

November 2018

Leader Line Greg Shimek

We sure have had some beautiful weather lately and it was great to hear at our last meeting that so many of you have been out fishing and enjoying this unseasonably late sunshine. We need to take advantage of every nice day we have as they are few and far between at this time of year.

With stream season coming to a close at the end of October in most cases, fishing opportunities become a bit more limited for some of us. To that end it is important to note that the WDFW has been stocking many low land lakes in our area with nice size fish. This will continue and offers a wonderful winter fishery for those who do not chase those elusive Steelhead at this time of year. You can go to the WDFW website and see what lakes have been planted and with how many trout. Great information indeed. Another option at this time of year is my favorite, Coastal Cutthroat fishing in the saltwater. To me, battling these iconic native northwest trout off a local beach, is some of the most fun you can have.

Speaking of Coastal Cutthroat, I would like to take this opportunity and ask those of you who fish for Cutthroat in the saltwater to help the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition with our parasite study. We have had very good participation from the fishing public but this study needs to continue for sometime so we can gather needed data to help us better understand the impact this parasite is having on Coastal Cutthroat. With the information we have gathered so far, we have been able to make some assumptions but more work is needed to confirm what we suspect may be happening. How can you help? Here's how. If you catch a Cutthroat in the salt water, check it for parasites, both Copepods {sea lice} and Argulids {the round green type}. Keep track of the number of parasites on all fish caught, even if there are none. When you return home go to CCC website at www.coastalcutthroat.com and click on the Parasite Study tab and follow the directions.





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I know we don't want to handle the fish more than necessary so just keep the fish in a net and count the best you can. If you don't have a net just release the fish. I always carry something with me to take notes while fishing and recommend that for everyone no matter what kind of fishing you do. It can really be helpful to remember patterns that work or not, time of day hatches came on, stage of the tide that was productive or other general information that can be used for future fishing trips. If you fill out the information on the website you will be entered into a drawing for a monthly prize. Thanks in advance for your help.

For those not able to attend the October meeting I want to let you know that there is now a club roster available as a file to all current paid up members of PSFF. You can obtain a copy by emailing Curt Stoner at curt.stoner@comcast.net

Good luck fishing and please be safe on the water.





Save the Date!!

The third annual Coastal Cutthroat Coalition fundraiser will be held on January 10th 2019 in Seattle, Washington. More details next month.

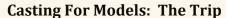
Trivia Question

Where is the American Museum of Fly Fishing located?

Remember to look for the answer to Triva question in the December newsletter..

ANNOUNCEMENT !!!







So after a number of years of talking about it, I'm going to do a series of photo shoots centered around fly-fishing trips. Call it - The Trip.

I have the PSFF club's permission to do this make this request. This is not a certified sanctioned club event, but the club will get copies of everything we do for the library and social media. This will be a commercial shoot. Currently, I'm researching shooting locations, time of day, etc. I want to do this multiple times if I can. The subject matter will be fresh water, salt water, rivers, etc.

The purpose for this announcement is that I need models, a number of folks who would like to be in a photo shoot related to fly fishing. Old folk, young folk, any kind of folk, I need to know who is available generally and in the mood to try this out. There is no date set yet, but we're close. You WILL get – a great time, food, gas, and copies of everything we shoot to send to all your friends. You WILL get paid. You WILL NOT get rich. You might catch a fish. You might not catch a fish. This is about imagery and The Trip. Fishing is last in line. It will take place within an hour of downtown Tacoma. The photo shoot will be either early in the morning or late in the day, or both. You will be asked to sign a model release. You don't need to be an expert fly caster at all, but you need to be able to cast a fly. I've already spoken to some people about this privately, but I needed to lengthen my cast with this note. I'm currently working with Bob Triggs, Becci Curtis, J Michelle Swope and others on trying to set up some shoots in specific locations. Models with whom I have worked so far include Mike Koslosky, Paul Fournier, Robert Gerlach and Greg Shimek.

At the moment, I simply need to hear from you as to whether or not you're interested. You can find me at walter@jettaproducitons.com or 206-795-1894 in Gig Harbor. Just let me know if at this early point in the discussion, you are at least interested in doing this.

If you want to know what kind of images we will be shooting, these are some samples http://www.walterhodges.com/fly-fishing-images

Let me know your initial thoughts. Thanks.

Walter Hodges

Outings

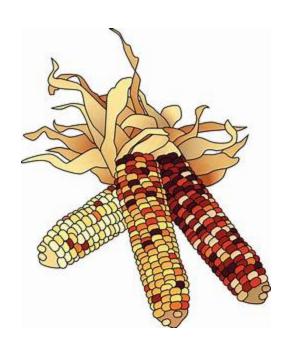
by Mike Koslosky

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They're Baaaack!

Some might say they are a tad early but who cares, Chum Salmon are back in town! These junkyard dog fighters are nothing short of an adrenalin rush on an 8 weight rod. Gnarly, feisty, powerful, and wickedly colored in avant garde camo these salmonids are hard to ignore. Hot spots include Chico Creek, Minter Creek (a bit of a battle here alongside lots of other anglers), Nisqually River, Hoodsport, Chambers Creek area, and even a few sliding into Gig Harbor thanks to a 40,000 egg remote incubator in the creek managed by the local commercial fishing organization.





Outings

Not to be outdone Pierce and Mason Counties have a number of year round lakes with a variety of freshwater species eager to take the fly. Here's the list; Mason County; Kokanee Lake

Lost Lake

Nahwatzel Lake

Spencer Lake

Pierce County;

American Lake

Bonney Lake Bradley Lake

Florence Lake

Harts Lake

Louise Lake

Spanaway Lake

Steilacoom Lake

Wapato Lake (15 years and under only - great for the grandkids!)

Waughop Lake Whitman Lake

Put These Dates on your 2019 Calendar Park Lake; the penultimate club opener for many years will be held once again at Laurents Sun Village Resort on the weekend of May 17-20, 2019.

Coldwater Lake and Cowlitz River float, August 16-19 at John and Kathy Clark's place outside Toledo. DON'T MISS THIS TRIP. John is a fabulous host and his ranch property is set up for us to circle the meadow with our RV's, tent's, campers, and cots. I won't spoil the surprises he has installed for our convenience - you just have to be there to experience them.

As always, contact Walter Hodges or myself if you have any bright ideas about fishing.



2019 EVENTS

<u>January 23-27, 2019</u> - Washington Sportsmen's Show, Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA. (Google for website)

<u>February 16 & 17, 2019</u> – The Fly Fishing Show, Lynnwood Convention Center,

Lynnwood, WA. www.flyfishingshow.com

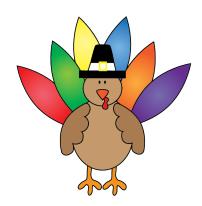
March 8 & 9, 2019 – NW Fly Tyer Expo, Linn Country Expo Center, Albany, OR.,

www.nwexpo.com

May 3 & 4, 2019 - WSCFFI Ellensburg Fly Fishing Event, Kittitas Valley Event Center County, Ellensburg, WA. www.wscffi.org

<u>June 23-29, 2019</u> – NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, Gwinwood Conference Center, Lacey, WA. <u>www.nwycffa.com</u>

<u>July 23-27, 2019</u> – Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fest – Bozeman, MT. www.flyfishersinternational.org



Club Meeting Guest Speakers

November PSFF club speaker is WDFW Officer Jeff Summit.

From Jeff:

I was born and raised in Western Washington and has the privilege to now patrol the areas that I grew up hunting and fishing in. I still enjoy hunting and fishing and, when time allows, still participate in both.

Generally, WDFW enforcement officers strive to protect our natural resources and the public we serve. This ranges from enforcement of recreational fishing and hunting regulations, commercial fishery and commercial shellfish regulations to dangerous human / wildlife conflicts.

I look forward to meeting with you and the group to discuss local topics, issues anglers are seeing in the field, how I can assist your experience from the enforcement side of WDFW and in-turn how anglers can also assist me (themselves) with issues of concern. The talk will be fairly informal with questions always welcome. This is the time for those gray area questions to come out and I can do my best to assist with my understanding of the rules/laws.

December speaker, is Carol Ann Morris on "Fly Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See," for the December meeting.



CLUB CALENDAR

November

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	PSFF CLUB MEETING 6:00-9:00PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	PSFF BOARD MEETING 6:00-9:00PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	2.4	25	26	27	28
29	30					

PSFF Member Anniversaries

Years		Years		
Paul Amschler	5	Daniel Rzeszewic	3	
Wayne Binns	3	Greg Shimek	5	
Phillip Bradley	1	Anil Srivastava	11	
Jerry Fremont	16	Richard Stone	4	
P. J. Hicks	20	Rob Stuvland	4	
Susan Johnson	5	Charles Sundahl	4	
Steve Kuchnsky	4	Jeffrey Weist	1	
Douglas D Quail	6	Mark Yuhasz	3	



2019 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 23-29, 2019 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy and **for** the kids. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fishing gear.

This event is supported by WCTU and WSCFFi and members of South Sound FF, Olympia Chapter TU, and Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma.

The enrollment fee for each student is only \$300, sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, WSCFFi fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funds.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2019 until April 15, 2019. Applications may be downloaded from our website – www.nwycffa.org, via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 360-753-1259. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why HE OR SHE want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor.

We are very proud of The Academy, this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.

THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE FOR OUR SPORT OF FLYFISHING

October's End

Bob Triggs www.searuns.com

We have had an uncommonly mild, warm, dry and pleasant autumn here on the Olympic Peninsula so

far. And the rivers are running low now, well below normal flows, as we have had very little rain. Not so good for trout fishing, especially with all of the leaves in the water on some breezy days. As October draws to a close, all of this is changing. For the next ten days, the forecast looks like light to moderate rainfall across western Washington. The southwest wind pattern, carrying Pacific Ocean warm moist air, is beginning to set up. The rivers should be on the rise over the next week or so. These are a hint of things to come as winter edges near. We've had great sea-run cutthroat trout fishing on the beaches all along. And if the rains don't get too intense, we may have really good river flows for some more trout and summer steelhead fishing. There are some big sea-runs getting into our coastal rivers this time of year. The winter-run hatchery steelhead is coming too. And we owe it to them to go catch them. The rains will help.



The Weather is Changing

What I love about autumn fishing here is how beautiful the forests and rivers are when the moisture, fog and rains are seeping into the parched soils. Everything comes back to life, dripping wet. The rain forest gets that deep, earthy fragrance back it's like living in a Sierra Club calendar. By late, dark, cold winter, that will get a little old. But for now, I am digging it. Lots of good fishing ahead! We'll be beach and river fishing all fall, and through December.



Madrone in fall berries



2018 Vet Volunteer, PHW

Again this year, the annual 2 Fly PHW event took place on The Yakima River Saturday, September 8th. The event headquartered at the KOA campgrounds in Ellensburg, WA. On. Chuck Tye, PHW coordinator for the NW, (Past President of PSFF) put 22-guided boats (all guides were volunteers) on the river from different launches. Each boat had a vet, rower/referee and volunteer. Fishing could have been better, (of course) out of the 22 boats, one boat had a fantastic day, catching around 19 fish, and the Vets had a great experience on the river with super weather. No smoke, no wind, the river level was okay, just a beautiful day. The winning vet landed a 19" trout and he was presented with a custom-made bamboo rod. The evening event was started by a wonderful dinner of prime rib with trimmings, cooked all day long in a smoker oven, prepared by Chuck's partner, Jerry Daschofsky. Jerry does an incredible job in preparing wonderful meals in his metal cooking wares. Then he presented 3 different delicious deserts. Jerry also prepared meals for those that attended Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Yum - biscuits and gravy.

Chuck proceeded to present the awards and then Jerry conducted the raffle, everyone took something home. This is a wonderful event, the goal is to entertain our vets and give them the experience to fly fish, maybe for their first time.

There are so many people to thank for their participation in this event, not only the guides that donated their boats, the cooks, the folks that tied the flies for the event, the referees, the folks that donated items for the awards and raffle, the folks that shuttled all 22 vehicles from put in to take out.

The annual 2 Fly Event for next year will be conducted in September 2019 at the same Ellensburg, WA. KOA

In the great words of our leader – "Thanks for piling on folks"

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

- 1. To improve and encourage the sport of fly fishing by social, educational and political means. 2. To encourage fly fishing as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
- 3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing. 4. To promote both "Fellowship" and "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
- 5. To actively assist and encourage the public to become fly fishers, and to adopt the club's mission and philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced gillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$45 per household per year plus a one time (\$15 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

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