



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fly Fishing Community:

Over the last month or so we have had a number of opportunities to sample a broad range of events that are associated with our club and the sport. It started out with the return of "The Fly Fishing Film Tour", an evening that featured visual quests for any number of fish that ranged from reverent to maniacal. It was sponsored by *The Confluence Fly Shop* and the newly minted *North Sound Chapter Trout Unlimited*. The proceeds were given to them to support their *Wild Steelheaders United* program.

That was followed by "Writers on the Fly" an event sponsored by the *Flyfish Journal* and 4CFF. It was a night at Boundary Bay Brewery immersed in the written and spoken word. We were invited in to get a taste of what it takes and who does the work to produce the *Journal*. This was followed several authors reading their work. One of them, Nathaniel Riverhorse Nakadate, brought the house down with his wit and writing. The proceeds were donated to the Liam Wood Fly Fishing School and River Guardians Program, one of the courses at Western Washington University that we have supported for years.

And finally The Confluence Fly Shop invited the town in for an afternoon of comradery, fly gear and BBQ. The latter was prepared by several members of the 4CFF. It was good to see many of the attendees of the previous events make this one as well! In this case there were no proceeds—they were eaten. It's been a pleasure to have this shop around going into its 4th year. It is an impressive group of people that we get the pleasure of sharing our time and efforts.

Future Board and Club:

Speaking of an impressive group of people, this year the board will see all of the officers completing their 2 year terms. There are several of whom have indicated they might run for office again. Given that this could have a huge impact on the continuity of our club we will be convening the Nominating Committee shortly to bring forward candidates to work with the existing board to prepare for next year. We have had some remarkable people contributing to the club over the years. Is it time for you to join them??

The 4CFF Casting games:

Put July 9th on your calendar. 4CFF will be sponsoring the Casting Games on the grounds of Dan Coombs. If you dare, test your casting skill against all comers. Or just show up for the good time! Stay tuned for more details.

Prior Members rejoining the club:

I was asked a question regarding the membership process for returning members. A couple of years ago we revised the membership bylaws to accommodate these individuals. The key points are as follows:

1.1. Classifications of Club Membership: *(Bylaws Sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2)*

Prior Members: In general, prior members who left the club before the new Membership policy was implemented - January 1, 2011, can rejoin the club based on the following:

- 1 The prior member must have left the club in good standing.
- 2 The prior members must complete a 4CFF Membership Application form and pay the \$30.00 application fee.
- 3 The prior member must have two current club member sponsors.
- 4 The sponsors must present their support of the prior member's application to the 4CFF Board.
- 5 The Board must approve the membership application of the prior member by a majority vote.
- 6 Upon approval from the Board, the prior member's request for Membership will be submitted to the general Membership for approval.
- 7 Upon approval from the general Membership, the prior member must pay the annual dues for either the individual or family membership.
- 8 Members who terminate their club membership after January 1, 2011 and wish to become members again, generally must follow the general membership application process spelled out in the Club's Policy & Procedures, but on a case by case basis, the Board may approve exceptions to such general membership application requirements.

This looks like it is going to be another interesting year. There will be many paths through it. Just take time to enjoy the ride along the way!

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The Wet Fly will begin at 6pm with dinner at 6:45. The program will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the general membership meeting.

This month we're going to enjoy (and maybe participate in) a fly tying contest that I'm dubbing 'Cutthroat Fly.' You may recall a couple of years back we had a fly tying contest modeled on the TV cooking show, Chopped! This time around I am using another of my favorite food program, Cutthroat Kitchen as inspiration. Here are the details...

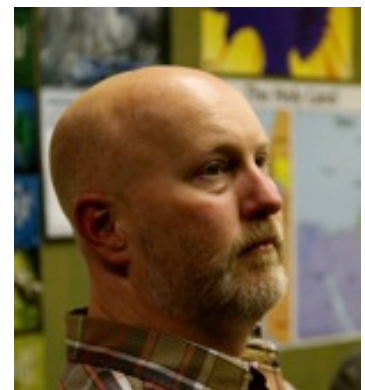
As you arrive the night of the meeting you will be asked to fill out a short survey about your fly tying experience. We will form two teams using some of the most experienced fly tyers as coaches and participants from the crowd as team members. Each team will be asked to tie a number of flies with the coaches guiding the process. There are two twists: (1) the coaches will not be allowed to touch anything – just give instructions and (2) as is the case on the TV show I will occasionally throw little challenges at each team. For example, I require that the coach must wear a blindfold for the rest of the round or that one member of the team loses its whip finishing tool. At the end there will be judging and fun prizes!

Please RSVP for the meeting by Wednesday, June 22 at 8am by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com>, by email at msr@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.

Tight lines,

matt

Matt Roelofs



Treasurer's Report

Monthly expenses included the following:

Fly Fishing Reading Event (food and Raffle)	\$217.08
QuickBooks Monthly fee:	\$32.60

Bank account balances as of June 2, 2016 were \$4,294 (Club Checking), \$13,904 (Club Savings) and \$12,799 (Conservation Savings).

Bill Faulkner, FCFF Treasurer



"You'll also meet a lot of non-fly-fishing types on the ponds..... Most of these people won't be automatically impressed by you; some will be curious, others amused. If you persist in wearing an up-downer hat over a clean chamois shirt and a bulging, jangling fly vest, you'll begin to feel overdressed. All you need is a Harley Davidson T-shirt, baseball cap, and a small box of wet flies. If you catch fish you may attract some favorable attention, but even then someone will sooner or later kindly inform you that a spinning rod is a hell of a lot easier."

John Gierach, The Trout Bum

Communications Report

The big effort this month was to set up a "forum" on our web site. Mission accomplished, although we are still trying make the forum a bit more user friendly. Here's how it works: The forum is found under the "Members" tab on the web site. Any member can click on the forum tab and then sign in and post a comment with a subject line and a post. This is sort of like writing an email. The first time you do this you should click the word "subscribe" so that you can view all replies to your post and so that you will receive and email anytime another member posts on the forum. It would be great if all active fishers in the club would log in and subscribe. The idea here is that if you decide to go fishing somewhere and would like to let other members know, you can just post it up. Also can be used for getting a lift to an event or posting a fishing report. That sort of thing. If you have any trouble logging in or posting, just let me know. pterzian@pacbell.net 408 410 0969

Phil

Outings Report

A good time was enjoyed by all of the folks who went over the hill to Twin Lakes last month....but only six folks made the trek. Not sure why we don't have more participation, especially for venues like this that are reliable producers.

This month we have the kids derby at Lake Fazon on Father's day. This is open to kids, grand-kids and great-grandkids, of course, or the kid down the street who's Dad knows nothing about fishing....bring em all along. It should be a good time. Sign up at the confluence fly shop, or just give Scott or Nathan a call.

1997 Fazon Lake Survey

Here is a link supplied by Emil Ekman to the 1997 Fazon Lake survey. It traces the history of the lake's management along with the more recent problems of its declining productivity. It might be of interest for those headed out to the derby this month.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00236/wdfw00236.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 4CFF SUMMER PICNIC

is coming up

Saturday (not Friday), August 27, 2016

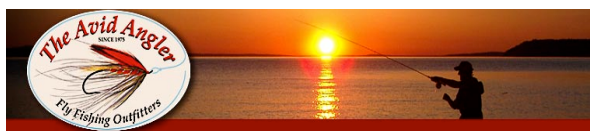
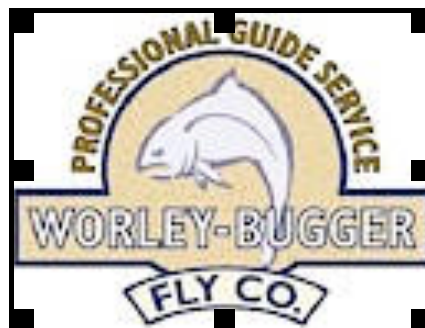
at the Leighton residence

More Details / Potluck Sign-Up Soon...

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 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>.

Phil Terzian is our present Outings Chairman and can be reached at (408) 410-0969.

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 Meeting

June 23,
2016

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

RSVP to Matt for reservations:
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>
msr@deepsnow.com
360-319-1350

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

Next Board Meeting

July 5, 2016

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

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Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Mike Riber, Nathan Weston and Angus MacArthur

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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