



# 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### July President's Message:

#### Conservation Auction News:

It's that time again to start considering what role you will play in our upcoming Conservation Auction. We will begin to take donations soon. In addition to the usual collection of fishing and other gear, please consider sponsoring an event or providing a something personal touch. In the last several auctions the majority of the income was from club members offering something of themselves. It also was the source of a few good times.

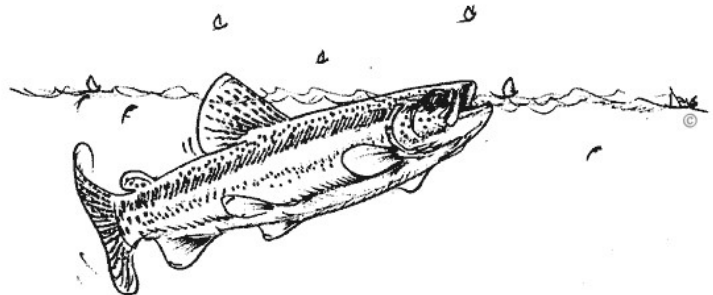
We are currently firing up the software so soon we will be launching the Auction Website. And the first auction committee meeting will be announced next week.

We are catching up on the dinners from the last several auctions. If you are interested in getting in on the Kitchen crew let me know. We are going to do one in August for the Faulkner's and it will be featuring Paella.

Speaking of Paella this year the Classic will be the Classic. The first one we did was a blue tarp special Paella. The tarp hopefully won't be needed this time. It was a lot of fun and everyone was either doing meal prep or hanging tarp.

At last Chris Vanstaalduinen is now a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers. We look forward to his large presence in the club. Tom Mautino just finished his membership requirements, so he will be up for a membership this month. Oh and next time you see Hugh Lewis congratulate him on crossing the line into retirement.

We just finished the second iteration of the "Key Elements of Casting". The 18 of us who signed up were once again the beneficiaries of Molly's expertise. She covered everything from the basics to double haul in the course of the sessions. On July 18<sup>th</sup> have an open casting event. Sign up at, [Open-casting-session-2](#).



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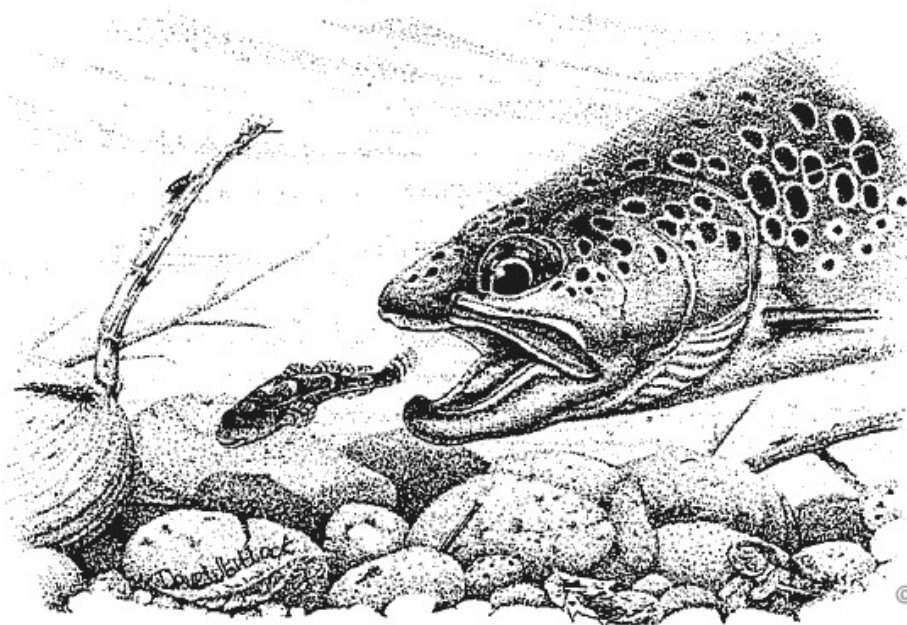
My wife is the CO of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla and one of the areas on which they are focused is boating safety. Statistically one of the classes of craft that are involved in the most fatalities every year is paddle craft, particularly on rivers. (Kayaks, pontoon boats, canoes, row boats, drift boats.) As part of their program they have a boating safety vessel check. They will review the equipment on your boat and make recommendations on practices and equipment. We have had too many instances over the years where something from this inspection could have made a difference. If you are interested in getting an inspection let me know.

And finally as Lyn Nelson a former president said.....GO FISH!

I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba, President 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers

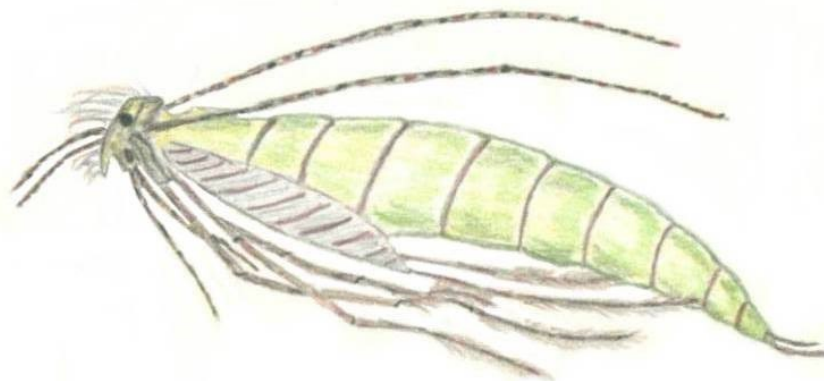


# New Member



Chris Vanstaalduinen

Congratulations!!!



# Big Twin Fun



# Casting Session July 8



# Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, July 27, 2017. 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. After the program, members are invited to stay for a business meeting: fish stories, introduction of guests, announcements, and various committee reports. It concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

This month's program:

Some of you may know the fishing show shown on KTCS called '*Fishing with Ladin.*' Ladin Langeman and Steve Ronholt will be our guest speakers for the night. Co-hosts, Ladin Langeman and brother-in-law, Steve Ronholt have been fly-fishing in Washington, Alaska, Montana, Oregon, Canada, Utah and Idaho waters. Both are school teachers who live in Medical Lake in Eastern Washington. With a combined 40-plus years of fishing experience go into producing the show "Fishing with Ladin," designed to inspire young and old to enjoy the outdoors. Their show began airing eight years ago through public access television in Spokane. Hoping to appeal to the entire family, Langeman and Ronholt built their show for the everyday fisher. There aren't any multimillion-dollar boats or other expensive frills. A 30 minute show just features good camaraderie and good fishing. It reveals the beauty of nature and the basics of fishing through an entertaining format that is fast-paced and humorous. Most episodes are filmed during the summer months, aided by some extra time when school is out, and features the two traversing across the Pacific Northwest. Recent seasons have showcased trips in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. After going through a few local stations, the show is aired through KLEW, which is based in Lewiston, Idaho. KVOS, a Seattle-area station, recently began airing episodes as well, giving them an audience that reaches across the state. The program topic for is "Fishing the Blackfeet Indian Reservation Waters that will combine experiences on reservation lakes from two years ago and his July while staying at the Hiller's fish camp just days after the ten day club Duck Lake Outing.

Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by Wednesday, July 26, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-meeting-july27-2017-tickets-35912561438>, by email at [bxxcooper2010@gmail.com](mailto:bxxcooper2010@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.

## Future Programs:

**August:** Tentative Date: Aug. 19. Member Annual Picnic at Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, 3057 E. Bakerview Road, Bellingham. More information coming via email.

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**September:** Dave Fast, senior scientist and manager of the Yakama Nations Fisheries and prolific author, presents the projects and efforts that are currently in progress to protect the Columbia River and Yakima drainage basins. It is a presentation that he has delivered to other fly clubs throughout Washington State.

Share this event on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

We hope you can make it!

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair

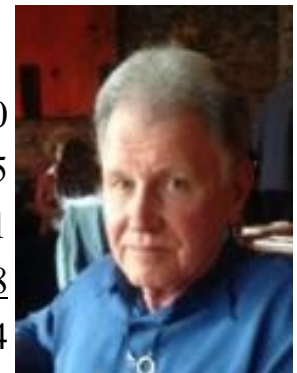
Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

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## Treasurer's Report

Monthly expenses for June of 2017 included:

Monthly Speaker's Fee	\$250.00
Conservation Auction Expense	129.95
Outings Supplies	13.11
QuickBooks Monthly Fee	43.48
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$436.54</b>



We had no new income in June.,

Bank account balances on July 1, 2017 were \$17,108.06 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$7,868.24 (Conservation Savings).

Reminder: PLEASE remember to sign up on EventBrite for monthly meetings and dinner. And do not forget to check your names off the list when you pay for dinner so that you are not wrongly billed as a "no show".

Bill Faulkner,  
FCFF Treasurer

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# Outings Report

I'm still out in the wilds of BC, but ....

If you haven't heard we have a temporary hold on the Duck Lake outing signup. (as of press time it is back on with motorized craft restrictions). There are some regulatory changes occurring at the lake this year and we will update you as we get more info in the next couple of weeks.

We're still in the planning phases for an early June outing over to eastern Washington to try our hand at fly fishing for bass. This will be your chance to catch a lot of bass and to develop your skills for this fishery as we are arranging for a very well-known expert to provide our group with an on shore clinic prior to our first day on the water.

That's it for now. See you when I get back from Canada.

Tom Langley



*"....and every strange, half-seen, gliding, beautiful thing that eludes him; every dimly-discovered, uprising fin of some undiscernible form, seems to him the embodiment of those elusive thoughts that only people the soul be continually flitting through it."*

*Herman Melville, "Moby Dick"*



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# Conservation Report

Summer Greetings,

We just completed a major tree removal project at Squalicum Lake on Thursday July 6. There was a large dead tree hanging over quite a few of the boats being stored out there so our work crew moved the boats and then had Dean Collins from Dick Skeers Construction cut down said tree and hold portions of it in the "JAWS" of his backhoe while we lopped it into firewood for John Leighton. All the boats were then returned to their proper storage places and we were done in about 2 1/2 hours. The club owes a special thank you to Dick Skeers who volunteered his man and equipment for this job. We couldn't have done this without his help. Thanks also to our intrepid crew of workers; Bob Johnston, Don Anderson, Jamie Harrington, Klaus Lohse, John Leighton and Dean Collins. Boats will be safe from falling branches for many years to come.

Don Anderson reports that plants at the Smith Creek site are doing fairly well and that a bit of watering may be needed if warm temperatures continue. A small work crew may be in order later in the summer for minor weed control and re-mulching. Let me know if you would like to help out.

We are excited about holding our annual club picnic at the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement site. I think most of you will be pleasantly surprised with all the user friendly improvements that have been made there within the past year. Good fishing and see you there!

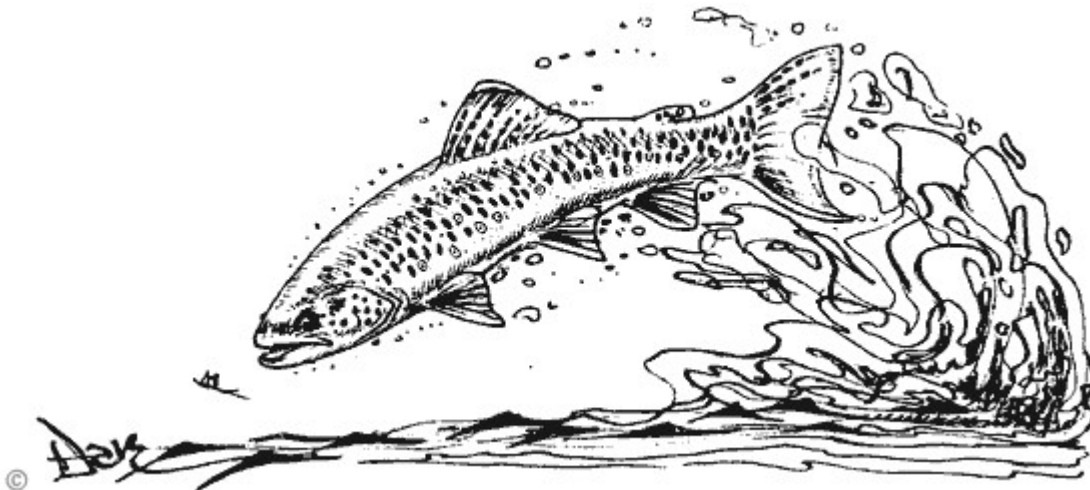
Dan and John L.



# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



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## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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## Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

### [Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

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*The first fish I remember lived under a big rock that was in a pool not to far from my house. To my 5 year old eyes, he was a monster and very, very, smart.*

*Two or three of us, all about the same age, would crawl out on the rock, drop a single salmon egg ovr the edge and watch it sink slowly toward the bottom. The fish would glide out from under the rock, inspect the egg, then suck it in and go back under the rock.*

*We would then put a hook in an egg, have lots of slack in our leader material, then drop the egg into the pool. Again the fish would come from under the rock, inspect the egg, bu he wouldn't take it. We would then repeat the process, egg with no hook, egg with hook, with the same results.*

*We tried the same process with worms, with the same results.*

*I moved from there when I was 8 and the fish was still there, just as smart as ever but measurably larger from all the eggs and worms we fed him.*

*I hope he died of old age.*

*Errol McWhirk, The Black Muddler*

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## 4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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 22,  
2017

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 4, 2017

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

# 4CFF Board Members

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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 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.

**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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