

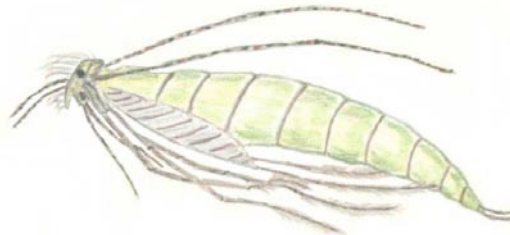
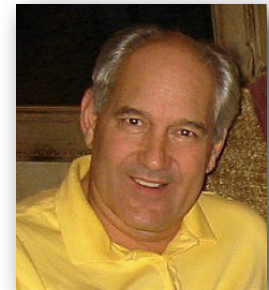


4th Corner Fly Fishers

September Meeting Program

Hugh Lewis and a staff scientist from Wild Fish Conservancy will give a presentation on WFC's continuing activities related to the Elwha River restoration project. The presentation will provide basic information on the importance of wild fish in the recovery effort, and why reliance on fish produced in the Elwha hatchery is misplaced in the Elwha recovery, just as reliance on hatcheries in general is misguided in the context of comprehensive salmon recovery. An update will be provided on the status of the lawsuit filed by Wild Fish Conservancy against the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe last year, designed to restrain the Tribe from releasing non-native Chambers Creek hatchery steelhead smolts into the Elwha. Results of the recent "Elwha Science Symposium" will be discussed in this context. A further discussion will address the impacts of commercial salmon harvest on the process of recovering the Elwha's wild salmon, and why 100 pound Chinook will not return to spawn in the Elwha unless currently prevailing harvest methods are modified or abandoned.

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"Every once in a while, angling provides an episode one can keep for life. It is not necessarily about big fish, though it sometimes is, nor about great difficulty overcome. Rather, it's kind of poetic singularity. Sometimes you're even aware of it as it's happening."

Thomas McGuane, "The Longest Silence"

Announcements

Conservation Auction:

We will be scheduling the Conservation Auction Dinner pretty soon if you want to lend a hand please give me a heads-up. As part of the program you will get to share in the menu.

We will need several hands in the kitchen several waiters.

"40 Year "Fly Boxes:

Your chance to win a copy of these beauties is down to the X-mass party. So face it if you want one you're going to have to order it!! (Or at least leave some hints to a significant other that these are great stocking stuffers.)

They come in 2 sizes. The large one is 4" x 8" x 1.5" and will set you back \$20. The small one is 4.5" x 3" x 1.5" and will go for \$16

Just let me know what you want. And we will get them made.



September Outings Report

2012 FCFE Picnic

To say that the annual Fourth Corner Fly Fishers Picnic was a success would be an understatement! Roughly 50 members and 35 guests made the journey out to The Willow Tree Vineyards to enjoy some great weather, great company, a glass or two of very good wine, some pulled pork or brisket, and all the other tasty dishes that were available! In addition we raffled several of the "40 Year" FCFE Fly Boxes; one went to Pete Lamb and the other is now in the possession of Emma Farnell. It was nice to see Pete win one; the level of whining about raffle outcomes has dropped since then! Speaking of winners it has come to my attention that I forgot to mention that one of the winners of the "classic" hats at the Methow outing was none other than Roy Wilson! This has also dropped the level of noise about the drawings! Imagine that!

There were quite a few firsts along the way. Special thanks to the Don and Linda Anderson as well as their daughter Heather Gorum for giving us a new venue for the party and for throwing open their

tasting room to sample their selection of great wines. (If you liked the current selection keep an eye out for their new releases coming soon.)

Once again two members who were absent had a very **large** impact on the proceedings. The impressive and as yet unnamed beast roaster was sprung from the minds and hands of Bob Cooper and Ed Dahl. This was its baptism of more traditional BBQ fare, pork shoulder and brisket. As the one whom spent most of the day watching over the process, I can say it works pretty well! I would also like to thank Randy the meat manager at *The Market at Lakeway* for giving us a great deal on the pork shoulder. If you haven't been there this is one of my favorite grocery stores. So give them a try. Larry Irwin spent time tracking all in attendance to make sure we had a budget large enough to cover the costs of the event. (There will be more on that later.) And finally thank you to all those in attendance for your contributions to the pot luck and the evening!

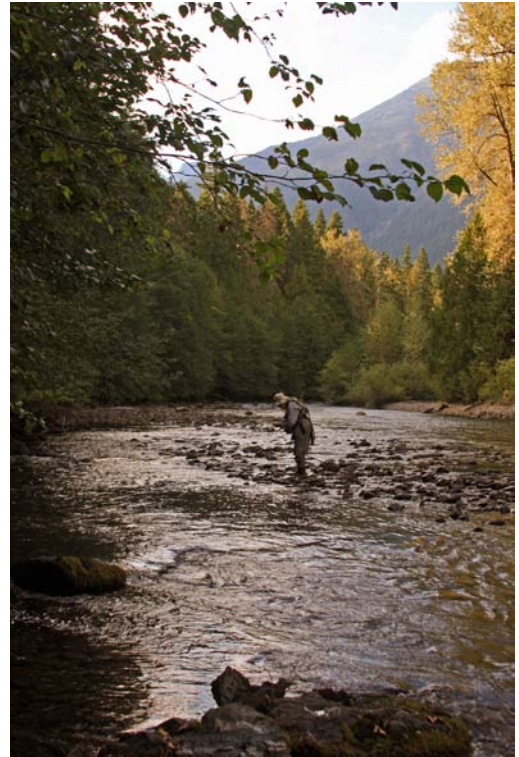
Upper Skagit River

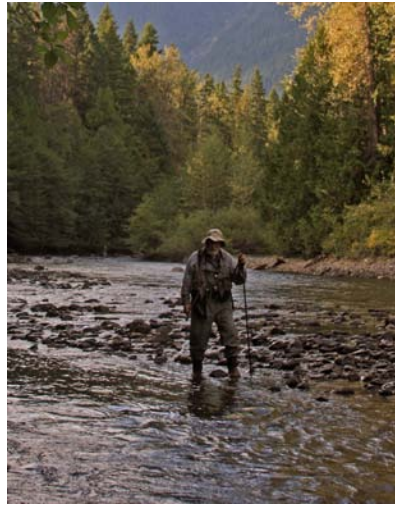
This last weekend a group of us crossed over the border into Canada, back into the US to camp so we could fish on the Canadian headwaters of the Skagit River! It makes for an interesting logistical problem. Which license do you need? What kind of use permit is required? Where can I get firewood and what can I burn in my campfire? Do I have to store all my food and the garbage in the Bear Box? What food can I bring over the border? How many liters of DEET do I need per day? We go through all this just to throw small dry flies at some elusive trout. Absolutely!!!

Eventually a baker's dozen wound up at the Hozameen campground at one point during our stay. We compared notes, flies, tactics, and set out to work the river. While I don't believe anyone could claim more than single digits in fish landed, we all were satisfied with the results. Thursday we hit the close access points. I hit Neopopkin and checked out the upper hole only to find a big cedar had dropped across the top of the hole which

changed everything! I had hoped to cross to fish the riffle from the other side, No joy! This seemed to be the tone for the trip. You just have to be ready to fish what is there, not what should be there.

Ed (Ruckey) and I decided to limit ourselves to short sections of the river. For me it was a chance to just work on technique. In particular it was a chance to put all the casting lessons from Scott Christenson to use. I am happy to report that switching to a roll cast about 90% of the time enabled me to have the fly in the water more of the time and I stayed out of the bushes. I think I only had 1 or 2 tailing loops the whole trip as well! We started at Rhododendron and concentrated on a couple of riffles just across the stream. Ed worked the opposite edge of the stream and hooked and landed several fish. This was about as good as we would see for the numbers the whole trip. There were a lot of fish rising during sporadic hatches of mayflies, but getting hookup and landing them were a different story. (Things got better when I stopped using the 6x.) Most of us were able to bring 3 or 4 to hand each day. However what they lacked in numbers they made up in size!!! The smallest fish I landed was about 12" and I





landed the largest I have ever caught there 17+”. This seemed to be true throughout the group.

The experience level in the group covered the whole range from Errol McWhirk and Ed to Trevor Weston who is just getting started. There was the usual heavy trade of information, Bug Spray, techniques and flies, with Ed and Errol being the primary sources on those. Everyone had quality moments, whether it was Roy Wilson landing a big Dolly to Ian Mac Arthur out fishing his dad Angus for the day. All in all we covered a lot of water and had a very good time.

When the pot luck rolled around the big question was who would take home the large “40 Year” box full of Ed’s work. That turned out to be Nathan’s 6 year old son Trevor!! In addition to congratulations he was given a lot of advice on how to keep dad out of the box. I did notice that he didn’t let it get very far away for the rest of the trip.

The Upper Skagit once again made a case for going back again next year.

Skagit Float Trip

Later this month (September 26th) we will be doing a float on the Skagit River. The section will be determined shortly. As soon as it is I will forward the information along. To go on this trip you will need a good boat and gear. Once again this year someone was lost on the Skagit. He was an experience boater but he made some fatal errors. One of which was he wasn’t wearing a PFD. We will be reviewing the status of everyone who is planning to go and you, your boat and your gear must be ready to make. I will be sending out the requirements this week. If you are interested in making the trip let me know ASAP. This is one that is not an impromptu event. Contact me at (360) 647-9715 or fwkphotography@comcast.net .

Salmon Season

We are rapidly getting to that time of year to break out the heavy stuff and go for salmon. These trips are day trips both here and across the border. The exact locations will be determined by the fish runs, so stay tuned for the details. I will get them out as soon as possible.

Changes

Right now the Board of our club is developing a new budget for next year. As it was this year membership will have its benefits. There will be monies collected from non-members for events that are

too large or expensive for the club to provide for everyone. As an example the Picnic and the Classic both stayed within the budget range because of the extra funds collected. And both were just about at the break even point as well. The extra charge is not meant to make us any money just to cover the costs. We are also going to start using Quicken to enable us to track expenses and create budgets with much more detail. It will also make our records much more portable and should Larry decide he wants to retire as treasurer, make the transfer of the job easy.

As always, I hope to see you out there!

Your External VP/Outings Chair

Frank Koterba



Hugh Lewis: Our Resident Small Stream Specialist!

Hugh is teaching his class on fishing small streams. If you get a chance to take this course you will learn many invaluable techniques that will add to your enjoyment in fishing these waters.

A few photos will give you only a small taste of what to expect.

Please note the 2 wt. bamboo rod that Hugh built for these streams.

Joe Kelly





September Culinary Corner



It seems like Summer just got here and its already time to move on to the Fall! And with that all of the ingredients are changing, the recipes...not so much. I made the first one for a dinner I donated to CCA and was purchased by Klaus Lohse. I took it as a good sign that when I served it things got pretty quiet. There was the occasional "Wow" though. I guess this year is the year of fruit gazpacho! See the earlier recipe for Strawberry Gazpacho. The second is an appetizer that is easy and the Red onion Jam and Goat Cheese is Killer.

Peach Gazpacho

(From *Martha Stewart Living*, July 2010)

You want to use really ripe peaches for this soup. I used a bunch of bruised ones I picked up at Joe's Garden along with everything else. As with any recipe especially gazpacho you can add many different vegetables to kick the flavor into a different profile. I will be adding some fresh peppers with a little heat to put in a little edge the next time.



Yield Makes 4 cups, serves 4 to 6

Ingredients

- 1/2 to 3/4 cup water
- 6 ripe peaches (about 2 1/2 pounds), peeled, halved, pitted, and cut into chunks
- 1/2 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into chunks
- 1 Large garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon champagne vinegar, plus more to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley or cilantro

Garnish: finely chopped bell pepper (I used a purple Heirloom) and Hass avocado

(The pepper garnish started a discussion with Jane Coombs who would not believe it wasn't a red onion. I had to show her the top of the pepper before she would believe it.)

Directions

Pulse 1/2 cup water, the peaches, cucumber, garlic, vinegar, oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a food processor until coarsely pureed. Thin with more water if desired. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Season with vinegar, salt, and pepper. Stir in herbs. Garnish with bell pepper and avocado. Drizzle with oil, and sprinkle with salt.

Cook's Note: Gazpacho (without herbs) can be refrigerated overnight.

Toasted Goat Cheese Crostini with Basil and Red Onion Jam

This one came by way of Merrill Stubbs, one of the founders of Food52, a great source of information. The onion jam can be used on a lot of things and might just be something you want to add to your pantry. Makes about 2 cups jam, or about 30 crostini.

For the red onion jam:

- 2 medium red onions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup red wine
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar

•For the crostini:

- 1 baguette
- 1 log fresh goat cheese
- 30-40 small basil leaves, rinsed and dried



To make the jam, cook the onions, butter, sugar, salt and pepper in a covered saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the onions are soft and slightly caramelized, about 30 minutes. Add the wine and vinegar and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, until thick, about 20 minutes. Cool to room temperature before using. The jam may be prepared as much as two weeks in advance and refrigerated.

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Slice the baguette thinly on the diagonal and arrange on a baking sheet. Cut the goat cheese into 1/4-inch slices (unwaxed dental floss works well for this) and top each baguette slice with a basil leaf, followed by a slice of cheese. Bake the crostini for about 5 minutes, or

until the cheese starts to brown lightly. Top each toast with a small dollop of red onion jam and serve warm.

Enjoy!

Frank Koterba

Campsite Chef of the FCFF



Newsletter Awards!

The board has agreed to handing out awards for best articles and photos of the year. There will be three classifications for best articles: best report on any outings during the year, memories of fishing, and third will be any article of interest to the club such as fly tying.

Here is the September winner from Frank Koterba, taken during the Upper Skagit outing, looking out on a peaceful Ross Lake.

Sid Strong

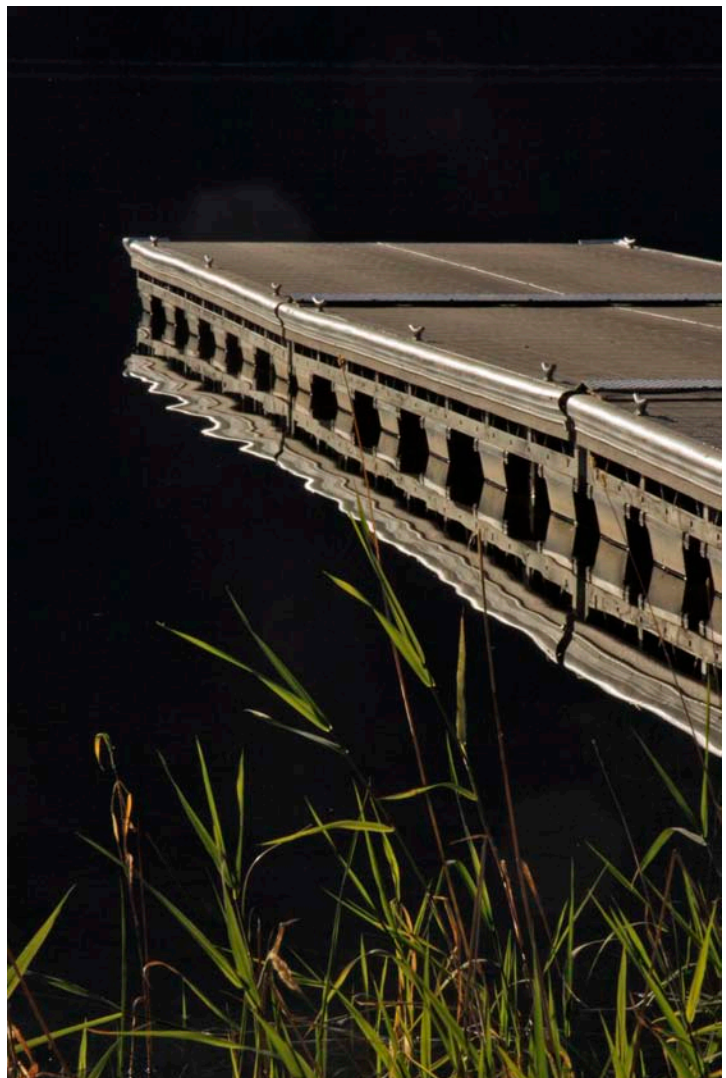
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4CFF CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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 outings, it's wise to bring your own lawn chair.

For more information, please contact the hosts.

September's Meeting

Thursday, Sept.
27, 2012

BELLINGHAM
COUNTRY CLUB

3729 Meridian St
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 733-3450

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

Contact Gary Jones,
gary-jones@comcast.net
for all dinner reservations.

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

BRING A FLY FOR THE
"FLY PLATE"!

October's Board Meeting

Oct 2, 2011
Trinity Lutheran Church
119 Texas Street
Bellingham, WA
6:00 P.M.

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Directors Klaus Lohse, Craig Carlile, Nathan Weston, and Matt Roelofs

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.



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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