinic prior to our first day on the water.

That's it for now. See you when I get back from Canada.

Tom Langley



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# Conservation Report

Hello fellow members and prospectives

We had a very successful work session at the Ladies of the Lake site last Saturday. The remainder of the barbed wire fence was removed, new plants were tended to and berries were again controlled. What a magnificent piece of property, you all need to visit this site when you can.

Ralph Lloyd brought to my attention that the fish farming industry is currently putting on a big push to expand their sea farming footprint in Puget Sound. Years ago some of us saw these net pens as relatively harmless but that has changed now that the negative effects have been scientifically identified. Problems include increases of sea lice on migrating salmon that pass close to net pen operations, increased organic waste (nitrogen) from fish food and feces, increased risk of disease transmission from farm fish to other salmon and escape of a non native salmon (Atlantic Salmon) from net pens into our river systems. Most of us have changed our minds over the past decade and feel this type of industry needs to leave Puget Sound or be much more closely monitored for the problems they create. The Wild Fish Conservancy has set up a new website with information about this issue. You can also voice your personal opinion on these issues through their Web..... [www.OURSOUND-OURSALMON.org](http://www.OURSOUND-OURSALMON.org). Please take a look and let your voice be heard. Thanks Ralph for the heads up!

The final tallies are in for the Squaticum Lake creel census 2016. There were 170 creel census cards filled out. This usually translates into about 5 or 6 fishermen for each card that's filled in. From Feb thru Apr approximately 1 fish was reported caught per hour. From May thru Aug. about 2 fish per hour. Sept thru Oct about 2.5 fish per hour. Most of the large Triploid Rainbows were landed in the May thru Aug time period. Most fishers practiced catch and release as only 21 fish were reported as killed. Predominate species were Rainbow, then Cutthroat with 12 Brown trout reported and one Tiger trout. Most commonly used flies were leech patterns, Woolly Buggers, Adams, and Pheasant Tail nymphs. All this info is available to us via our dedicated club member Terry McEwen who has done a wonderful job heading up our Sq. Lake project for over 6 years now. Might be time for all of us to buy Terry a beer!!!

I want to make club members aware that I received very nice Thank You letters/cards from Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and from The Wild Fish Conservancy. Again, they each thanked us very much for our contributions to their fish recovery programs. All of this good Conservation karma should translate into a great fishing season for all of us. Best wishes for a great summer fishing season.

Tight lines,  
Dan



## FOR SALE!!!

A Sage 9'0" Graphite III 690-4RPL four piece 6 weight and a Reddington reel with a 6 wt. floating line and a spare reel with a 6 wt. full sink line. This rod and reel are perfect for local lakes!



A Winston 9'6" BL5 Saltwater five piece 8 weight and a Scientific Angler System 2 reel with a 8 wt. floating line and a spare spool with a sink tip. Perfect for salmon and bone fish. The extra length makes it ideal for shore casting.



Two rods, two reels with spare spools..... \$600.00

Sid Strong

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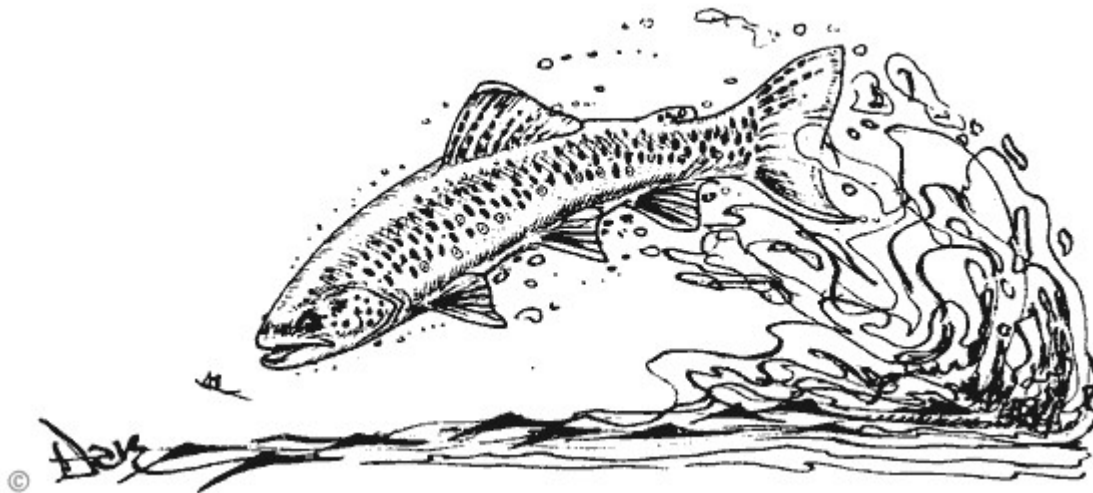




# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



# Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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## Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

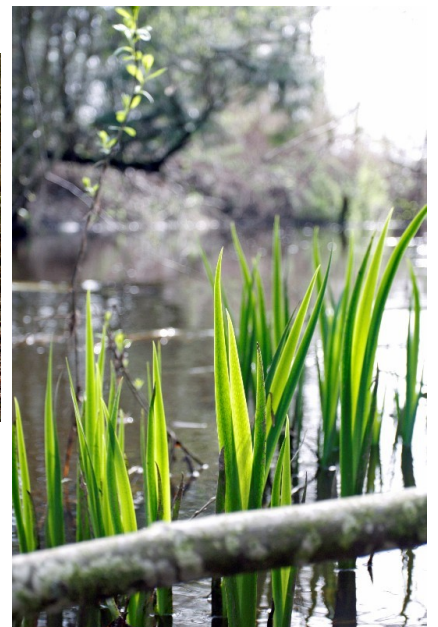
### 10 Mile Creek Finale



Dan Coombs, Mentor



Interpretive Map

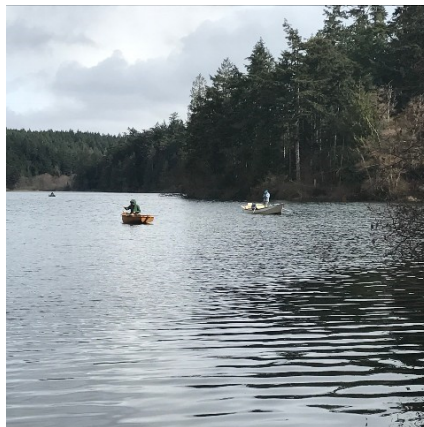


Local Fauna



## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest

### Pass Lake Outing



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*"My father was very sure about certain matters pertaining to the universe. To him, all good things, trout as well as eternal salvation, come by grace and grace comes by art and art doe not come easy."*

*Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"*

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## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest

### Ala Spit Outing



Big Beach



The Spit



They are out there



Here Fishy, Fishy



End of the Day

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*“The fisher of small streams can come home tired, maybe with sore knees or a bunged elbow for a souvenir...he’ll remember how far he went, all the pretty brook trout, and he’ll feel like a kid. That night he’ll probably sleep like a kid, too, drifting off on the comforting wings of egotism... ..a man with, he tells himself, an aptitude for rugged country, honestly bushed.”*

*John Gierach “Trout Bum”*

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## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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 we all love. Contact Dan Coombs 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.

### 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>.

Tom Langley 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 hosts.**

### Monthly

Mar 24,  
2017

Bellingham Golf and  
Country Club  
Wet Fly: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:45 pm  
Program: 7:30 pm

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

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

### Next Board Meeting

Apr 4, 2017

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

# 4CFF Board Members

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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 FCFF. All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCFF Member Dan Homel*





# 4CFF Board Members



## 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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