

4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May President's Message:

Be on the lookout for a number of new faces around our meetings and events. In the last month I have run into a bunch of folks interested or active in the same pursuits as our club. Many of the same were unaware that we existed.

So I have been extending invitations to check us out.

This will probably be a reoccurring phenomenon as the club will be in more activities through our community.

As I write this we have just finished a joint venture with the Confluence Fly Shop to celebrate their 6th anniversary. So much pork so little time! And this Friday we will be tying flies as part of the Fisheries Open House at the Bellingham Technical College's Perry Center for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences. We will be down there from 3-6:00.

Thank you to Scott Willison for his time and expertise at the Beach tying session at my house. He showed us some killer patterns and introduced us to the techniques and materials to tie them.

I got fished on several days later and a bull trout couldn't resist!

You can see the next installment in the beach program before and during our next membership meeting when our featured speaker will be Justin Waters from All-Waters Guide Service. all-waters.com They specialize in fishing the Hood Canal for Salmon and Sea Run Cutthroat trout. I saw his presentation at the Fidalgo Fly Fishers meeting last month. He covers a lot of information on the fishery, tactics, equipment. And a lot of shots of some pretty fish. He is really solid on the whole package.



Before the meeting, he will be doing several workshops on May 24th at our own Confluence Fly Shop. He will cover saltwater casting from 2-3:30 and will be tying some of his favorite SRC patterns from about 3:30-5:30 at the shop. Both are free.

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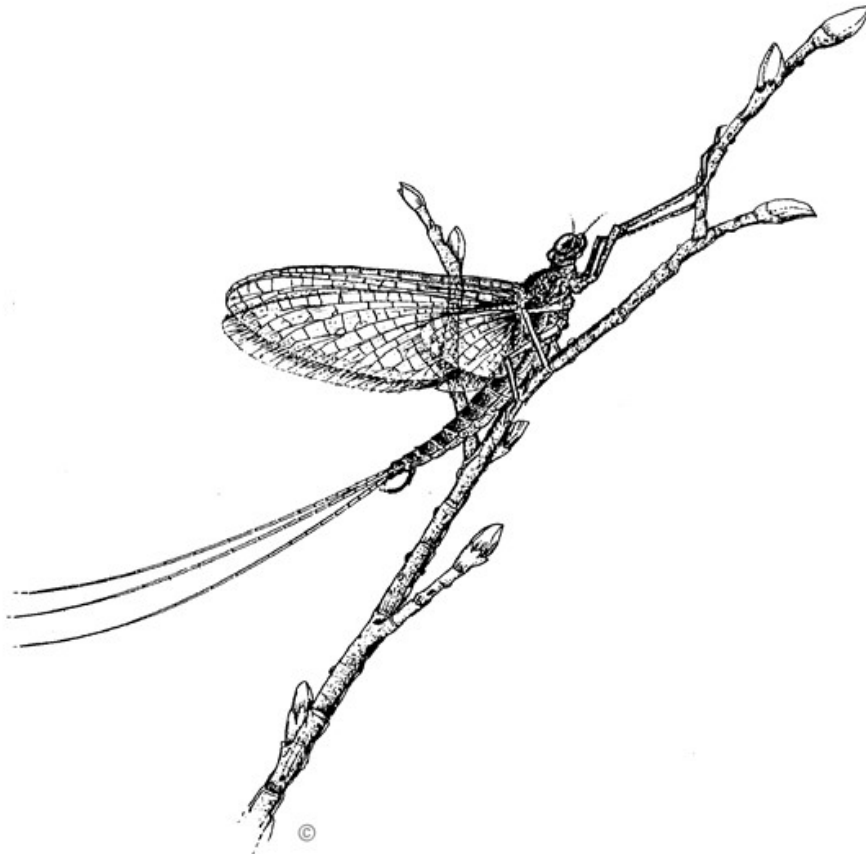
The next program will be on spiny-rays. Keep an eye open for future occasions that are combining programs, workshops and other events that will give you a better understanding for some of the venues and species we pursue.

This just in!!! Lin Nelson just dug out of his garage all the old photo albums of our early activities. I will see what it will take to get them digitized and stored in our dropbox. I will bring them to the meeting and you can see if you can recognize some of the characters involved.

I look forward to creating more stories with you on the water this year.

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Some Random Pics

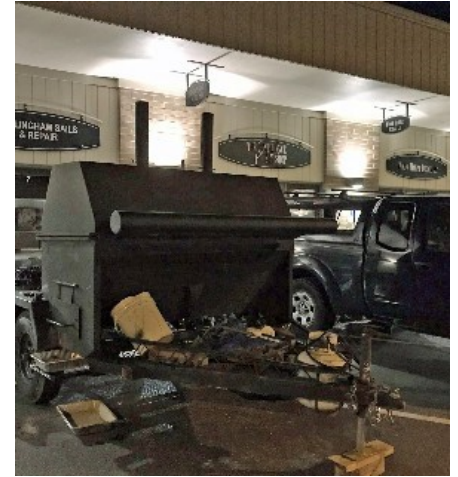
Annual Soiree at Confluence Fly Shop



Can you see the Pork Butt?



Howlin at the Moon!!!!



Midnight at the Oasis
(actually 4 am or so)

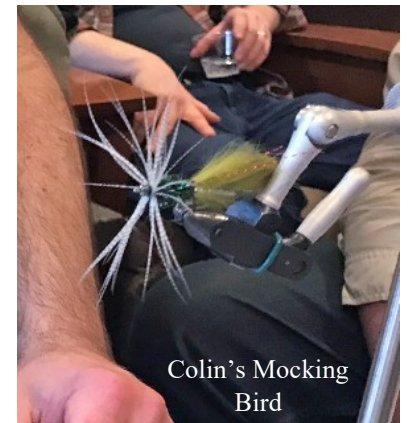
Tying (or lying) Session



Scotts Composite Squid



Chum body's Baby



Colin's Mocking
Bird

Monthly Meeting

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, May 24

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on **Thursday, May 24, 2018**. This is a change from our regular schedule of the third Thursday of each month.

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. with fish stories, introduction of guests, important business announcements and the evening's program. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting of various committee reports. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

Program:

Hood Canal is a uniquely special piece of water. Massive tide shifts, narrow channels, and steep shorelines make it one of the most interesting pieces of saltwater in Puget Sound. Huge populations of bait fish use this protected piece of water to spawn, all 5 species of salmon run through Hood Canal, and Oh yeah... and it's home to the one of the best populations of Sea Run Cutthroat on the planet. Justin Water's All-Waters Fly Fishing has made a home in this special body of water and wants to let you in on why they think it is the best place on earth to be a Sea Run Cutthroat fishermen. focusing on sea run cutthroat in Hood Canal and South Puget Sound. He's a skilled fly fisherman and guide, an exceptional fly tier as well as ambassador for Flymen Fishing Company, and more. Justin will share his knowledge with us and entertain us to boot.

Justin was born in Florida where he began fishing as a youth for largemouth bass and other spiny rays off his grandmother's dock which led him into the swamps and backwaters of the Withlacoochee River where he developed his skills with water craft and became lured to the love of saltwater. To obtain a degree in Fisheries he moved to Washington and started fishing Puget Sound's Hood Canal. Later he got his Captains license, and quickly became one of the most booked guides in Washington's Hood Canal/Puget Sound area. He is the owner of All-Waters Fly Fishing and Guide Service, runs an 18' center console bay boat, ties flies commercially, and is on the water more often than not. Justin will be hosting casting and fly tying at the Confluence Fly Shop earlier in the day. Check out the shop's website events tab for more details as the date draws near.

Outings Update (continued)

RSVP: Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by **Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 A.M.** at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-meeting-may-24-2018-tickets-45948007728>, by email at 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.

June Program: Fishing for steelhead on the Wild and Scenic section of Oregon's Rogue River, presented by our own Molly Semenik and Marion Hiller.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager

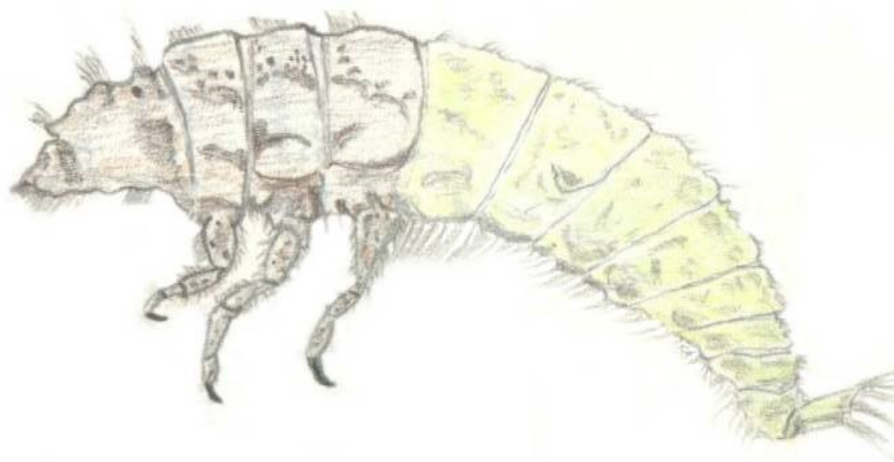


Conservation Report

Greetings to all 4CFF'ers from your Conservation Dept.,

May is a busy month for club related Conservation work. We will be checking and cleaning up two creek sites (Squalicum and Whatcom creeks), removing non-native plants at Ladies of Lake property and doing a final mowing and cleanup at the Squalicum lake fishing access. Terry and I installed the new bench at Sq. Lake a couple of weeks ago and it should last even longer than the first one we built 20 years ago. On the other side of the coin, we had only 4 attendees show up for the Ladies of Lake work session last weekend at the south east end of Whatcom Lake. If our club is going to continue keeping its commitments to our Conservation projects we are going to have to have more member participation. I know each of us would rather do something else on a nice weekday or Saturday morning but if each member would just attend one work party a year our club would easily meet these commitments. Otherwise we are going to have to change our thinking about how important our support is to local conservation efforts . Our Board and our members will have to sort this issue out soon so we don't embarrass our club by talking about conservation but doing very little about it. Enough said. Hope all of you are planning your Spring fishing forays and are taking advantage of the fantastic country we call the Great Northwest.

Tight Lines, Dan Coombs and John Leighton.



Outings Report

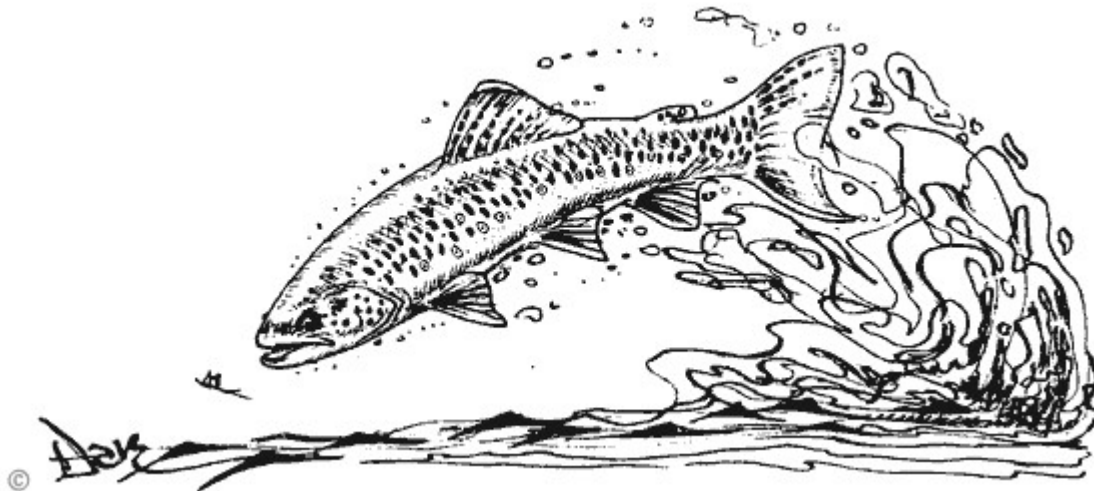
Outings Update

The outings committee continues to work on putting together a great line up of trips this year. It's time to sign up for the Peter Hope trip and if you're not up that then the Winthrop Lakes trip is coming up on the 26th and 27th of May. This is a follow up of Ricks Presentation at the February Meeting. So watch for the announcement.

And the teaser for what I think will be the PREMIER TRIP OF THE YEAR is in the final planning stages. So if you have been waiting for the TRIP OF A LIFETIME then you need to do TWO THINGS. Make sure you ATTEND THIS MONTHS'S MEETING and keep that day open to DROP BY THE CONFLUENCE FLY SHOP and rub shoulders with Scott and Justin Waters who will be this month's program.

Until I see you again, here's to the disappearing indicator!!

Tom Langley



A Few Of Our Club Supporters



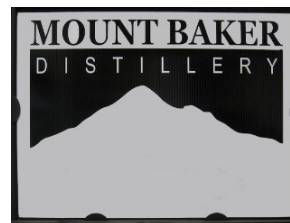
<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



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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 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

May 24,
2018

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

June 5, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Membership Chairmen: Bill Faulkner

Raffle Chairmen: Scott Willison

Directors: Angus MacArthur, Cassie Spitzer, Bruce Aigner, and Wayne McLemore

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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"On all the streams and little rivers and in many of the lakes there are spawning salmon in October; and the big rivers carry their own tremendous runs, becoming tributary to their own tributary streams."

Roderick Haig-Brown
