



4th Corner Fly Fishers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

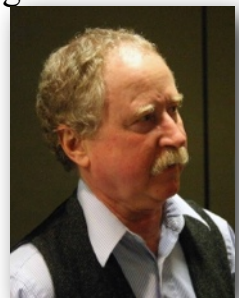
It's August, now, and this guy is ready for Montana and all that goes with that. Unfortunately, at this time of year, it may mean really low water and forest fires, but there will be TROUT in them waters, even if they're just sulking down at the bottom, pulling oxygen and life itself from the springs and seeps that infuse a summer-parched river-bed with cold, oxygen-rich water. Hope, like that cold water, springs eternal....

Another meeting of the Auction Committee was held last week, and let me tell you, that group's a-rockin' !! Rest assured, you WILL be contacted; you WILL be astonished at the truly wonderful things that could be yours for the price of a raffle ticket or two [or ten !!!], and you WILL buy some tickets and push them off on friends lucky enough to know you !!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Party.

Be well....

Hugh Lewis, *President of the 4CFF*



"For many years I was content to apply [a] theory to my fishing – for anything that went wrong I was prepared to blame myself, for anything that went right I was prepared to take all the credit. Fishing, I argued, was an exact performance, a simple contest between man and fish. If the man judged his conditions right and did the right things, he would catch his fish; if he did not, he would not.

On the whole it works out fairly well, especially so far as the blame is concerned. Such things as the frayed leader, the know that should have been re-tied, the good lie approached too carelessly, the clumsy cast, the poorly timed strike, the fish held too hard or too lightly, or hurried to much in the final moments, are all errors of judgment or performance which fully justify the disasters they may, and often do not, produce.

(President's message cont.)

Only rarely do I miss or lose a fish when I feel I have done everything right, and only once have I broken in a fish when I felt it was in no smallest way my fault.

But I am beginning to find it very salutary to remember just how much "happening right," if not downright luck, has been in nearly all my little triumphs. Often there has been so little between success and failure that I feel little inclined to take much credit unless for perseverance, and that is no virtue because I do not persevere in fishing unless I am enjoying myself.....And this in turn makes me wonder just who and what is a "good Fisherman" or a "skillful fisherman." I sometimes suspect he may be one like me who fishes often enough and hard enough to get the breaks."

Roderick Haig-Brown, "Fisherman's Summer" [1959]



CONSERVATION REPORT!

Greetings from the Conservation faction!

Thanks to this weekends light rains we can skip into September without having to water our new plantings on 10 Mile Creek. I was out there about 2 weeks ago and all plants were doing well despite some regrowth of the dreaded reed canary grass. I am tentatively calling for a small work party during the week in September to clean up around the new plants and to possibly water them if needed. That date will be Wednesday Sept. 18 at 10:00 AM at the 10 Mile creek site. Please send me an E-mail confirmation if you can attend or let me know at the club picnic this month. This will be a good opportunity for prospective members to get some conservation experience.

Dan Coombs, 4CFF Conservation Chair

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P.S The Coho are indeed running off of Sandy Point at this time



AUGUST'S MEETING & PICNIC!!!

This month, on FRIDAY August 23, we have the pleasure of gathering in a time-honored 4CFF tradition for our annual summer picnic. This year will be an encore performance of last year's excellent event at Willow Tree Vineyards. Frank will once again be firing up the CooperCooker (that name is my invention – so don't blame Bob if you think it's silly) and we all will be chipping in with sides and desserts to fill out the potluck. Rumor has it that there is wine at Willow Tree (I'm partial to Blue Heaven myself), but you should plan to BYO for any other drinks you might like.

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 and possible, or should I say probable, wine purchases. 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.

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 Wednesday, August 21 at 6pm by visiting <http://4cff.eventbrite.com> or by contacting me via email at msr@deepsnow.com or by phone at 360-319-1350. 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.

I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Tight lines!

Matt Roelofs

4CFF Internal Vice President and Program Chair



August Outing Report

The month of July was pretty quiet as far as formal outings went. The blow out that kept the Stillaguamish River murky kept the only scheduled event from getting off the ground. This may take place in a different location or time.

Fourth Corner Classic on the Methow:

Another successful Classic Outing is in the books! The collection of attendees included our own members, a few from the Methow Valley Fly Club and several members of the Osprey's from BC. In addition there were a number of spouses, children and significant others for a total of 36 souls. We were able to once again secure a great quantity of quality ribs and brisket from Thompson's Meats in Twisp. After spending the better half of a day in the confines of the recently christened "Cooper Cooker" both were transformed into some pretty good table fare. And along with all the other contributions from everyone the pot luck was a success.

A few classic hats were auctioned off to members of the three clubs and yes one did go to one of the Roelofs as required and the Ruckey box was won by Kevin KcClurg, on his first outing!

With the range of angling opportunities in the Valley, the week had us hitting the Methow and Twisp Rivers, several lakes including Big Twin and covering some new and longstanding small streams. In the latter case some of the small streams were very low and the water temps were warm making them inappropriate to fish. The Methow was a different story. There were several parties who floated different sections from Winthrop to Carleton. There were fish throughout. Gary Jones and Ralph Lloyd hit the lakes and as usual were able to produce results.

As in the past there were many opportunities for individuals to work with some of the old hands to hone or acquire new skills reading water and presenting your fly. And the path to Ed Ruckey's pick box was well trodden.

This year there was more than the Persied Meteor shower to keep our eyes on the night sky. Twice we had a squall line come through and turn the club canopy into tangled bent aluminum. We were able to coble it together once but the second round finished it off. We will be looking for new more robust design.

Let me be the first to invite you to next year's Classic wherever it is.

(August Outings Cont.)

The Club Picnic:

On August 24th we will once again be the guests of the Andersons out at the Willow Tree Winery. Last year was one to remember. The roaster will be there, the wine will be there and so, we hope will you! The format will be the same. It is a pot-luck; the club will be providing something from the afore-mentioned roaster. For guests there will again be the nominal (\$5) charge. To facilitate the planning do let me know you are coming and how many are in your party. We will also be making prepayment available at any event prior to the picnic.

The Upper Skagit:

We will again be going up to fix that small stream/big fish jones you got working. You can take care of it on the Canadian side of the Skagit River over the second (4th – 8th) weekend in September. The pot luck will be on Saturday the 7th, probably around 7:30. We will be raffling another one of Ed's amazing boxes of flies.

This has been a favorite place for our club for years. It is the opportunity to fish a small stream with big fish, including some major Dolly's. It is also rumored by Curmudgeon Edict to be illegal to fish below the surface film. Points will be deducted!

Anyway, this is one you want to add to your calendar!

The Yakima:

After trying for years to get here in the spring, we finally gave up and decided to go in the fall when the river is in shape and the fish are hungry! (I may be slow but I finally get there!)

We will be camping out at the KOA and fishing the whole river. The pot-luck will be on Saturday the 21st in the evening. This is another chance to get at some large trout on the surface! It is a marvelous opportunity to get at our "Blue Ribbon" waters!

For more detailed information check out the outings detail document on the website.

Coming Attractions:

- **Pink Year:** So far we are still looking for fish close enough to be within casting range. Check with other members to find out when that happens.
 - **Beach fishing:** see above and check with our local fly shop!!
 - **And all those Salmon.....**
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(August Outings Cont.)

One additional note:

We will be holding our Conservation Auction again this year. If you have anything that you would like to donate the people you want to contact are Dan Coombs 360.398.1637, Mike Riber 360.676.8171, Frank Koterba 360.647.9715. And be ready to start buying and selling the raffle tickets beginning at the picnic.

This is REALLY ONE OF THE ENGINES THAT DRIVES THE CLUB!!!

Looking forward to seeing out there,
Your External Vice president and Outings Chair

Frank Koterba

Contact information:

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“You’ll also meet a lot of non-fly-fishing types on the ponds..... Most of these people won’t be automatically impressed by you; some will be curious, others amused. If you persist in wearing an up-downer hat over a clean chamois shirt and a bulging, jangling fly vest, you’ll begin to feel overdressed. All you need is a Harley Davidson T-shirt, baseball cap, and a small box of wet flies. If you catch fish you may attract some favorable attention, but even then someone will sooner or later kindly inform you that a spinning rod is a hell of a lot easier.”

John Gierach, “Trout Bum”

Big Twin Classic



August Culinary Corner

Chimichurri Sauce

I have served this sauce with beef and fish several times this summer. After the response of my family at the beach in North Carolina, and those who made it over to the "classic" I think it is time to put the recipe out there one more time. This particular one came out of "Seven Fires" by Francis Mallman, a chef from Argentina who loves to cook over wood fires. It uses fresh herbs and be can be made and held refrigerated for weeks. This is also a basic recipe and experimentation is the mane of the game. The acidity and flavor are a great balance for the brisket we made for the classic and you will see it again at the picnic.

- 1 cup water
- 1 tbs. coarse salt
- 1 head garlic, separated into cloves and peeled
- 1 cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 cup fresh oregano leaves
- 2 tsp. crushed red- pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup red-wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil



Bring the water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add the salt, and stir until it dissolves. Remove from heat, and allow it to cool. Mince the garlic very finely, and put in a medium bowl.

(1) Mince the parsley and oregano, and add to the garlic, along with the red-pepper flakes.

(2) Whisk in the red-wine vinegar, then the olive oil. Whisk in the salted water.

(3) Transfer to a jar with a tight-fitting lid, and keep in the refrigerator. Let the flavors mingle for at least a day, and serve with grilled meats. The sauce can be kept refrigerated for up to 3 weeks.

(August Culinary Corner Cont.)

Another Chimichurri: Recipe by the Bon Appétit Test Kitchen

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt plus more
- 3-4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced or minced
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 Fresno chile or red jalapeño, finely chopped
- 2 cups minced fresh cilantro
- 1 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh oregano
- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil



Preparation

- Combine vinegar, 1 tsp. salt, garlic, shallot, and chile in a medium bowl and let stand for 10 minutes. Stir in cilantro, parsley, and oregano. Using a fork, whisk in oil. Remove 1/2 cup chimichurri to a small bowl, season with salt to taste, and reserve as sauce. Put meat in a glass, stainless-steel, or ceramic dish. Toss with remaining marinade. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours or overnight.
- Remove meat from marinade, pat dry, and grill.
- Spoon reserved sauce over grilled meat.

Enjoy!

Frank Koterba



"It is not in the book, yet it is human enough to spend a moment before casting in trying to imagine what the fish is thinking, even if one of its eggs is as big as its brain and even if, when you swim underwater, it is hard to imagine that a fish has anything to think about. Still, I could never be talked into believing that all a fish knows is hunger and fear. I have tried to feel nothing but hunger and fear and don't see how a fish could ever grow to six inches if that were all he ever felt. In fact, I go so far sometimes as to imagine that a fish thinks pretty thoughts."

Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"



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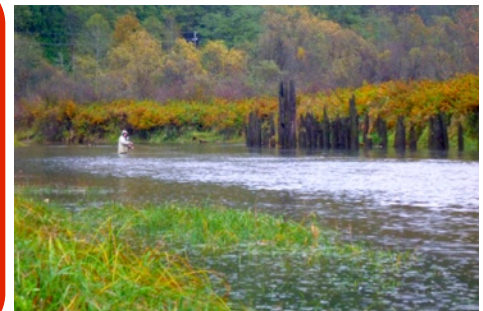
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Hours of Operation:

Tuesday 11 am - 6 pm
 Wednesday 11am-6 pm
 Thursday 11 am - 7 pm
 Friday 11am - 6 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
 Or By Appointment





4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Conservation Projects

Conservation is the corner stone 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.

August's Meeting

FRIDAY,
August 23, 2013

WILLOW TREE WINERY!!!

Wet Fly	6:00
Dinner	6:45
Program	7:30
Meeting	9:00

RSVP to Matt for reservations:

<http://4cff.eventbrite.com>

msr@deepsnow.com

360-319-1350

Be sure to check off your name on the list when you arrive for dinner.

September's Board Meeting

September 3, 2013

Trinity Lutheran Church

119 Texas Street

Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

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Directors: Sid Strong, Ed Dahl, Jim Darden, Dave Johnson & Lin Nelson

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 FCF.

All Fly illustrations are drawn by Ed Ruckey taken from, "Diary of Northwest Trout Flies" by local author and FCF 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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