



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully you are all out there surrounded by some of your favorite waters. We have several special events coming up and they will be opportunities to spend some quality time together. The Classic Outing will again be at the Riverbend Campground. Bob Cooper will be orchestrating some fine things on the Cooper-Cooker on several nights. To give him a hand lease make sure that you have registered and let him know if you will be bringing guests. Along those same lines, the club picnic will be coming up on August 29th at Dan & Jane Coombs home. This is a great event and the club will again be providing the protein at center of the plate. Once again to facilitate that activity getting your reservation made will make life a lot easier on the kitchen staff. There will also be some requests made to give Dan and Jane a hand in setting things up and cleaning up afterward.

This is also the year we will be holding our Conservation Auction Ed Dahl and his team is already on the job and you can read about it elsewhere in this newsletter. As you know this event funds our conservation efforts on a biannual basis. It is also a chance to get out and fish with some great people. Fill that whole in your gear selection. Or get a chance to spend some time doing interesting things with other club members. There is a way for everyone to participate in some fashion. We also have the Conservation Raffle tickets available. Contact Ed to get a couple of books and spread the word.

We have a great relationship with the Bellingham Golf & Country Club. It is hard to find a place that can handle meetings and events for a group as large as we have become. The last meeting, for whatever reasons, was not a success. We had a smaller projected attendance and a larger group actually made the meeting. There is a price for this; the kitchen had to add staff not in the budget and they stepped up to cover the issue. While we have recently made Improvements to our reservation system with Eventbrite, it doesn't excuse us from securing our reservation! If you can't find the e-mail with the current meeting Eventbrite link, you can find it in the newsletter in Matt's program description. You can also call or e-mail Matt. We can't let this happen again!

(President's Message Cont.)

The member's only section of our website is currently under construction. Soon you will receive an e-mail with your invitation to register and a temporary username and password. You can use it set up your access. Please make sure that we have your correct information.

Enjoy your summer!

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Casting Lessons

We held a "Let's get out and Cast" on Saturday June 20th. Molly Semenik spent three hours with about a dozen of our members. We covered casts, (Overhead from both sides and roll casts). We covered loops, (Making wide loops, narrow loops and avoiding tailing loops. We also went over why you want to use each type.) And we covered a bunch of presentation casts, (Stack casts, reach casts, mends of various types and slack line casts.) And along the way Molly worked with each of us to improve our techniques and understanding of the process.

It was a very successful event. Look for more of them in the future. And if you need someone to work with you on your casting I don't think you can get a better instructor than Molly.

Molly thank you for giving us your time and expertise. We look forward to your membership in the club.

Frank Koterba



This is a 4CFF Conservation Auction Year

Raffle Tickets:

The Raffle tickets are printed and we need each member to take at least one book to sell to the public. We know that it is not something that you like to do. However, the ticket sales generate the biggest portion of revenue for the auction. This year we have some great prizes and it should make it easier for you to make the sale. The buyer of each ticket gets to choose the prize that they want.

The first prize choice is a two night stay in a Mt. Robinson room at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. It includes 1 breakfast and 1 dinner for two. This is a prize that has been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is very popular choice.

The second prize choice is a catered dinner for up to 10 people by Frank Koterba and the members of the 4CFF. The venue for the dinner is yet to be determined. This is a prize that has also been offered as a choice in previous auctions and is a very popular choice.

The third prize choice is a salt water fishing trip with Whidbey Island Guide Colin Flanagan. The trip will be in his new Lund that has a fishing platform in the bow. He will be putting the winner onto salmon, sea run cutthroat, and/or bull trout. This is a new prize choice and I am sure that it will also be a popular choice.

The tickets will be available at every meeting, outing or event. Make sure to get your ticket book(s) and get selling.

Donations:

The auction will be in October at the Bellingham Golf And Country Club. The auction committee needs the help of the membership in finding and soliciting items for the auction. The auction is a club-supported activity and therefore we need each of you to help. I am asking each of you to solicit at least one item from somewhere in the community. The item does not have to be fly fishing related. It could be most anything. It could be something like an oil change at a local Jiffy Lube where you are a regular customer. In most cases all you need to do is ask. The item could be also be an "In Kind" type of donation where the donation is for a free tune up from your favorite auto or boat mechanic. As you can see almost anything is acceptable.

(Conservation Auction Cont.)

One of the things that made the last auction so successful was that some member put together outings that they would sponsor. I know that our past President Hugh Lewis put up a small stream outing for two with lunch. I bid on that and won. I believe that there were at least two separate float trips, one on the Yakima and one on the Skagit. There was also a trip out on the salt to fly fish for Salmon. I would ask that you consider putting together a trip, outing or tour of an area you are familiar with for this auction.

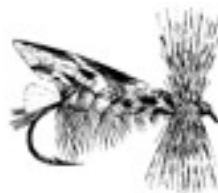
So far we have had members donate two separate trips. The first was a "Discover Fishing Access Tour" of the Skagit, Sauk or NF Stilly. The second was a trip to a local river (TBD) with Larry Irwin and Errol McWhirk. Transportation, jokes, lunch, beverages, snacks would be provided along with a bit of fishing.

If you have something for the auction, an idea for an item, or need help in soliciting someone for an item, let me know. A committee member or I will be happy to assist you. We have a donation forms that needs to be filled out for all items. These forms are available from any committee member. If you have items to donate now, you can. Please bring them to a General Meeting or drop it off with Dan Coombs, Pete Lamb or myself. We will store the item until the auction.

Please look at the attachments that were sent out with the newsletter. Please print these documents and use them to support you requests for donations.

Lets make this year's auction a very successful auction.

Ed Dahl, *4CFF Auction Chair*



Education Report

The Education group is busy fishing and pursuing other activities at this time. We are awaiting dates from WWU, requesting our help on summer classes. And, we are looking forward to giving our friend from Blaine Middle School help with his summer classes.

Jerry Hill, *4CFF Education Chair*



July's Program

This month's general meeting of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday July 23, 2015. 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.

Before I describe this month's program, I'd like to make a special request on behalf of the kitchen and staff at the country club. It is very important that we get an accurate count for the dinner and attendance. Last month we had nearly 30% more people show up for the meeting than signed up. This creates trouble in preparing food and in setting up the room to accommodate us. We have the deadline set as late as possible and the sign-up process is a simple, web-based process. Please take the time to sign up in advance and let me know if you have any questions about how to do that.

Now, about the program...

Almost 15 years ago, Leland Miyawaki tied up his first “Miyawaki Beach Popper.” It is a surface fly that Leland casts off the Puget Sound and British Columbia beaches to catch wild coastal cutthroat and coho salmon on his 6wt rod. Leland is our guest this month and his program, “The Most Fun You Can Have On the Beach With Your Clothes On,” will highlight this fly, how it's tied and fished so you can have your very own beach party!

Here's a bit more about Leland: Leland began fly fishing in 1968 when he sent away for a complete fly fishing outfit from LL Bean and a beginning fly tying kit from Orvis. After receiving his new rod and reel, he laid down his spinning rod forever and began to teach himself to cast and tie flies. Exactly one year later to the day, he caught a small brook trout on his own fly. Since then, Leland has fished most of the streams and lakes of California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington; the well-known hotspots in New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana; the great steelhead rivers in British Columbia; and one well-guarded secret river in Idaho. Leland fishes and guides on the local Puget Sound beaches for searun coastal cutthroat and coho salmon with his surface fly exclusively – the “Miyawaki Beach Popper.” He currently works part-time at the Orvis store in Bellevue, Washington.



(July's Program Cont.)

Please RSVP for the meeting by Tuesday, July 21 (midnight deadline) 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 Roeloffs, *4CFF Program Chair*



Treasurer's Report

Work with the QuickBooks accounting software purchased this year is still progressing. We continue working to refine and simplify the club's Chart of Accounts and hope to be able to track a more detailed catalog of financial events as the year progresses.

There was rather limited financially activity during the month of June. The club spent \$60 on tent stakes for the outings canopy, \$480 on conservation auction expenses and a \$10 filing fee to the Washington Secretary of State for the club's Annual Nonprofit Report.

I was unable to attend the June Business meeting. However, I am assuming that members were especially well behaved, since only \$5 in gilly money was collected.

Total balance for our club savings, checking and conservation accounts is currently \$20,873.14.

Bill Faulkner, *FCFF Treasurer*



4CFF Outings Report



Fazon Lake Kids derby was well attended by 4CFF members and everyone seemed to have a good time according to Nathan. I stopped by the lake and took a couple of photos, and I can confirm that cars and trailers were parked all along the entry road. The weather for the event was about perfect.

The 100 mile house event was Type to enter text not too well attended, by all reports. Tom Langley went up a couple of days early and just about got washed away with all the rain they had there. I think Paula and Bill also went and I hope we will hear a full fishing report at the next member meeting.

July events at Duck Lake, MT and the Classic at River Bend (Winthrop) are shaping up nicely with 10-20 folks signed up for each one.

Sid will not be available to host the Small Streams outing on August 15 & 16. Hugh has said he can probably pick up the slack. He will confirm soon.

On a side note, I had a web site meeting last week with Jamie, Frank and our web designer, Sandie. Jamie will be taking over responsibility for the web site going forward.

Looking forward to a lot of fishing fun in July and August.

Phil Terzian, *4CFF Outings Chair*



Emil's Corner

Emil Ekman hit pay dirt by accident in an internet search yesterday. The following are free digital copies of books on fishing from the University of California:

<https://archive.org/details/cdl?and%5B%5D=subject%3A%22Fishing%22&sort=-downloads&page=2>

AN UPDATE AND HUGE THANK YOU FROM BILL HALLwritten by Norma

When it's least expected, CHANGE happens. Sometimes it is received as a good thing, and sometimes less than good. But, no matter what.....CHANGE is the norm. How we handle it, is the challenge. Bill has faced one of the biggest changes in his life, and he is determined to keep moving forward.

Bill's stroke on March 8th dramatically changed his life.....our lives, and perhaps yours, too. Challenges were many, but progress prevails. After three months of Occupational , Physical and Speech therapy.....someone asked Bill what he learned from his experiences. Most of all, Bill said it was a blessing to be alive and to have the ability to look at his life from a new perspective. We've heard how what was important suddenly becomes trivial, and the smallest step becomes a triumph. So, it is with a major life-changing event. Bill is grateful.

One can NOT face CHANGE without a goal, a plan, and especially people to support YOU. And, Bill had so many of YOU to support him. So many of you gave to Bill just what it was he needed and wanted at just the right time. It has made a huge difference in how Bill has been able to face and manage all the "ins and outs" of this health crisis.....and how it has and is helping him to get well.

The nurses, doctors and staff at the St. Joseph's Hospital and The Rehab Center have exclaimed they have never had a patient who had so many friends. YOU are these friends they are talking about. YOU are the ones who reached out, and gave to Bill the company, the encouragement, and the perseverance to keep going and to be able to join the ranks again of life, especially 4CFF. Making a new connection in one's brain to do old ways took a collective friendship of everyone of YOU and you may not realize it, but Bill's positive outlook stems from a part of each of YOU rubbing off on him.....and helping him to achieve.

TIME is the one thing we don't seem to have enough. Please forgive us for taking so long to let you know how grateful we all are to have your friendships, and your gifts of support and love.

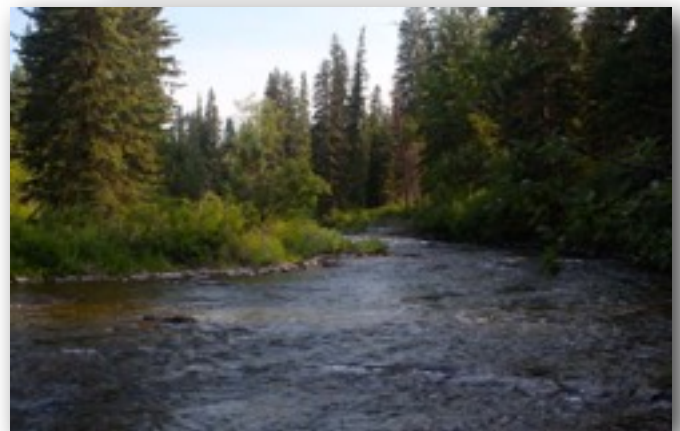
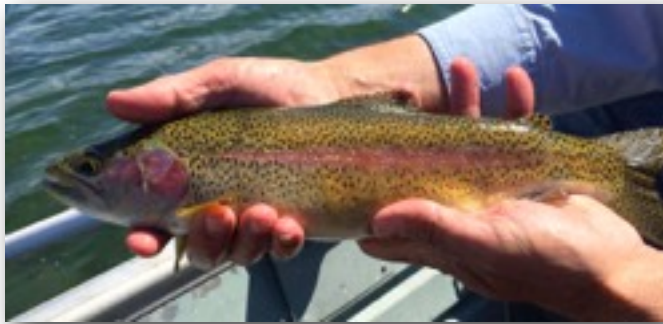
Thank you for the hundreds of ways you gave of yourselves to Bill and our family.



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Gary Jones fishing with his grandson and “Friends”...



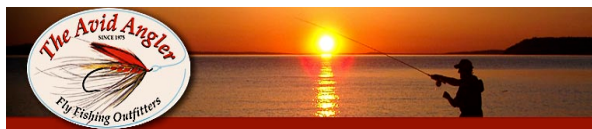
“Sometime in July, when the last of the winter’s snow has melted out of the mountains, a clear river comes down to summer level. This is not the extreme low water of a late, dry fall, when water worn rocks are high and dry on either side of the last narrow channel, but a good, normal sweeping flow of water against which the bars show clearly and the known rocks stand out with the current folding gently on their shoulders. It is a good time to see the river and really learn it; it is a pleasant time to know the river, because the water is mild and the hands, warm enough to wade without boots if one chooses, shallow and clear to reveal itself and very full of life.”

Roderick Haig-Brown, “A River Never Sleeps”

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.

July's Meeting

July 23,
2015

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!

August's Board Meeting

August 4, 2015
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Sid Strong, Paula Faulkner, Rick Todd, and Nathan Weston

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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