



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June President's Message:

As any organization grows its progress needs to be evaluated. 4CFF is no different. Many things have changed in the 45+ years we have been around. Have we evolved in staying at-tuned with those changes? And are we preparing to pass to what we have on to those who will be around in the next 45 years? It's time to take a look.

I with the support of the Board will be assembling a steering committee to review our performance in a number of areas. Are we fulfilling on our stated goals?

The following is a quote from our Bylaws:

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Are we fulfilling those purposes within our membership? How about in the public in general? And no matter what our performance has been, how can we improve? If you would like to be a member of the committee or want to provide input let me know. We will be talking to all of you with regard to this evaluation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Thanks go out to Marion Hiller and Scott Willison for the great program and associated activities for the Justin Waters visit. Thanks also to Tom Langley who organized a guided beach trip with All-Waters Guide Service. all-waters.com it should be a blast. I know there are more members now interested in what we can find on our beaches and the out in the salt.

In keeping with emphasizing local opportunities to pitch some flies we will be moving on to "spiny rays". To start there will be a spiny ray tying session and demonstration on July 5th at the Brandywine Kitchen starting at 6:30pm. We will be scheduling an outing at one of our local lakes to test out the new bugs. Keep watch for the Eventbrite announcement.

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

Frank Koterba

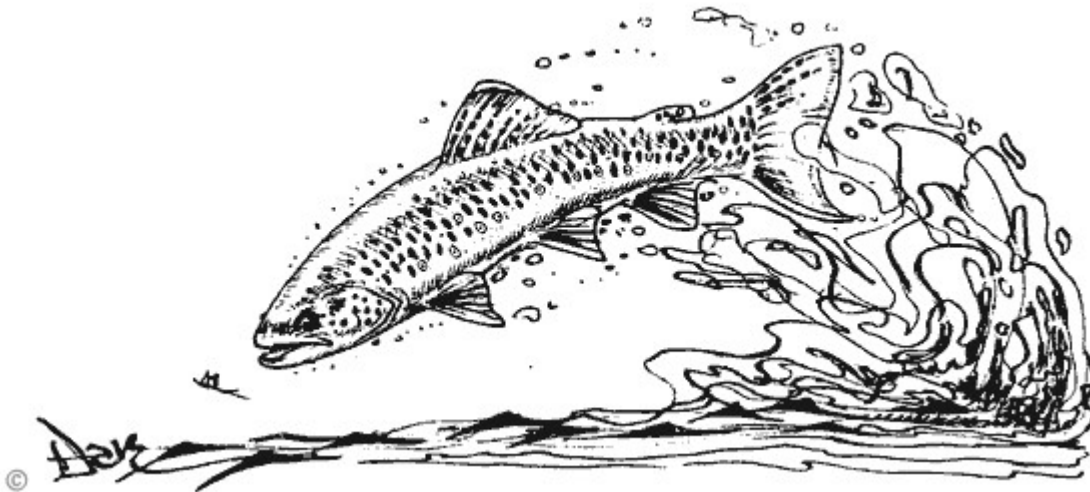
President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



"There is no substitute for fishing sense, and if a man doesn't have it, he may cast like an angel and still use his creel largely to transport sandwiches and beer."

Robert Traver

Trout Madness (1960)



Monthly Meeting

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, June 28

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 28, 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: Adventure on the Wild and Scenic section of Oregon's Rogue River
Our very own members Molly Semenik and Marion Hiller will share their unforgettable four day fishing experience while fishing for steelhead through the exciting whitewaters of the Rogue River, a most sought after and desired fishing adventure in the Pacific Northwest with Helfrich River Outfitter's. They will share about the canyon and rapids, the flora and fauna, fishing tips and tricks, the float, lodging and more. Learn more: <http://www.helfrichoutfitter.com/Trips/wild-and-scenic-rogue/steelhead-fly-fishing/>

RSVP: Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by **Tuesday, June 27**, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-june-2018-meeting-tickets-46900671170>. Or 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.

July Program: Our club's conservation committee supports the Wild Salmon Rivers and its efforts to save and protect Pacific Northwest salmon. Pete is currently the Director of the Wild Salmon Rivers and was directly involved in the Kamchatka Project in Russia started in 1992. He will share about projects and efforts that are currently in process. For more information: <https://www.wildsalmoncenter.org/who/our-story/>

August Membership Picnic: Save the date, Saturday, **August 11**, to attend our annual pot-luck picnic at Rick Todd's home. Plans include a fun story telling of this years outings hosted by Tom Langley, casting events hosted by Molly Semenik and in-training casting instructors, delicious food and more. More details will follow as the event draws near. If you are willing to volunteer to join the Assist Team to help set up and clean up, please contact Marion using the club roster. There will be no fourth Thursday meeting.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager

Conservation Report

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

Dan is conserving on the Rhine with his lovely wife, Jane celebrating their long union and loving relationship! Go Dan and Jane...safe journey!



"Ode to a Rod"

*I thought you were safe leaning against the truck,
The door slammed, "What a piece of dump luck."*

*Once in two pieces, you now are in three.
Would you have been safer next to a tree?*

*I'll tell everyone of the great fish you did fight.
You fought long and hard into the night.*

*No, it was a raccoon that leaped out of the trees,
No, it was a bunch of locusts!
A swarm of KILLER BEES!*

*They won't believe me anyway so I'll just put you away,
And fish another day.*

Crap.

By Clumpy Tippet, 1984

Outings Report

Outings Update

Summertime, and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high

Our next outing is coming up on Saturday June 16th. at Sixteen lake. We're all going to meet at Denny's in Mt Vernon for breakfast hosted by yours truly. After stoking up on an original Grand Slam we'll be heading to the lake where John Leighton boasts that fish are abundant and eager. So what more could you ask for Free foods and a great time on the water. here's the link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sixteen-lake-skagit-county-tickets-46505388870>

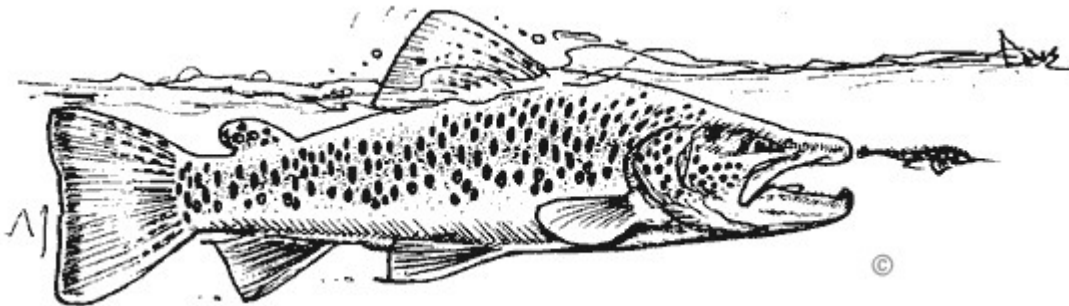
We are fast approaching the day of the big "2018 – 4TH CORNER SEA-RUN SHOOTOUT" coming up on July 19th during our North Hood Canal Sea run Fishaploozza. This event has sold out. HOWEVER IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP AS AN ALTERNATE SHOOT ME AN EMAIL. THERE MAY BE AN OPENING. For those who have signed up I'll be sending out a detailed information sheet in the next week on what you will need for the trip.



In th meantime, I'll be on the water here , there and everywhere.

Tight Lines

Tom (Gadabout) Langley



A Few Of Our Club Supporters



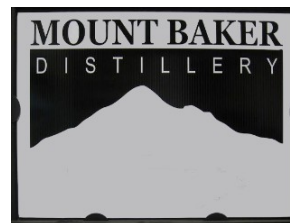
<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



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Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)



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

June 28,
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

July 3, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

4CFF Board Members

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Frank Koterba
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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.

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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
