



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **July President's Message:**

As we announced at the last board and membership meetings we are currently reviewing our activities and some parameters of our organization. In particular we will be examining our practices and how they align with the club's stated goals.

Do we walk our talk for our members and our community? Are we reaching the people needed to ensure the future of our sport, the environment, and the club? Are there ways to improve what we deliver to our members and the community? For the next month or so we will be setting up meetings to compile more questions and answers.

Several key parts will be a review of our current guest member program, how we market the club, and our activities in education and conservation. We (the Board) are inviting input from you on your concerns, suggestions, compliments or other comments. We will be communicating schedules and meeting locations via e-mail. Remember that our board meetings are 6:00pm the first Tuesday of the month at the Trinity Lutheran Church (119 Texas St, Bellingham), these are open meetings. We welcome your participation. If you plan to attend let me know so we can provide enough space.

The process will culminate at the November meeting where we can vote on any recommendations of the Board.

A first step in the process will be a "meet and greet" with new and prospective members hosted by Cassie and Norm Spitzer on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be spending time with some folks interested or committed to joining us. Special thanks go out to the Spritzer's.

### **2018 Casting Games:**

We owe a bit of thanks to Dan & Jane Coombs, and Molly Semenik for their work on this year's edition of the casting games. As usual, the Coombs provided us with magnificent grounds for the event. The club provided all the rods, reels, lines and even lunch for the spectators and participants. The latter group, 16 in all included a wide range of experience levels and attitudes. There was a 1 hour practice session before the games began.

The course consisted of 6 individual holes of casting that showcased specific techniques.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

The scoring involved getting the fly to land within concentric circles, some of which were obstructed or suspended. And there was a final leg for distance casting. Points were compiled by the size of the circle, getting it in the circle, or the distance traveled. Three casts were made for each whole. The final score was the total accumulated points for the 18 casts. The best possible score was roughly 1725.

The prizes were Confluence Fly Shop Gift Certificates and a 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4CFF fly box.

The winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place for "Closest to the average score", John Leighton (within 8 of 410 Average)

2<sup>nd</sup> place for "Closest to predicted score", Chris Vanstaalduinen (801 vs predicted 800)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for "High Score", Chris Vanstaalduinen (801)

It was surprising to see what holes took the greatest toll. And there were even a few comments from the peanut gallery.

In all it was a great afternoon spent with friends and fellow members.

Keep an eye on you inboxes for more opportunities to play around with similar events like this.

### **Future Events:**

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#### **Spiny Rays:**

We completed the spiny ray tying event at the *Brandywine Kitchens* on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Scott Willison introduced eleven of us to several patterns that should prove effective for Lake Terrell. It was nice to have something in the vice that required no magnifiers. We look forward to using them at the outing on July 17<sup>th</sup>. If you want to join us sign up at [Eventbrite Spiny Ray](#).

#### **Small Streams:**

This will be the next in the series of focused events. Hugh Lewis has agreed to do a small streams course, Ed Ruckey will be featured for a tying session and we will schedule a small stream outing at a suitable location. Watch your e-mail for details.

#### **Make a Note Our Picnic will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Rick & Patty Todd's.**

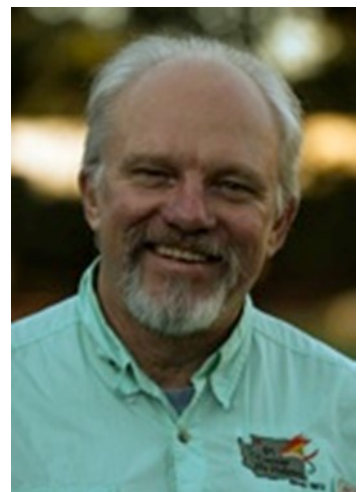
Be prepared to pitch in for the work needed to get this done.

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

Frank Koterba

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

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

## Casting Games:



**Quiditch without brooms**



**Fore!**



**But the rules say I can!**



**Wrap it up!**



**The Winners...Chris and John!**

# Monthly Meeting

## General Membership Meeting: Thursday, July 26

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

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 further business announcements from various committees. The evening concludes with a raffle for ticket holders who are in attendance.

Program: **Pete Soverel**, founder and president of The Conservation Angler.

As you may know, our club donates from our funds to The Conservation Angler, and thus Pete Soverel, founder and president of The Conservation Angler, will present updates on ongoing initiatives and projects that are working to protect, conserve and restore wild steelhead, salmon, trout and char throughout their Pacific range using all legal, administrative and political means to prevent their extirpation and to foster a long-term recovery of wild stocks to fishable and harvestable abundance.

The Conservation Angler. At The Helm: 'The fighting spirit of Pete Soverel.' An article published March 23, 2018.

Read to learn more. <https://theconservationangler.wordpress.com/2018/03/23/at-the-helm-the-fighting-spirit-of-pete-soverel/>

**RSVP:** Bob Cooper manages the Eventbrite invitations and RSVPs. He asks you to make your reservation with an RSVP on Eventbrite by **Wednesday, June 25**, 8:00 A.M. at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcff-dinner-meeting-july-25th-2018-tickets-47902292045>, 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 11.** Annual Picnic and Casting Fun held at Rick Todd's home. More details to come.

**September:** Our Conservation Committee has invited Kurt Beardslee of The Wild Fish Conservancy to speak about the Atlantic salmon pen disaster in the San Juan Islands and what has steps have been taken since as well as updates on the Elwah River.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP, Program Chair

Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs, Eventbrite Manager

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# A Few Of Our Club Supporters



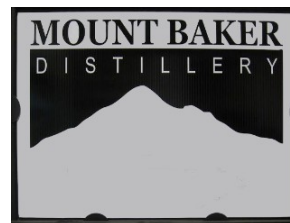
<http://www.theconfluenceflyshop.com>



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## Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



[Osprey Fly Fishers](#)

## Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

[Wild Fish Conservancy](#)

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# 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

July 26,  
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

August 7, 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.

**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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*"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*

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