

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



## 4CFF MEETINGS CALENDAR



### General Monthly Meeting

Via ZOOM May 27, 2021

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>

### Virtual Board Meeting

June 1, 2021

Own home or Trinity Lutheran Church (maybe)

119 Texas Street

Bellingham, WA

6:00 P.M.

### 4CFF Board Members, Chairs and Directors

- President:..... Steve Kopp
- External Vice President - Outings:..... Kevin McClurg
- Internal Vice President - Programs:..... Marion Hiller
- Secretary:..... Bruce Aigner
- Treasurer:..... Frank Koterba
- Conservation Chair:..... John Leighton
- Education Chair:..... Klaus Lohse
- Library:..... Wayne Mclemore
- Website:..... Marion Hiller
- Newsletter:..... Jamie Harrington
- Raffle Chair:..... Scott Willison
- Membership Chairs:..... Cassandra Spitzer
- Directors:..... Angus MacArthur, Dean Bates, Kevin Formway
- Events:..... Bob Cooper

# President's Message

## President's Corner

The run of catchable rainbows into local lakes is pretty strong this year and sounds like everyone who has tried has been having a lot of luck. I've been out and caught a few, but seeing a few mayflies and dipping my hand in the cool water on a sunny afternoon makes me look forward to June and my transition small stream fishing. Sight fishing, wet wading, and dry flies on a light rod brings a type of relaxing like no other fishing for me.

This has been a good year in Olympia for salmon. Fish traps are now legal again, and have proven in a few years of testing to be an effective way to selectively harvest salmon on the Columbia with near zero bycatch. This is now a viable alternative to the current use of gill nets, and significantly reduces the problem of killing steelhead and other fish particularly when targeting chinook. If you're interested to know more there is good information on the Wild Fish Conservancy website, and also our Hugh Lewis is quite knowledgeable on the initiative.

Last year the state passed a bill to limit motorized suction dredge mining in sensitive stream habitats. That is now real, in that the Dept. of Ecology has been tasked with enforcement and their guidelines have been established.

And finally I'm excited about this month's guest speaker Dave McCoy. As much as I enjoy traveling to distant waters and trying to fish in as many countries as possible, I've never fished in Africa. I expect Dave will have exciting tales and great photography, hope you can join us.

Steve Kopp, President 4CFF



## Monthly Zoom Meeting

**May Program- Dave McCoy, Fly Fishing for GT on the Nubian Flats** (Sudan, Red Sea). May 27, 7-8pm.

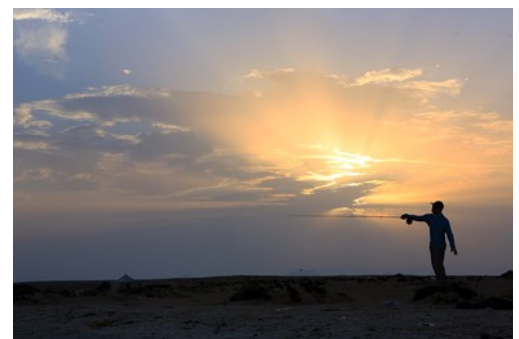


When most anglers think GT fishing, they typically envision Christmas Island or maybe the Seychelles and yet, nestled along the Red Sea exists another phenomenal location, the Nubian Flats off the coast of Sudan. Accessible only by live aboard boat, this destination is untouched by the angling community and you feel it everyday out on the water as fishing brings you that much closer surreal moments between you, water and the natural world! Explore an incredibly remote, unique, and lesser-known flats fishery, wade fish beautiful flats and sight-fish to a variety of exotic species including triggerfish and giant trevally, enjoy staying on a comfortable live-aboard ship anchored in the Red Sea, and Experience true adventure travel through third-world Sudan, Red Sea.

Visit: Emerald Waters blog post, May 26, 2017 detailing a trip to the Nubian Flats at <https://emeraldwateranglers.com/2017/05/26/travel-journal-sudan-oman-gts-triggers/> .

Dave McCoy was introduced to fishing by his father, and together experienced and enjoyed life in the outdoors. He quickly discovered the thrill of having a fish on, and was always in awe of those surroundings. Growing up in the Eugene, Oregon area, his stomping grounds were and remain legendary namesakes; Crane Prairie Reservoir and Hosmer Lakes, the Deschutes River, McKenzie and Umpqua Rivers, just to name a few. He has been in the fly fishing industry in one form or another for over 21 years, and is now professionally and relentlessly striving to surpass expectations everywhere, using his expertise and energy among various organizations: Patagonia, Thomas and Thomas, Nautilus, Costa and AMFF Ambassador, Rajeff Sports Pro Staff Member, Keepemwet Fishing Ambassador and Swiftwater Rescue Technician. In addition he possesses an eye as a Photographer. He posts his work on Instagram and Facebook.

Dave is also a writer. You can visit Emerald Water website and read the blog he authors about his fishing adventures. Here he highlights of a trip to the Nubian Flats in Sudan and Oman. Dave is also a FFI Certified Casting Instructor. He claims he is nothing in his pursuits without his wife Natalie and daughter Nessa who constantly remind him why he is so inspired, without saying a word.



## Monthly Zoom Meeting (con't)

**June-** Ryan Smith: *Fishing Puget Sound Beaches*: Owner of Avid Angler, FFI Certified Casting Instructor...

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



# Treasurer's Report

## **Club Equipment Inventory and Loans for Use**

The club is working on an inventory of all its holdings and would like to know what you have. We know that different board members and project leads end up with certain things that are more convenient to keep at their house than in general club storage. But turns out we don't have a complete list of what equipment is available.

We also know that there is some club equipment that has been borrowed in the past for personal use. Things like indoor casting rods and pop up canopies. We'd like to formalize this loaner program, make sure everyone is aware of it and come up with some guidelines.

If you are in possession of come club equipment, please contact me with a list.

See you on the water, soon!

Frank Koterba



# Outings Report

## 4CFF Newsletter Outings Report May 2021.

Greetings fellow fly fishers. I hope you've been able to take advantage of the Spring weather and get out for some fishing. I've been hitting some of the area lakes with fairly good success.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming outings:

Big Twin Lakes, **May 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** (please note this is a change from the original date).

Fazon Lake, **Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Methow Classic, **July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**.

August is yet to be determined, but beach fishing for Humpies is one possibility.

September ?

If you have a suggestion for an outing or would like to be a host for an outing let me know.

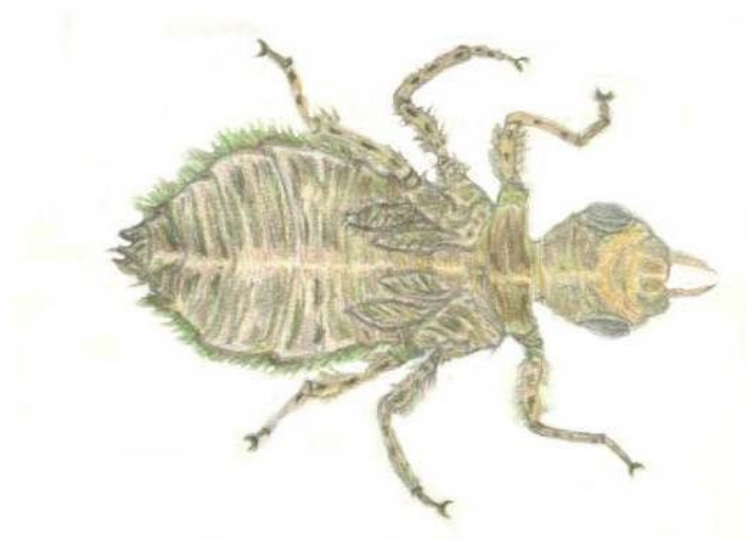
Cheers,

Kevin McClurg



*"Most fishermen use the double haul to throw their casting mistakes further."*

*-Lefty Kreh*





## 4CFF Activities



### 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.

Contact John Leighton 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. 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 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>.

Kevin McClurg 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 outing hosts.**

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*

Please try to contribute to folks that helped us in their time of need. Buy Gift Cards or Buy on Line!!!

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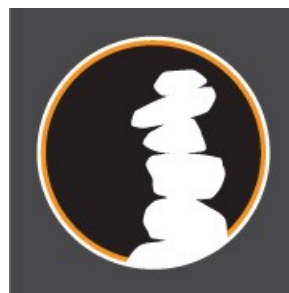
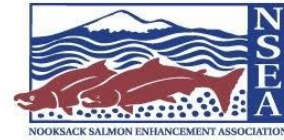


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