



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August President's Message:

The next couple of months will be busy!! We have the picnic, a couple of outings, some conservation dinners, a general membership meeting and finally the auction.

Classic:

Before we get to that list I want to say thanks to Rick and Patty Todd for hosting the event and for opening their home for the potluck dinner. I also offer my condolences to those of you who missed it. We only had 9 of us!! You missed some great time on a variety of waters and the stories that went with them. (If you get to fish with Tom Langley or Angus MacArthur you will have to decide which more fun, the fishing is or just watching those two go at it!) And yea, the paella was pretty good. We missed you!

The Picnic:

We will be having our picnic at the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association's new facility. You can read about signing up in other places in this newsletter. This is a chance to see some of the results of our contribution of time and treasure over the last 20 years.

In addition to our members and their guests, we have invited the AmeriCorps members who are working with N-SEA as well as some of their board. So come on out, break bread, have a few ribs and enjoy the company.

To initiate the activities, we will be setting up a few casting alleys to let us run through a casting skill program to evaluate your prowess for a variety of situations. The levels are gold, silver, and bronze. Bragging rights are optional.

Finally there will be members of the Conservation Auction committee available to take your donations and assist you in registering on our auction website. There is more on this in the following auction discussion.

Conservation Auction News:

We are ramping up the organization and efforts toward our Conservation Auction on October 14th. This is the primary vehicle for funding the conservation and some education activities of the club. In the next week or so someone from the committee will be contacting you to go over the details.

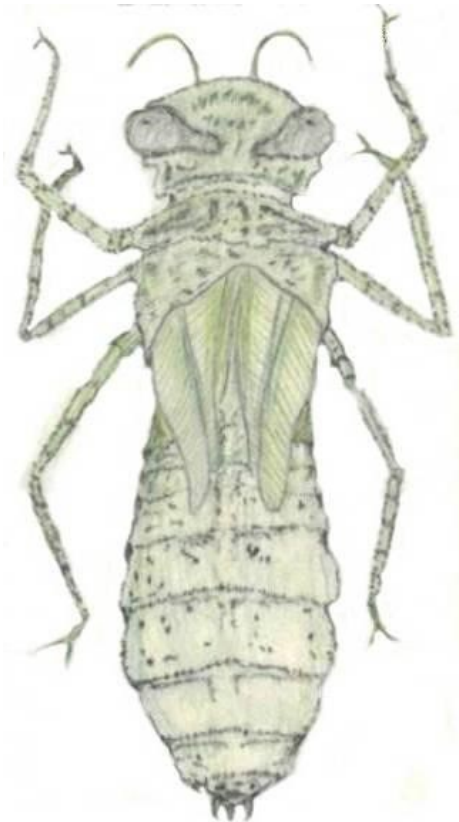
We are again using the same website to promote and manage the event. You will be able to go up online and see all the items in the program. After registering, you can also purchase your raffle and dinner tickets. It would help our cash flow if you went ahead and completed the purchase now, However you can wait and pay the night of the event. The website is: [4CFF Conservation Auction 2017](#)



I look forward to seeing you out there,

Frank Koterba

President, 4th Corner Fly Fishers



Monthly Meeting

This month's general membership meeting takes place at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 22, 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:

John Hicks and Paul Huston will be presenting on techniques and skills to use while fishing the Cowlitz River for steelhead and sea run cutthroat. They will also include a bit on fishing the coast, specifically the Olympic National Park. In addition they will briefly share about their conservation work that includes, Veterans, TU, Soul River.

John Hicks, a life long resident of the Pacific Northwest and Washington State, is the owner of Sea Run Pursuits, a guide service that focuses mainly on the Queets, Clearwater, and Cowlitz Rivers. He is a member of Allen Fly Fishing's Pro-Staff. Participating with a friend, Chad Brown he supports with both his time and energy, Soul River, a project that brings at risk youth and veterans together. He is also the Vice President of the Olympia chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Paul Huston, John's business partner in the guiding business was born and raised in Colorado, is a Master Sergeant in the Army, and partner in Sea Run Pursuits. Paul dedicates his time to both Project Healing Waters, and Native Fish Society. Paul is the River Steward for the Nisqually River. He not only guides people on a swung fly, but is also proficient with gear and especially a center-pin.

To get to know John a bit read his blog entry "The Anatomy of a Successful Steelheader" dated 2/10/17 at <http://www.searunpursuits.com/swung-the-blog-and-reports> on his Sea Run Pursuits website at: <http://www.searunpursuits.com/>.

Coming Programs

July: Co-hosts, Ladin Langeman and brother-in-law, Steve Ronholt after having just returned from fishing a few weeks before will present their adventures on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation waters to include techniques, equipment, best waters, guide contacts and more.

August: The annual Club Picnic Social is now scheduled to be at the NSEA base in Bellingham with the exact date to be decided. This should be a great venue. More information to follow.

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.

Marion Hiller, 4CFF Internal VP (Program) Chair
 Bob Cooper, 4CFF, Programs Eventbrite Manager

Treasurer's Report

Monthly income for July included the following:

2017 Dues-New Member	\$60.00
Guest Status Application Fee	30.00
Monthly Dinner No-Show Fees	80.00
Keys for Casting Tuition	180.00
<u>Monthly Gilly</u>	<u>4.50</u>
Total	\$354.50

Monthly expenses for July of 2017 included:

Monthly Speaker's Fee & Dinners	\$429.00
Conservation Auction Expense	454.97
Conservation Donation-Whatcom Land Trust	500.00
Conservation supplies	45.66
Conservation Award-Dick Speers	90.00
Outings Food Expense	132.82
<u>QuickBooks Monthly Fee</u>	<u>43.48</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,695.93

Bank account balances on August 1, 2017 were \$16,704.49 (Club Checking & Savings) and \$6,637.78 (Conservation Savings).

Last month the Country Club did not set out a list of preregistered attendees. We will try to remedy this in the future. Therefore, 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,
 FCFE Treasurer



Outings Report

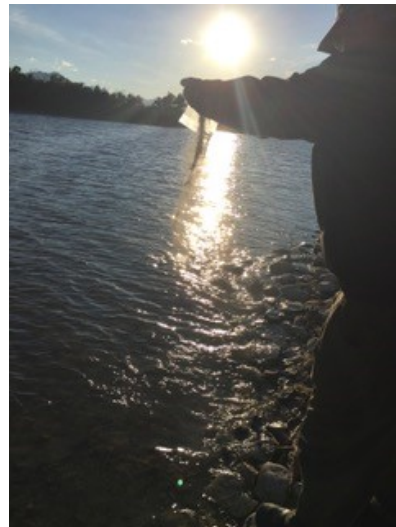
Duck Lake, Montana Outing Report

Those who attended, had a great time at the outing at Duck Lake, Montana in June. Dave Johnson, a returning fisher, fished during the first part of the outing and had several 25+ fish days, despite the high winds and cool temperatures. Mike Reed and Wayne McLemore, who had never been to the lake before, spent time exploring fishing holes during the second half of the outing. Compared to the outing two years ago, daily fish catches were higher, but did slow to about 15 a day as June temperatures rose into July. The fish seemed to not focus on the dry callibaetis, but instead, most fish were caught on patterns of Denny Rickards' flies, highlighted in his book, "Fly Fishing The West's Best Trophy Lakes". Successful patterns used were a stillwater nymph and an olive and orange seal bugger, fished with an intermediate line.

By the request of Joe Kelly's family, we had the honored privilege to spread a portion of Joe's ashes in Montana. Wayne shared heartfelt and eloquent words during the ceremony as only Wayne could do.

The pictures show Wayne spreading Joe's ashes into Duck Lake with Chief Mountain in the background. I never had the privilege of meeting Joe, but I do know that he and I share a common love of Montana and its fisheries. Also read during the spreading was the following poem included with his ashes:

"Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds circled in flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die." -Elizabeth Frye, 1932.



Outings (continued)

July has come and gone. Although the **Leech Lake** outing had to be canceled due to local fires in the area, the lake **Whatcom hexagena** outing was a great success with 21 members and one guest (Tom Martino) who now is a member attending. The fish weren't big, but several were to be had by many of the attendees.

As usual the **Classic at Big Twin** was a roaring success. Attended by a small but very intense group, this year's 45th anniversary event offered something old, something new and several surprises. The potluck, in my opinion, was the highlight of the trip. Frank and several of the crew outdid themselves with the preparation of one of the best Paella's ever. And to top it off Rick and Patty were very kind in allowing us with short notice to have the dinner at their home overlooking the lake. A special thanks to Rick for hosting this year's event. He will receive his special 45th anniversary club hat. Some of the lowlights at this year's outing: Tom locked himself out of his truck; Angus caught more fish than Tom. Some of the highlights: Tom caught bigger fish than Angus, Phil caught a beautiful Cut on Boulder Creek, Frank won the most fish category for the fly challenge, Rick won the biggest fish category and Angus won the first fish category, and John Bobbitt won the Ed Rickey Fly box raffle.

So now August is upon us and our attention is focused on this year's Coho and Pink runs. It is proving to be a challenging season as the regs have once again turned out to be very restrictive due to very low expected returns. Already the regs have been updated prohibiting boats in area 9 after July 31st.



I am continuing to scout the area from Keystone south to Possession Point almost daily checking with fisherman for updated reports on catches, but as of August 5th, there have been very few catches on the beach. Those that have had a bit of luck are using bobbers and live herring. I will keep you posted.

September is around the corner and Two outings are now posted, Small Streams and Lakes and the Chopaka Lake outing. So get those rods out of the closet and dust them off and join us.

Tom Langley

Conservation Report

Fellow Flyfishers,

Just a reminder that our semi-annual Conservation Auction will be coming up in mid October so it's time for each of us to find a treasure to donate to the cause. As you know, the majority of profits will be donated to various Salmon/Wild fish enhancement organizations who do a great job in helping protect and nurture a valuable and irreplaceable resource. If you find it hard to find a worthy donation item around the house, consider donating a gift certificate for the silent auction. Make your reservations early and make a point of inviting a guest you can. Frank and I will serve as drop points for your donations for the next 8 weeks, so give one of us a call so we can arrange a pickup. Our annual club picnic will be on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 3:30 till 8:30 at the NSEA headquarters on E. Bakerview Rd. You are welcome to bring your Auction donations at that time if it's more convenient for you. Hope we get some rain soon as many of our stream side plants could use a drink. See you at the picnic.

Dan and John



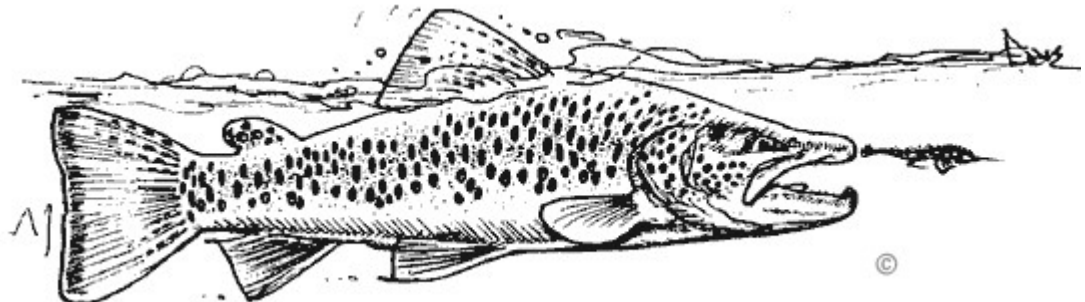
Web Site News Report

The roster on the website has been updated to include recent changes as of August. Please refer to the roster in the member's section of the web if you are trying to contact another member or one of our guest status folks.

Otherwise, the website is working well. If you have any issues or need help logging in, please contact me.

Fish on

Phil Terzian



New Member

Lets all welcome Tom Mautino! Long may his flies dapple the water!



“We have not inherited the earth from our fathers; we are borrowing it from our children.” Native American Proverb

Conservation Auction Supporters

Scott Willison of:



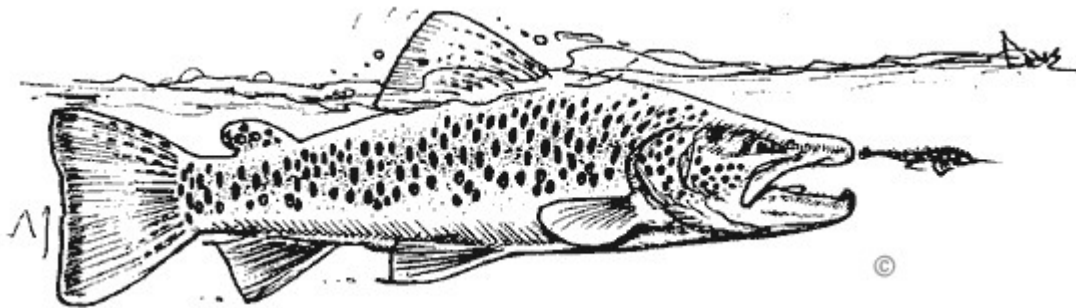
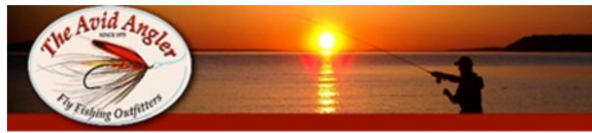
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Other News Letters and Notes of Interest



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“No one knows what game there is in a trout, unless he has fought it out, matching such a rod against a three pound fish, with forty feet of water underneath, and a clear, unimpeded sweep around him! Ah, then it is that one discovers what will and energy lie within the mottled skin of a trout, and what a miracle of velocity he is when aroused.”

Adirondack Murray





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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

August 19,
2017

Annual Club Potluck
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Asso.
3057 E. Bakerview Rd.
3:30 - 9:00 pm

RSVP to Bob for reservations:
<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

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

Next Board Meeting

Sept. 5, 2017

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 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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