



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I really appreciated the program from last month's membership meeting. Sean Gallagher presented a wide ranging narrative on the beautiful waters, cast of characters, and some of the magnificent fish he has had contact with over the last 5 or 6 decades. He also gave us a glimpse of how the practice of angling has altered the way he relates to the water, the woods, the people and the future. His excursions now don't need to include fishing but the fact that he has fished has deepened his experience none the less. It gives me some hope that we will still have a relationship to waters and fish we can no longer expose to angling pressure.

I haven't had much time to wet a line this year with the house project we have going. And after listening to Sean, I notice he talked about the key experience I have missed. We need to get out on the water, whether it is to fish, to work on one of our conservation projects, or just enjoy. Thanks to Dave Johnston for getting Sean for the program and a rip of the hat as well to Matt Roelofs for another great program!

### **The Picnic:**

Don't forget that this month's meeting is the annual 4CFF picnic. Remember there is a change for this year; we will be having it on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up using the Eventbrite link, <http://4cff.eventbrite.com/>.

Earlier in the day we will be holding Chapter 2 of the Casting Games. The start will be at 2:00 pm and go until about 4:00. If you want to sign up the Eventbrite link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casting-games-chapter>.

### **Special Conservation Raffles:**

A part of the festivities we will also be raffling off the Walker Bay dinghy. Tickets are \$10 each. And as long as you have your wallet out you can buy a few \$10 tickets for the Christmas raffle of the "Pursuit of the Painted Lady".

You need not be present to win.

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Proceeds will be disbursed as part of the conservation Auction. In the next month we will be forming the Nominating Committee for the 2017 board. You will be voting on the boards recommended committee at the picnic.

I look forward to seeing you all out there on the water somewhere, sometime!

Frank Koterba  
President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



## Monthly Meeting

Coming up on SATURDAY August 27 (note the day change) we have the pleasure of gathering in a time-honored 4CFF tradition for our annual summer picnic. This year we are grateful that the Leighton's have offered up their beautiful home and property in Sedro Woolley for the event (directions below). The Cooper Cooker will be in action again with Frank and his team of helpers cranking out some of his famous ribs...while we all chip in with sides and desserts to fill out the potluck.

The gathering will start at 6pm with dinner at about 7. As part of your annual dues, there is no cost to club members beyond their contribution to the potluck. Nonmembers (including those in the membership program) will be asked to pay \$5 to cover the cost of the main dish and should also plan to contribute to the potluck. Please make sure you

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select a ‘member’ or ‘nonmember’ ticket as appropriate. Adult Drinks are BYO. We will have some water and soft drinks available. And don’t forget to throw some **chairs** in with everything else.

I am posting an Eventbrite page for the picnic, but with a bit of a twist this time around. When you sign up, please notice that there are multiple forms of ‘tickets’ – they differ in the type of contribution you would like to make to the potluck. This will allow us to keep track of what types of dishes are coming and possibly issue requests for alternatives as we get closer to the date.

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 25 at 8am by visiting <http://4CFF2016Picnic.eventbrite.com> or by contacting me at [360-319-1350](tel:360-319-1350) or [msr@deepsnow.com](mailto:msr@deepsnow.com) or contact Frank Koterba at [360-647-9715](tel:360-647-9715) or [fwkphotography@comcast.net](mailto:fwkphotography@comcast.net) As with all of our meetings, getting an accurate count helps us plan for the right amount of food – and in this case allows Frank to go shopping in a timely manner.

Finally, as mentioned in the last couple of newsletters, we have some ongoing special raffle items this year. Tickets for these raffles will be available at the picnic. The drawing for the boat will round out the evening at the picnic and the drawing for the Painted Lady will be a highlight of our Christmas party in December. Here are some more details...photos are available in the newsletter.

***Special Raffles for 2016:***

***One of the holdovers from last year’s Conservation Auction was a dinghy. We will be raffling it off at the 2016 Club Picnic. Tickets will be \$10. So come with cash or send some with a friend. Proceeds will be added to the Conservation Fund (per the auction formula). We will also have Tickets for the “Pursuit of the Painted Lady” available. They are also \$10. The raffle winning ticket will be drawn during the 2016 Christmas Party.***

***Directions to the Leighton’s:*** Take I-5 to the Alger exit (Exit 240) and proceed east on Lake Samish Road. Cross Hwy 99 in Alger and the road turns into Alger Cain Lake Road. Continue E/NE on Alger Cain Lake Road until you round a broad left-hand turn and look for Silver Creek Drive (my map estimating skills suggest this might be about a mile or so). Turn left on Silver Creek Drive and in about 3/4 mile turn right on Bridle Drive. Look for 583 and you’re there, it will be the 2nd driveway. As always it is a good idea to carpool. When you arrive, drive up to the house, drop off your food and gear, and go back and park on Bridal Drive.

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There will be another version of the casting games earlier in the day. It will start at about 2:00 and go to 4:00. To sign up go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casting-games-chapter-2-tickets-26994667778>.

More details on the games will be added later.

Tight lines,

matt



## Communications Report

The website seems to be working well. I'm a bit behind schedule with my planned video tutorial on how to use the forum function, primarily because I need Laura's help with that production and she has been very busy with her professoring this summer. Hope to get that project completed soon. In the meantime, if anyone has problems with the web or needs log in help, please let me know.

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## Outings Report

The annual "Classic" was a rollicking success in spite of some marginal weather. Here is a great summary by our gracious host, Rick Todd:

"About 18 made it over the hill to the Classic. Friday brought a severe thunderstorm that caused the Methow to go off color. There were fish caught at Frost Lake, up the Twisp River, and on Boulder Creek. Ken Kloen and I did a float on Friday but got chased by brown water all the way down and only caught 3 small trout. We had about 8 members of the Methow Valley Fly Fishers join us for the potluck and Ed Ruckey's fly box was a big hit. Other than the thunder storm, the weather was great and we all had a great time!"

August has turned into a bit of a mess, outings-wise, due to closures and restrictions at the planned fisheries. So....enjoy the picnic this month. I'm hoping that all of the outings scheduled for September and October will come off as planned.

Phil Terzian

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# Conservation Report

4CFF's lopper brigade (L > R) John Leighton, new guest status member, Chris vanStaalduinen, Mike Reed, and Steve Kopp are pleased with progress made. "The new plantings will have a much better survival rate now that we cut back encroaching blackberry bushes," reported Mike Reed.



Our Conservation efforts are paying off. Last spring's newly planted native trees are healthy and growing CO2 vacuums!



Ladies of the Lake is a Whatcom Land Trust property that 4CFF adopted for stewardship this year. It is located at the S end of Lake Whatcom. The property is bordered by two small creeks which drain to Lake Whatcom and serve a spawning habitat for Kokanee

Special thanks go to Nicole, an intern with Whatcom Land Trust. Nicole brought WLT equipment to the site and jumped right in with a gas powered weed-eater. Also kudos to Starbucks for donating coffee.



The "Distinguished Service Medal" goes to Chris vanStaalduinen, a prospective guest member. Chris came prepared! Look closely at the equipment in the back of his pick-up. Yes, that is a power shrub mower, a gas powered "weed eater," and several other shrub tools! Although we didn't use the shrub mower, the other tools saw plenty of action! Thank you, Chris for your help.

# Letter from a Member

*The following letter of conservation recommendations was recently sent to Director Unsworth of the WDFW by Dave Johnson, and he asked that I pass it along to the club.*

Dear Director Unsworth,

WDFW has requested feedback re new draft proposals for management of Washington's fisheries. First, I believe that the department has relied on hatcheries for too long and too great an extent without truly considering the requirements of wild fish, salmon, steelhead, cutthroat, and bull trout that occupy the watersheds. **The department needs to think of the entire watershed as nature's hatchery and rearing facility.** WDFW does not allow fishing of any kind in its rearing ponds, yet it allows fishing in rivers and tributaries harboring native fish using barbed hooks and bait. (e.g. Finney Creek, a known spawning stream on the Skagit, and Racehorse and Maple creeks in the Nooksack basin, also known spawning tributaries.) Why don't you have no bait and selective gear rules year around for all streams accessed by anadromous fish in Washington? It would simplify regulations and provide a small margin of enhanced protection. Why doesn't WDFW eliminate allowance for retention of trout over 14 inches? It is known that some wild steelhead progeny remain as resident trout in their birth stream and can contribute to the spawning success of adults returning from the ocean. Fishing regulations would be simplified by requiring release of all trout no matter what their size. WDFW rearing facilities protect and nurture fry and smolts by providing feed and even netting to protect them from birds and other predators. **It is absolutely essential to protect nature's habitat and your plans to that end are laudable, but insufficient.** It is also essential to enhance the spawning of wild salmon throughout the watershed. Our coastal streams are relatively nutrient poor and our fish that rear initially in our streams (steelhead, coho, some chinook) all require the nutrient base provided by large numbers of spawning salmon. WDFW needs to make sure that increasing numbers of wild salmon reach spawning beds. **Fishing regulations need to be determined by the needs of the most endangered fish.** It doesn't make sense to allow bait and barbed hook fisheries to enhance the catching of hatchery fish when it causes greater likelihood of harming early returning wild steelhead, probably the most endangered portion of the wild steelhead population. **WDFW needs to develop reliable methods for monitoring and evaluating fish populations on all watersheds, not just the Columbia.** For example, does WDFW actually know the spawning numbers of wild steelhead in the Skagit and Sauk watershed? All of us who fish for steelhead would love to have a new catch and release fishery on the Skagit. But isn't it essential to have reliable data on spawning numbers in order to evaluate the impact of that proposed fishery? Management of fisheries in the State of Washington is certainly complex. Increased efforts by WDFW to

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protect habitat and enforce existing laws are certainly important. In the long run, it will be important for WDFW to place less emphasis and resources on hatcheries and more emphasis on enhancing and protecting wild fish. Those efforts that provide for healthy wild populations of fish benefit all of us by protecting water quality and sufficiency into the future.

In summary, I recommend the following:

1. No bait and selective gear rules for all streams in the State of Washington that have endangered fish.
2. Release of all wild rainbow trout/steelhead in Puget Sound and coastal watersheds at all times of the year.
3. Emphasis on protecting and enhancing all wild populations of trout and salmon in the state including habitat improvement.
4. Phasing out hatchery production of anadromous fish unless it is proven that a watershed is too damaged to sustain a wild population.
5. Development of reliable methods for monitoring wild fish populations so that fishing opportunities are based on actual knowledge rather than best guess and political pressure.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

David L. Johnson

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# FOR SALE!!!

This is a KEVLAR Stillwater Classic from "Spring Creek Fly Fishing Prams" in Tonasket, WA.

The pram is 7'10" and weighs 50 LBS. It was made in 2002. It comes with the Pocket Puller Kit, stern extension Arm Kit, side mounted spare rod holder, composite 6.5' oars, Minn Kota 30 LBS thrust electric motor, and two deep cell batteries with charger.

The pram has a low profile so the wind doesn't effect it as the larger ones. With the Minn Kota it's easy to zip around the lake. I like it because I could stand in it to sight fish and lay down it to take a nap. I could throw it out of my truck and be on the lake in minutes.

Brian Chan, the author of many books and videos on lake fishing, uses this pram exclusively.

I bought this pram and the accessories in 2002 for \$2000. My asking price is \$900.

Sid Strong

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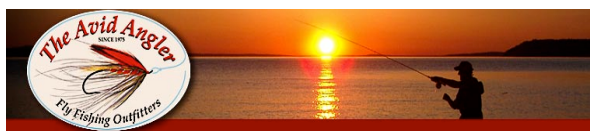
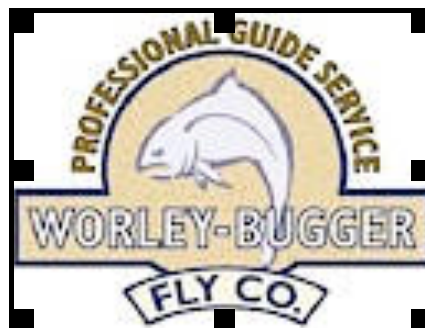


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## A Few Of Our Club Supporters



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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 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

Aug 27,  
2016

Jim Leighton's  
583 Silver Creek Drive  
Sedro Wooley, WA  
(360) 319-1350

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

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

### Next Board Meeting

Sept 6, 2016

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

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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 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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