


FOURTH CORNER FLY FISHERS

President's Message

Since the Summer Solstice is coming up fast, I'm thinking about the nighttime that is at a minimum now. Dawn starts to show around 3:30, and there's enough light for surface-oriented fish until at least 10 p.m. In the business world, staying at something that long is called "working a double shift," and we expect overtime pay. Fishing down to dusk is for the young, the strong, the stupid. As we age and stamina fades, we try to compensate with better time management.

There's little doubt that fishing is usually better around the dim-light times of the day. With steelhead increasingly rare, getting in some prime fishing opportunity can take adjustments. If I leave home around 2:30 - 3 a.m., I can be on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish with barely enough light to thread my rod. I usually have a pool to myself, at least for a few hours. When direct sunlight assaults the water, I slink away like Nosferatu, to one of several bosky dells where I set up a sort of day camp. Meals unpacked or cooked as needed. Long hours in a comfy folding chair (this year, I'm thinking of adding a folding chaise lounge), shifting into the shade as needed; and lots of reading. If a book slips from my fingers for an hour or two, well, no sleep is more refreshing than summer outdoor dozing.

I may drive and poke around on foot during the day, looking for new accesses, newly carved runs. No matter how long you've fished what you consider "your home stream," you'll never find them unless you go and look. So the day passes in physical ease, but some mental pressure: the Protestant Minister of Discipline and Efficiency tells me that this is wasting time; while the pragmatist reminds that this is what smart, rich people would do every day.

After supper, back into harness for more prime hours in old favorite places. Than a night of camping, or the drive home in the dark.

Fishing lakes often follows a similar schedule, but it seems more natural then. The hardcore are often enthusiastic nighttime anglers. I've tried it, but without much success. That's just me. Alone or with companions, it's all prime time.

Wayne McLemore,
President, FCFF



JUNE PROGRAM

Our past president and world fly fishing traveler Rick Todd will entertain us with his photos and stories of fly fishing New Zealand. Rick has provided us with many great programs in the past and I am sure this one will be no exception.

Our meeting is Thursday, June 25 at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Please send your email to 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



Rick with a few....



"People often ask me why I enjoy fishing, and I cannot explain it to them because there is no reason in the way they want the meaning described. They are asking a man why he enjoys breathing when he has no choice but to wonder at its truth."

"Who but an angler knows the magic hour when the red lamp of summer drops behind the blackening hemlocks and the mayflies emerge from the dull folds of their nymphal robes to dance in a ritual as old as the river itself? Trout appear one by one and the right angler begins his game in movements as stylized as Japanese poetry. Perhaps he will hook that wonder-spotted rogue, or maybe he will remain in silent pantomime long into the night with no visible award."

A.J. McClane

"The Song of the Angler"

Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo

The overriding purpose of this event is to draw new interest to the sport of fly fishing through the cooperation and effort of as many fly fishing organizations serving the greater Seattle area.

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2009

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Location: Lake Tye, 14964 Fryelands Blvd., Monroe, WA

Cost to the Public: FREE

Cost to Exhibitors: \$75.00 - The 4th Corner Fly Fishers is one of the exhibitors.

Exhibitor Setup: 7 am

Raffle: We will have two raffles. One for existing fly fishers who bring new, potential fly fishers to the event and one for the new potential fly fishers. Donations are gladly accepted from any organization, but it is not required for participation.

Activities: Intro to fly fishing area and demos, on the water fly fishing demos, spey casting competition, single hand competition, exhibitor area, fly casting and more fly casting.

Each exhibitor will be provided a 10' x 10' space to display their products and services as they see fit. Exhibitors may arrive as early as 7 am for setup with the fair opening at 9 am. Coffee and pastries will be served in the AM, and lunch is included for everyone attending the fair.

For this year's event, each exhibitor will be required to supply their own tables, chairs, and tent awnings for the day. This will be a very informal setup so however you decide to use your space is fine with us.

The Organizing Committee has agreed that there will be NO SELLING at this event. All exhibitors will use their time for informational and instructional purposes only. And of course we want to have lots of fun!

This event is a good opportunity to network and to make our name known in the northwest, to solicit potential program speakers for our meetings, and come auction time raffle items may be easier to obtain from various vendors.



(Klaus would also like that those interested in participating in the Fly Fishing Fair at Lake Tye, Monroe, on June 20th, should contact him for meeting time and place.)

Education Announcement!

I have some dates for activities for which Steve and I would greatly appreciate any assistance that the 4th Corner can provide. We have 14 in each section right now, but we may have a couple extra in the AM section that I will fill you in on.

June 22	casting	10 AM & 6:30 PM (2-3 hrs. each)
June 29	woolly bugger	10 AM & 6:30 PM (2-3 hrs. each)
July 6	elk hair caddis	10:30 AM & 7 PM (2-3 hrs. each)
July 13	pheasant-tail nymph	10:30 AM & 7 PM (2-3 hrs. each)

Four volunteers for each class would be great. I will make parking passes available at the parking office on the corner of 21st and Bill McDonald.

Also, if anyone wants to meet and eat with the class, we will gather at my house for our annual potluck on Thursday, June 25. Fourth Corner members can just show up with appetites. Please contact Klaus Lohse or myself for signing up.

Leo Bodensteiner, Leo.Bodensteiner@wwu.edu



Treasurer's Report

I have a concern about our dinner count accuracy. In May we had five meal reservations made with Charlie and thus with BCC that weren't paid. That cost the 4CFF \$85.00 that could well have been used for other more noble purposes. Charlie and I have tried to figure out the simplest way to do this so the treasury isn't always on the hook. If a reservation has been made for you by Charlie and you did not pay BCC for your meal, the 4CFF has been charged and you are expected to reimburse the club. This can occur whenever a member comes too late to eat or decides not to come at the last minute and can't cancel with Charlie by his cut-off time. One other situation comes up once in a while if a member calls the Country Club directly to make a late reservation or ask for a special meal, there is the possibility of being counted twice and thus indirectly causing the shortage.

All this being said, I'd like anyone who made a reservation in May and did not pay for whatever reason to please make your \$17.00 payment to 4CFF at PO Box 1543 Bellingham, WA 98227. AND lets all be more aware of the commitment we make when a reservation is made.

Larry Irwin, Treasurer 4CFF

Doc Hackle's Corner

Caddis Fly B.C. Emerger

Hook; Dai-Riki #320

Thread; Camel 8/0

Shuck; SR Sparkle Yarn - Amber

Rib; X Small Copper

Body; Golden Pheasant Tail

Under Wing; Medium Dun Poly Yarn

Wing; Golden Pheasant Center Tail

Thorax; Dark Olive Seal Substitute

Head & Wing Pad; Golden Pheasant Center Tail

Antennae; Fibers From the Wing



Tying Steps:

Step #1, Anchor thread on the hook and run it back to the hook bend where you will anchor the poly yarn shuck. Now run the thread back up the shank of the hook 2/3rds of the way and anchor in your ribbing. Now run the thread back down the hook shank, anchoring in the rib on the near side of the shank back to the tie in spot for the shuck.

Step #2, Now run your thread up the hook a short ways and tie in the pheasant tail body materials by the tip. Now take the thread and run it back down to the shuck anchoring in the body material on top of the shank.

Step #3, Then run your thread back up the shank 3/4ths of the way followed by your body material tying it off at the same spot. You should only use 1/8 to 3/8ths of a strip of pheasant tail for the body. Now counter wrap the rib up to the same tie off spot and tie it off, then clip the rib off.

Step #4, Now tie on the poly yarn under wing at the same tie off spot as the body. It should extend no further back then the end of the body. You can trim it later after the fly is complete.

Step #5, Next tie in the wing by the tips. It should also be no further back than the end of the body. It should also be a bundle no larger than a pencil. Now wrap the thread forward to the hook eye, trapping the bundle of pheasant tail fibers on top of the hook.

Step #6, Now take 2 or 3 fibers of the pheasant tail and fold them back along side shank, tying them in at the tie off spot of the body. Leave them long as they will be trimmed later. Next run your thread back up to the hook eye and add your dubbing to the thread. Next wrap your dubbed thread back to the tie off spot for the body and wings and tie it off.

Step #7, Now take the pheasant tail fibers and pull them over bullet head style and tie them off at the wing tie off spot. Next whip finish the tie off and clip the thread. Now trim the tag ends of the wing/thorax case about 1/16th and trim the antennae about 1/4 of an inch past the hook bend. Also trim the shuck about a shank length long. Add a touch of head cement at the tie off spot and you are finished.

Note, this fly was named after Brian Chan who has dedicated his life to the conservation of the trout in BC. In particular the trout of the Kamloops.



Doc Hackle

June Outings Report

Well everyone this is going to be a busy month. A bunch of members and probably guests as well will be heading across the border to Roche Lake near Kamloops. Yes, that Roche Lake. Many will be leaving on Wednesday June 10, and some of us will be up there until the 19th.

We will be camping at the grounds on the west side of the lake. After turning off Road 5A on to Roche Lake Road you travel about 6 miles and come to a right turn for Horseshoe Lake. Take this turn and follow it to the end and the campground. Look for our Banner. As I said earlier, there is no water in the area and you cannot collect firewood inside the park. However, there is plenty outside feel free to drag in as much as you want. There are no reservations for the campground so its first come first served. The fee is \$10 per night for the first person and \$5 for extras. Bring cash as they don't take credit cards. For additional provisions there is a lodge and Kamloops is about 16 miles away. We will have the potluck on Saturday about 5:00 pm and Ed says he has 2 boxes to give away!!

If the fishing is anything like last year, the trip will be a winner. Bring all your still water gear and enjoy. If you want I can give you my cell phone to call but the reception in the camp is real spotty.

Later this month it's time for a little exploration around the lovely town of Ritzville. I asked around and consulted with our good friend Steve Worley at "Worley Bugger's" and he recommended fishing Crab Creek. Looking at the map there is also Cow Creek in the area. To get there you get to I-90 and head east until you pass Ritzville. You are going to leave the highway at Exit 231. Take the left onto E Danekas Rd. Stay on it until you reach N Hills Rd where you will take a right. Follow this road for about 4.5 miles and you will cross the creek. The campsites are just across the bridge on your right. We will have a pot luck on Saturday with the fly box for desert.

By this time the hoppers and such should be abundant so bring them along with your spring creek gear and as Dan Coombs pointed out at this month's meeting you might run into a snake or to prowling about in the grass.

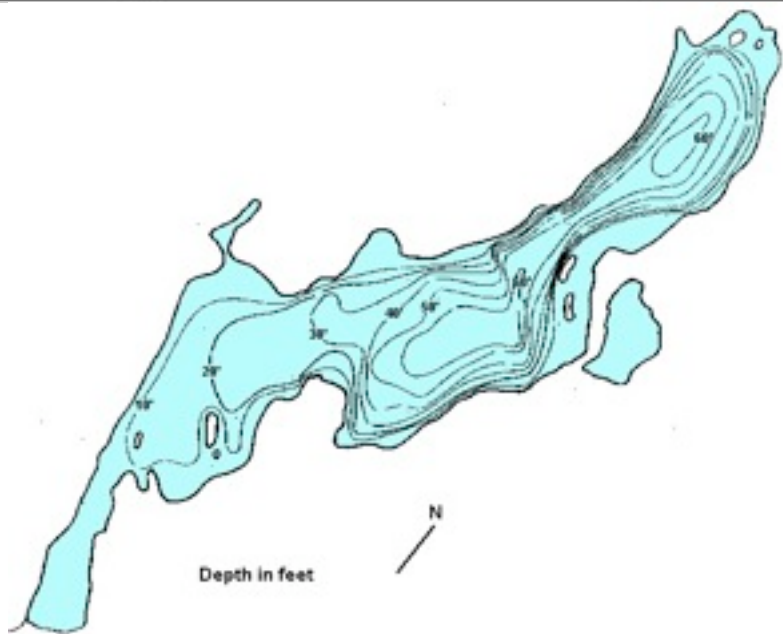
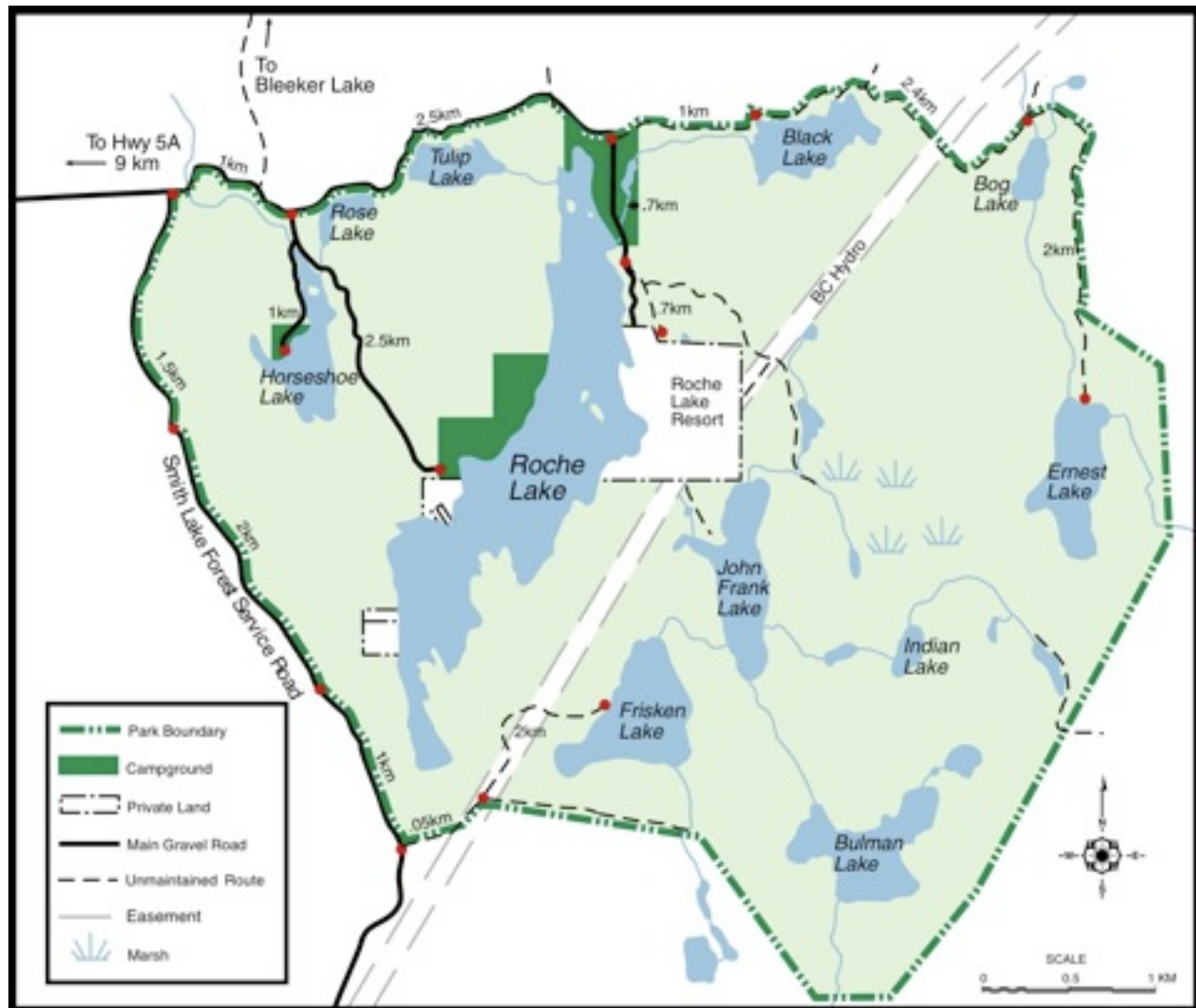
So if you are up for a little exploring at one of those "anonymous spring creeks in Eastern Washington". Come join us.

Frank Koterba
Outings Chairman



"You can't say enough about fishing. Though the sport of the kings, it's just what the deadbeat ordered."

Thomas McGuane



Squalicum Lake Creel Report

After tallying up the creel census cards for Squalicum Lake it looks like the past 2 months have rewarded the fishermen out there. In May, 32 anglers reported that they spent 52 hours on the lake and landed 53 fish. Of these fish one was a Brown, 7 were regular rainbows (8-12"), 12 were Cutthroats and 21 were Triploid Rainbows (14-19"). April's catch was about 35% fewer fish with the same distribution of trout species. I suggest you get out there before the catching cools off.

Dan Coombs, *Conservation Chair, FCFE*



Nesset Creek Pictures



Fishing Etiquette

Take a moment. Relax and imagine you are on your favorite stream. You have been stalking a large rainbow. You have spent 15 or 20 minutes making cast after cast, changing flies, changing your casting position slightly to improve your presentation, still no fish.

Suddenly, a fisherman walks down the bank, enters the water right where your fish was holding and starts to cast into the pool. You can see your rainbow heading upstream at warp 5. Obviously, this fisher either didn't know fly fishing etiquette or just didn't care. Let's give him or her the benefit of a doubt and assume they didn't know.

"Fly Fishing Etiquette" consists mainly of a few simple rules, respect for others, the fish and some common sense.

First Come -- First Served

This is the #1 Cardinal Rule of Fly Fishing. The angler that is in or on the water first "owns" that stretch or pool until they leave. Generally most fly fishermen will work upstream. But I have seen them fishing their way back downstream too. If you can't tell by observing them, ask which way they are going. If you ask to fish the water they have fished, be sure to give the other angler plenty of space so you don't spook any fish they may be fishing to now.

Don't Spook Another's Fish

Trout are spooky creatures. They are particularly sensitive to overhead shadows that may indicate an eagle or osprey to them. They are also very sensitive to your pressure wave when you wade. Sound carries well in the water. Tests have shown that trout as far as 200 feet down stream from a careless wading angler will spook and run for cover.

When you enter the water upstream from another angler, do it as quietly as possible. Try to keep your wading noise to a minimum. Your fishing experience will be better and so will the downstream angler.

Trout have a lateral sense line that is highly responsive to vibration. Sight a fish sometime and then jump up and down on the bank. See how fast that fish will run for cover.

Respect Your Environment

In an outdoor sport like fly fishing, use common sense again. If you pack it in -- pack it out. When changing leaders, save the old leader package to store the used leaders in when you are done with them. This practice also makes it easier to throw away old leaders properly. Don't throw them on the ground or in the stream.

Most streams end up being someone's drinking water somewhere downstream. Think about that the next time you need to go to the bathroom out in the boonies. Go to the bathroom well back from the stream. Even biodegradable toilet paper takes a long time to decompose in the arid high country we live in. It is better to burn it or try using leaves or grass. You will leave less trace of your activity that way.

Respect The Fish

Fish are living creatures. As such they should be treated with the same respect as other living animals. If you must kill a fish, do so quickly and humanely. Wild trout are becoming increasingly rare.

As water in a stream or river warms during the summer the amount of dissolved oxygen goes down. Lower oxygen content creates a deadly situation for trout. Often stream levels and flow rates will also drop very low during winter months.

Fishing Etiquette (cont.)

Hooking and playing fish during low water conditions may exhaust a fish so much it can't recover. If you must fish during these conditions, make sure any trout are well recovered before letting them go.

Different species spawn at different times of the year. Rainbows in the spring and Browns in the fall. But you should check local fly shops where you intend to fish for more information.

Occasionally you may hook fish in some part of it's body other than the mouth. Such a fish is considered to be "foul-hooked" and not "fairly caught". Even with barbless hooks, trying to remove the hook may damage the fish by tearing it's skin and leaving it open to infection. It is best to just cut the leader as close to the hook as possible, revive the fish and let it go. The hook will rust out and the fish will be harmed less this way.

Respect the Law

You must have a license to fish most waters. Licenses can be purchased from most fly fishing shops, sporting goods stores. Fines can be heavy if caught fishing without a license.

Non-resident fees are usually higher than resident fees. In every state, with exception of Washington, the fees go to the fisheries and wildlife or equivalent department to maintain hatcheries, stocking programs, education programs to involve more women and children in the fishing sport, studies of whirling disease and related conversation projects.

When you purchase your license, ask for a current year Washington Fishing Regulations booklet. Take time to familiarize yourself with it as many streams have special regulations and section closures.

Respect Private Property Rights

ALWAYS ask for permission first to fish their water. Many will say yes if asked nicely.

Also ask where they would like you to park, the path they would like you to use to the river, if there are any cattle in pastures, and if there are any gates that need to be closed. Nothing will get a rancher hot faster than finding his cattle wandering down the road because you forgot to lock the gate. You will likely ruin access for any other fishermen too.



"June is transition from spring to summer, a month when everything has its full vigor, before anything is stale or mature. In June May flies may be thick on the water, stone-fly nymphs may still be crawling up the rocks to split their cases and fly away, midges will be dancing in clouds near the water's edge and falling spent on the water to move fish that the angler finds it difficult to tempt with his larger flies; and on June evenings may come the early sedge hatches.

When a June fish takes, he is into his run before you can move to raise the rod, and that run is fierce and long and dangerous. Almost always a June fish is a jumping fish, a bold, wild, jumping fish, and he is little concerned to keep within the limits of the pool in which he has taken the fly."

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



SALMON AT THE BAY ART SHOW AND BARBEQUE

Yes We Can! Our Hope for Salmon

The Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) in partnership with Boundary Bay Brewery presents the **7th annual Salmon at the Bay Saturday June 13th, 2009** from noon to midnight at Boundary Bay located on Railroad Ave. The celebration honors our community's personal, cultural, historic, economic, and environmental connection to salmon. This year's theme, Yes We Can, marks our distinct and rich history of salmon fishing and canning, as well as our momentous efforts and strong vision for the future of salmon recovery here in Whatcom County.

Come share in the celebration of salmon and community together with family, friends, artists, musicians, and other supporters of NSEA. The art show opens at noon with artwork donated by several local artists. A salmon barbeque is available for lunch and dinner with musical accompaniment by the Celtic style Warren Street Session. Lunch is served from 12 to 3 for \$10 and dinner is served from 5:30 to 8:30 for \$20. The festivities continue with a late show featuring Lucky Brown and the Funk Revolution for those over 21 beginning at 9:30 for \$8. Tickets are available in advance at NSEA and Boundary Bay Brewery.

"Salmon at the Bay is a vital opportunity for the community to collectively reflect on and share our connection to salmon while taking positive action towards the recovery of salmon and the health of our community." Kerry McManus, NSEA Education Coordinator

The art show continues through August 15th when the silent auction closes. All proceeds from the event and auction will benefit NSEA salmon education and stream restoration projects throughout Whatcom County.

Sponsors include Conoco Philips, Bellingham Cold Storage, Seafood Producers Coop, WildCatch, Starbucks, Brandywine Kitchen, and Applied Digital Imaging.

Outings for 2009

March 21st

Pass Lake
Lunch and fly box

April 25th-26th

Yakima River
Pot luck and fly box

May

Spring Creek Trip
Eastern WA
Pot Luck and fly box

June 9th to 17th

Roche Lake
Pot Luck and fly box

August 7th & 8th

Methow River
Pot Luck and fly box

August

Saltwater Coho in Puget
Sound
Pot Luck and fly box

September 11th & 12th

Upper Skagit River
Potluck and fly box

OCTOBER 3rd-4th

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

June's Club Meeting

June 25, 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

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

July's Board Meeting

July 7, 2009

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

FCFF Board Members

PRESIDENT:

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Ed Ruckey

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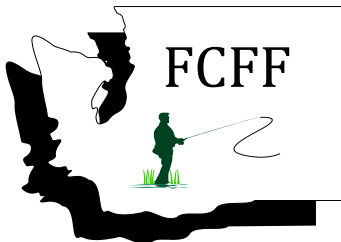
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