



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

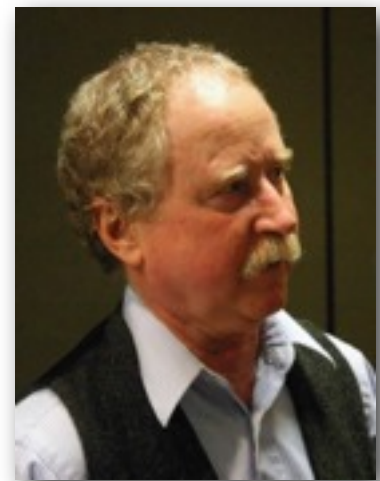
Dear 4CFF Members,

There's no doubt that June is here. There may be a haze of pollen and mist at the horizon, but it was almost 70 degrees as we drove back into Bellingham today, and at 8:30 p.m., as I pen this, there's still a half an hour left before sunset. It means for me that rivers and streams are now open for trout fishing. Waders and boots get inspected. Those limber rods, fine reels and fly boxes come out of their winter storage spaces. The excitement starts to build again, as fresh as it felt decades ago. Fish and fine friends bring out the best in all of us.

Last Friday, in the company of several 4CFF members loyal and true, I had a chance to watch Shane Anderson's new documentary film entitled "Wild Reverence – The Wild Steelhead's Last Stand." I found it inspirational and well worth the price of admission. For those who were unable to see it here in town, be of good cheer, because it will be available on DVD and, perhaps, some pay-per-view option will become available. For further information, see Shane's website: <http://www.northforkstudios.net/>

And because November will be back upon us before too long, with an Annual Meeting for our Club at which several Board members and Officers, including yours truly, will be leaving the Board, I'd once again like you all to think about whether you, or someone else you admire and respect, might be a good candidate to fill one of those vacancies. Well, that's all for now. Be well....

Hugh Lewis



Program for June's Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on June 26, 2014. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm. The program will begin at 7:30pm and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month our program features Daniel Galhardo. Daniel is the founder of Tenkara USA, and the first person to introduce tenkara, the Japanese method of fly-fishing, to the USA. Tenkara uses only a rod, line and fly. It shines in mountain streams, where the long rod and light line provide the best possible fly presentation, and it is also effective in a variety of waters, such as alpine lakes, or urban ponds for panfish and bass. Tenkara is the ideal setup for anyone looking for an intuitive and fun way to fly-fish, something to take along on a backpacking fishing trip or teaching kids the art of fly-fishing, without the complexities.

In 2007, Daniel discovered Tenkara while researching the history and culture of fishing in Japan. In 2008, he visited Japan for his first time with his wife and saw Tenkara in person. He returned to the US with a Tenkara rod in his bag and started enjoying Tenkara on backpacking trips. The method was simple and effective; yet, there was no information in English on Tenkara. Daniel decided he wanted to share Tenkara with people, it would make it easy for people to take-up fly-fishing and experienced anglers like himself were sure to enjoy its minimalist nature. He realized that to share Tenkara he could have written many articles and books about it, but if people didn't get a chance to experience Tenkara for themselves it would not spread. Daniel still visits Japan frequently and has studied Tenkara directly with the masters of the method in Japan, and he is passionate about sharing the techniques, history and philosophy of Tenkara (you can learn more about Tenkara by visiting <http://www.tenkarausa.com>).

In addition to the program (which will include time to demo and/or buy and order equipment), Daniel has agreed to lead a small clinic on Tenkara fishing on Saturday, June 28. The location is still to be determined, but participants should plan on a full day experience. There will be a charge of \$25 per member (\$30 for guest status members, \$35 for guests). Preference will be given to members. Sign up is open and available via Eventbrite at <http://4cffttenkaraclinic.eventbrite.com>. Because space is limited, please do not sign up unless you are quite sure that you can attend. I am providing 15 sign-up spaces and I will update you on your status as we get closer to the event – the extra 5 spots will serve as a wait list.

Please RSVP for the membership meeting by Tuesday, June 24 by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at mstr@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!

I look forward to seeing you on the 26th!

Tight lines,

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Matt Roelofs
4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



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What if we told you that all you need for fly-fishing are a rod, line and fly? No reel. And that the rods telescope down to 20 inches and fit in a pack, in one piece?

That's tenkara. A fly-fishing method from Japan that has created a revolution in the sport in the last few years.



Daniel Galhardo

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our session with the students at Lynden Christian School was great. We were able to, hopefully provide a positive impression of fly fishing and conservation to about 38 students. Each one really showed interest and were quick to pick up tying a woolly bugger and by the end of the casting sessions, most could cast very well. Lots of great instruction from Brian Duim, Bill Hall, Jamie Harrington and Susan Swetman.

Friday we had our last in room class with the students at Blaine Middle School. There outing to Silver Lake was Sat. 31 May. There was a lot of participation this time around with help from Klause, Bill Hall, Frank, Jim Dardin, Jack Salstrom, jamie Harrington and Kevin McClurg.

We are set to go to Western Washington Univ. starting on June 23 with two sessions a day for 3 weeks. We will need lots of help. I will forward times and location to anyone interested.

Contact me at (425) 445-1201

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Keep your head on a swivel.

Jerry Hill, 4CFF Education Chair



"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"

CONSERVATION

Fellow Members,

May and June are the primo months for stalking trout both here and in British Columbia. Hopefully most of you have a trip or two under your belts or have one planned in the near future. Whenever I am lucky enough to be "out there" in pursuit of trout I reflect on how lucky we all are to live so close to such good fishing. I also feel very strongly that our club is special because we are willing to take the time out of our lives to give back to this resource through our conservation and education efforts. Obviously, those of us who participate in these worthy causes will automatically get more "good fishing karma" than those who don't.

I just received a very nice thank you letter from the Native Fish Society for your monetary contribution towards wild fish runs. I quote, "I want to extend very warm personal appreciation for the 4CFF's very generous contribution. Our work to recover wild, native fish benefits greatly from your generosity".

Those of you who attended the Wild Steelhead movie and event at the Pickford theater were fortunate to enjoy a very well done documentary on the plight of wild steelhead as well as hear Bill McMillan cite chapter and verse on what needs to be done to turn the negative factors around to favor our wild anadromous fish. It becomes apparent that hatcheries are a large part of the problem and that on rivers where hatcheries have been attenuated or eliminated (i.e.. the Umpqua River) wild fish runs have rebounded very nicely. Food for thought.

Great fishing to all!

Dan Coombs, 4CFF Conservation Chair



"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"

June Outings Report:

This will be a little different outings report. With the new outings program, the host(s) will be not only provide the information before the trip, but they will be doing the summation after as well. In the case of the outing to Big Twin this will be done by Rick Todd. It was a little odd not being there. Pam and I were up in the Discovery Islands. I included a few picks. The ling cod was how you shop for fresh fish in the area! One other new wrinkle is using Eventbrite to sign up for the outings. It is a familiar program and will help manage the events by having a single attendance list for each outing. That list is available to anyone signed up for the outing. There will still be signup sheets at our regular meetings.

Big Twin Outing Report

With sunny weather (and a few short sprinkles) the Big Twin outing was a great success with lots of fish caught, and lots of good conversation. The kids in attendance had a great time racing around Big Twin Campground! Your reporter didn't bring his camera, so sadly there will be no photographic evidence of the size or number of fish caught or the amount of great food consumed! The Saturday potluck had it's usual assortment of great food. Special thanks to Roy Morris who brought some exceptional Sitka AK salmon to the event. The Todd's got some of the leftovers and had great salmon salad bagels with cream cheese the next day. Ralph Lloyd brought some fresh caught BC trout to the potluck and those over sized fish were pretty darned good as well! There were 22 in attendance at the potluck and Ed Ruckey brought his usual masterful fly box to give away. The winner was his chauffer Steve Runge! (just a little suspicious maybe!) I am looking forward to our next outing to the Methow when we will concentrate on moving water. I hope to see many of you back at Big Twin campground for that event! (And I promise to get some pictures for that one!)

Rick Todd, 4CFF Member



Upcoming events:

June 14th The Confluence Fly Shop Anniversary BBQ:

Please join **The Confluence Fly Shop** Saturday, June 14th for a free BBQ lunch from 1:00-3:00, celebrating our one year anniversary. Pulled pork a la Frank Koterba (just the way you like it) and soft drinks will be provided. Sage/Redington/Rio Rep, Erik Johnson will have a selection of latest single hand rods set up in front of the shop to try out and The Confluence will give away some great prizes throughout the event. Pat yourselves on the back for all of your support through our first year, come on down and enjoy some fun times and even better food.

Thanks from Scott & Brandon!



June 15th First Annual Fazon Lake Bluegill Derby:

Please make sure to sign up for the Fazon Lake Kid's Bluegill Derby on Sunday, June 15th if you are interested in bringing your kids or grandkids aged 5-14 to participate in the event. Boys and girls from the age of 5 to 14 will have the opportunity to win the First Annual Fazon Lake Fishing Champion Trophy. Check in is from 10-11, fishing from 12-2 and the weigh in and awards ceremony from 2-3. See the attached outings detail document for additional details and make sure to RSVP to Scott Willison no later than Wednesday, June 11th by visiting The Confluence Fly Shop, emailing scott@theconfluenceflyshop.com or calling [\(360\)-312-7978](tel:(360)312-7978) if you plan to attend.



<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>

(Upcoming events Continued)

June 23rd-29th 100 Mile House, BC:

This is a work in progress. From the feedback I have received we will be making some adjustments to the schedule. We will be basing our activities at the campground at Valentine Lake. This is a relatively small (9 sites), primitive facility. They have a toilet and picnic tables however, there is no water or power and you cannot make a reservation. The fishing on the other hand should be good. We will be moving the potluck up to Monday or Tuesday. There will be more specifics in the outing detail document. If you plan on making the trip, please contact me ASAP! We will need to coordinate this to get it to work.

July 24th-27th 4CFF Classic at Big Twin

This will be the 2014 edition of our Classic Outing. Rick Todd is the host, so let him know you are coming. We will be welcoming members of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers and the Totems and Osprey's from BC. The Club will also be cooking up a feast or two along the way as well. This is a time of year when we can choose to fish a number of waters in the area.

August 9th-10th South Puget Sound Beach Outing:

Summer is fast approaching and we need to get camping and guiding amenities reserved before they are booked up for the season. Whether you're new to fly fishing the beaches of Puget Sound or have been enjoying our sea run cutthroat and coho fisheries for years, this is a perfect opportunity to get started and experience the productive and quiet saltwater shores of the Kitsap and Key Peninsulas. We plan on camping in one of several state parks within a short distance from over a dozen very fishy beaches. Please contact Frank Koterba at fwkphotography@comcast.net or Scott Willison at scott@theconfluenceflyshop.com no later than Sunday, June 15th if you plan on attending. We need to know if you'd like to fish with an experienced professional guide for one or both days as well so that we can reserve enough guides to meet those needs.

Scott and The Confluence Fly Shop will be hosting a free beach fishing clinic and some sea run cutthroat/coho fly tying sessions prior to the outing for anyone attending. The dates for the July clinic/tying sessions are TBD"

(Upcoming events Continued)

August 22nd the 4CFF Picnic:

This is a change in the date. We moved it up to avoid a conflict with the Labor Day weekend. We will once again be hosted by the Todd's. In addition to the food and excellent company, you will be able to show your prowess with a fly rod on a casting course being set up.

Keep an eye out for many opportunities to wet a line and take someone with you when you go!

See you out there!

Frank Koterba
Your External VP and Outings Chair.



June Culinary Corner

The other day I was dressing up a plate of pasta and I used some of the green onions I got at Joe's Garden. The flavor was very simple the slightly cooked onions, butter, and a little dusting of cheese. It got me thinking.....pesto!!!

Pam, my wife doesn't do well with raw onions so I knew I would have to cook them a bit. As you can see from the picture, the onions are very long and they are great on the grill. I just checked around the kitchen and put together a combination that would let the onion shine.

(Culinary Corner Continued)

- ½ cup toasted pistachios
- packed ½ cup flat-leaf parsley
- medium clove garlic, coarsely chopped
- zest from 1 lemon (medium to large sized)
- juice from ½ lemon
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 bunches green onions, preferably fatter ones
- canola oil
- fine sea salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted



Charred green onion pesto:

1. Place almonds in bowl of food processor with blade attachment. Pulse 5 to 6 times then process for 10 to 15 seconds, until no large chunks of almonds remain. Add the parsley, garlic, lemon zest, lemon juice, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Cover until you are ready to proceed.
2. Remove roots and any unattractive greens from the onions. Trim an inch or so off the ends of the greens. Lightly coat with oil, then season with salt and pepper.
3. Grill onions 60 to 90 seconds on each side, until they are softened and grill marks have formed. Remove the onions to a cutting board.
4. Discard any overly blackened greens. Coarsely chop the remaining onions, then add to the food processor bowl. Pulse 6 to 8 times; scrape the sides of the bowl. Process for several seconds, then pour the melted butter into the feed tube. Stop, and scrape the bowl, then process for an additional 10 to 15 seconds until it looks like pesto. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper if needed.

Enjoy!

Frank Koterba



Fishing for a New Board Secretary

It's hard to believe we are midway through the year already. The good news is we still have the majority of prime fishing season ahead of us, which brings me to my point. In December, I am coming to the end of my two-year term as club secretary for the 4th Corner Fly Fishers and am looking for someone to take over the old fishing hole.

It has been an honor serving on the board in this capacity. For a couple of hours, each first Tuesday of the month, I have been thoroughly entertained by a mix of crusty old fishers that make up our board. It has been a great opportunity to learn as well as see our club from the inside. There have been times when I have laughed so hard that I hurt the next morning. And, then there were other times that I was glad I had my hip waders handy as we sloshed through the muck. But the most important message I would like to share with all of you is this is OUR club and serving on the board is what makes us better.

There have been many changes these past few years – all as a part of participation by new board members. Each one has brought his or her own ideas on how to improve our club. There will be several other board changes at the end of the year as well. I encourage you to give some serious thought about joining our board. With that said, I'm sharpening my hooks and tying on a favorite dry fly, casting my line and waiting... who is gonna rise to the occasion?

Craig Lang

4CFF Board Secretary



"Every once in a while, angling provides an episode one can keep for life. It is not necessarily about big fish, though it sometimes is, nor about great difficulty overcome. Rather, it's kind of poetic singularity. Sometimes you're even aware of it as it's happening."

Thomas McGuane, "The Longest Silence"

“Small Streams”

I was “volunteered” to take over the “Small Streams” outing in August. I am not sure exactly what I am doing because this is my first time and don’t have a clue on what’s involved or expected. With that said, I would like to know if anyone is interested in exploring “Small Stream Fishing” with me and a few friends. The dates for this will vary due to what the weather and streams are doing.

When I attend outings our club offers, I try to search out the tributaries and other small riffles with a few other members. Usually they are non- stocked and native fish that survive the winter, flooding, and lack of structure to support a decent food supply and a good hiding place.

I approach small streams differently than most. I hardly ever use waders. They seem clunky and hard to hike in. Most of my waders leak anyway so I usually “wet wade”. I wet wade with water sandals, sometimes wading boots and socks, long pants to push through the brush, and a wading stick (to fend off loose dogs, snakes, encroaching fishing buddies), Other things like a good pair of sunglasses, a durable hat, insect repellent, water bottle, and a handkerchief are all very useful.

A handkerchief has many uses. It can measure a fish, check a barb, net nymphs, cool your neck, use as a tourniquet or a bandaid, mark a trail, and gag the guy your fishing with if he’s talking too much.

Everyone has different ideas on equipment. My first fly rod was a 7’6”, 4 weight and I fished everywhere with it. This is a good starting small stream rod.

One of my favorite books on the subject is John Gierach’s, “Fly Fishing Small Streams”.

So, IF you are interested in learning more about small streams and fishing them, please contact me at swstrong@comcast.net.

Sid Strong, Member of the 4CFF



"It is not in the book, yet it is human enough to spend a moment before casting in trying to imagine what the fish is thinking, even if one of its eggs is as big as its brain and even if, when you swim underwater, it is hard to imagine that a fish has anything to think about. Still, I could never be talked into believing that all a fish knows is hunger and fear. I have tried to feel nothing but hunger and fear and don't see how a fish could ever grow to six inches if that were all he ever felt. In fact, I go so far sometimes as to imagine that a fish thinks pretty thoughts."

Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"

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.

June's Meeting

THURSDAY,
June 26, 2014

BELLINGHAM
COUNTRY CLUB
3729 Meridian St
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 733-3450

RSVP to Matt for reservations:

<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

mrs@deepsnow.com

360-319-1350

**Be sure to check off
your name on the list
when you arrive for
dinner.**

July's Board Meeting

July 1, 2014

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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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 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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