

# Puget Sound Fly Fishers

April, 2014



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***Spring has sprung! Renew your fishing license!***

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April Program - Tiger Muskies by Thomas Lamphere

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## **The Leader Line**

By  
**Chuck Tye**

I am sure most of us at some time or another have had one or several of these quotes apply to us when fishing.

It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming.

~ *John Steinbeck*

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

~ *Doug Larson*

Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary.

~ *Patrick F. McManus*

There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home.

~ *Roderick Haig-Brown*

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad.

~ *A.K. Best*

There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of the mind.

~ *Washington Irving*

All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.

~ *Harold F. Blaisdell*

Don't forget, it's time to renew your fishing license. You don't want to get caught without it.

***Don't forget to pay your annual dues. Time is running out.***

# PSFF NEWS

*Our Next Meeting*  
Thursday, April 10th  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center  
6323 6th Ave.

April, 2014 Program

## Tiger Muskie, the Manufactured Monster

Learn how to target this in-bred, I mean cross-bred, beast lurking in the shallows of many local lakes. Puget Sound Fly Fishers member Thomas Lamphere has tackled these freshwater barracuda at Mayfield, Tapps and Evergreen lakes and has tips to get you into them as well. Thomas will cover the history of this government designed fish (now that is a truly scary concept!), the equipment needed to target them, how and where to spot their preferred cover, their prey, and safety procedures to keep your body out of harms-way from those nasty teeth.

### Bio:

Thomas Lamphere began fly fishing and tying at 6 years of age and tied professionally by 18. He is the owner of Beach-Men Fly Tying and works at Fish Hunter Enterprises, a fly tying material supply house. He fishes for any fish that will eat a fly from trout to bass, steelhead, crappie, bluegill, and of course, Tigers! His tying skills are legendary and he is reaching his 100,000th fly.

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# FFF EVENTS



## FFF Events in 2014

### Washington Council Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, Washington

May 3rd and 4th, 2014

Info - <http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/test/Welcome.php>

### Atlantic Salmon Fly, International, Renton, Washington

May 17th and 18th, 2014

Info - <http://www.asfi-expo.com>

### International Fly Fishing Fair, Livingston, Montana

August 5th through 9th, 2014

Info - <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx>

## From the VP

By Paul Fournier

This year has really started off on a high note. Club members are planning to go fishing, have already started to fish and some never stopped fishing. My hat is off to this great Fly **FISHING** club! We are united in our love of fishing. It is the reason we participate in classes, outings, conservation and outreach to new potential anglers. Kudos to our Outings Chair, Gene Jackson, for laying out a schedule of outings which allows us to have fun while supporting the club's mission.

Our club members are the heart and soul of the club. We need your help, some outings are still in need of a gillie. The task is very easy: pick an outing, show up, help some folks get familiar with the local water, go fish, take pictures, have a good time and report on how it went. If you are already planning to attend the outing, volunteer to help. For more information, details or to sign up contact Gene Jackson (gene.jackson@comcast.net)

We have had some amazing presentations and speakers so far this year, our meeting attendance reflects this, the March meeting was very well attended. Do you have an idea, topic of interest or a particular speaker you would like to see featured at an upcoming meeting? Let our Programs Chair Mike Koslosky (mkoslosky@earthlink.net) know.

Have you noticed the new Social Hour Presentation/ Slideshow? Pretty cool huh? It is designed to be a reflection of our club activities and members. All the fun stuff we do in a month gets placed on the screen for your enjoyment. Our club is about you. You create the images that we get to see on the screen each month. So next time you are out fishing remember to snap a picture and share your fun with us. We are also looking for the following:

- When you go fishing, summarize your trip in the form of a brief fishing report and send it in.
- If you have family fishing pictures (including furry family members) send them in. This is a family friendly club.
- If you have something you would like to announce to the club send it in.
- If you have a really cool fly to show off, take a picture and send it in.

Send content to: [pfournier@gmail.com](mailto:pfournier@gmail.com).

Thank you for your contributions. You are what makes this club great.

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# Outings News and Updates

By Gene Jackson

## Mark your Calendars

Fishing season is upon us for sure! Here are the next couple of months of PSFF Club Outings:

- Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Beaver Lake Fishing
- Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Sea Run Cutthroat Fishing at Case Inlet
- Tuesday – Thursday, April 22-24<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Pot Lake Campout (3 days)
- Friday – Monday, April 25-28<sup>th</sup> – Potholes Reservoir Campout (4 days)
- Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Wilderness Lake
- Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Lake Alice
- Tuesday – Thursday, May 13-15<sup>th</sup> – Evergreen Reservoir Campout (3 days)
- Friday – Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Park Lake's "Big" Outing (4 days)

I look forward to seeing you out on the water. Remember in the infamous words of Patrick F. McManus: "The two best times to fish is when it's rainin' and when it ain't."

## Are Multi-Day Outings for you?

With seven, yes seven, multi-day outings on the schedule this year, you may be wondering if one or more of these are for you. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions with answers:

### What if I can't stay the entire time?

*We encourage everyone to come and stay as long as they like (or can). Many times we have PSFF members going days early and sometimes members stay well past the Outing dates. So even if you can only make a single day, please come out and join us.*

### Are there any club sponsored meals?

*That is Outing specific. For example at the Park Lake Outing the club will be providing steaks for all PSFF members for a big club dinner on Saturday night. Side dishes for the meal will be coordinated by the Gillie of the outing. Other outings may have "pot luck" dinners with everyone bringing a dish to share. And others may not have any organized meals. Make sure and check out the event flyer for details.*

### I don't like to campout. Does this mean I should not go to any of these Outings?

*Absolutely not. Many of the multi-day Outings are held at location where there are cabins and hotel rooms right on the lake. Even when the location calls for "dry campouts" you can still come and stay at a nearby hotel and join us each day and evening. Again check with the Gillie for the Outing for more information.*

### I don't have a boat. Does this mean I should not go to any of these Outings?

*Again, absolutely not. Some of these Outings offer great shore fishing. And for those that don't, be proactive and let fellow members know that you would like to find a seat on a boat. You will be surprised at how helpful PSFF members are!*

If you have any specific questions that are not answered here, please give me (Gene Jackson) a call at 206-618-8989 or drop me an email at [gene.jackson@comcast.net](mailto:gene.jackson@comcast.net).

## Mayfield Lake presentation at April Meeting

Speaking of multi-day Outings, you won't want to miss the Mayfield Lake Outing presentation by Dick Kuykendall. He will be going over the ins and outs of the Mayfield Lake Outing being held in September. His presentation will give you a great overview of the plans for the Outing. Please note that all club functions for the Outing will be held at the Lake Mayfield Resort and Marina ([1-360-985-2357](tel:1-360-985-2357)). The good folks at the Resort are offering a 10% discount to all PSFF individual reservations for our Event. They have set aside rooms, cabins, campsites, and RV spots for PSFF. So make sure you mention PSFF when you call to get your reservations and you will get 10% off your reservations! For those that care, I will be in RV spot #43.

## Make a Note: Date changes for Two Outings

Just a quick reminder, two of the Outings have had date changes. Based upon PSFF member feedback, the Yakima River Outing was moved from a November date to October 10-13<sup>th</sup>. It was also changed from a weekday event to an event that spans a weekend. The other Outing that changed was the Rattlesnake Lake Outing. It has moved from October to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## New Monthly Publication – Fly Fishing Trips & Reports

We here at PSFF are pleased to announce a new publication, Fly Fishing Trips & Reports, that will be distributed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This publication will allow us to provide quick and easy access to all the information you may need to determine which trips or

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Outings you want to attend. It will also allow us to provide more detailed information about trips and past fishing activity. Quick links to past Fishing Reports will also be included.

All PSFF members will automatically receive this publication. Currently non-members who sign up for the monthly PSFF Newsletter will also receive this publication.

### **Recap of the March Fishing Outings**

Over the past month there were two scheduled fishing outings here at PSFF. The first was an outing at Munn Lake. Six brave souls met and faced the wind and rain in the pursuit of those football shaped Rainbows! Only three fish were landed but everyone had a good time. The most recent PSFF outing was out to Spencer Lake. Over 20 PSFF members met up to see who would claim "Top Fisher" for the day. As is typically the case, beginners luck quickly moved to the front of the pack and stayed there all day. Full length fishing reports will be included in the mid-April mailing of Fly Fishing Trips & Reports.

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### **PARK LAKE FLY TIE CHALLENGE**

This will be the fifth fly tie challenge. I have mixed it up with casting games, switching flies, indicator golf, most and largest fish to score points for the prestigious trophy.

This year it's back to basics, tie a fly and most fish landed wins! We will meet Saturday, May 17 at 12:00 with your favorite beverage in hand at the grassy area behind the RV's.

Contestants will receive a barbless hook and 12 inches of tying thread. Next we will have 15 minutes to hunt for materials around Laurent's to tie our flies with. Only items found here will be allowed, no shirt pocket hackle! Also bring some small scissors. Tie your flies with hemostats, pliers or stick the hook into the picnic table! Then we all fish together at Park lake for one hour. You must fish your creation solo, no droppers, any type of fly line is allowed. Caught trout must be witnessed by another member to be counted.

After dinner, a hand carved trophy with the winner's name/year and fly will be presented. This trophy will stay with the winner until next year's contest.

Come and join us, it's a blast! A sign up sheet will be at the next meeting.

Steve Kokita

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Raffle News  
By Bev Simpson

**MARCH WINNER'S CORNER**

- # Paul Fournier won the full fox skin raffle.
- # Leland Miyawaki, our guest speaker generously donated his beach poppers for the auction, won by highest bidder Michelle Tuengel.

**MONTHLY RAFFLE..... \$5 buys 6 lucky tickets**  
plus a cookie, drawn mid meeting.

- # Dr Slick handy multi hook lanyard with waterproof fly box and carry case.
- # Fly box with a great assortment of 22 flies
- # Chinchilla, chickaree and mink skins, share with your fly tying buddies
- # Relax with this fish pillow or catch the real thing with this box of flies & a nifty hook stick

**KUDOS** guys for recent raffle contributions.  
Ron Shouse, Larry Vaughn, PJ, Mike Hardouin,  
Paul Fournier, Mike Trask, Jerry Fremont, Gus,  
Jay Paulson

**RAFFLE SQUARES** drawn when all squares sold

# **NEW ITEM GREYS XF2 rod combo...** 5wt  
4 pce 9 ft Greys reel, spooled with floating line ....  
value \$ 450... \$4 per square or 3 for \$10

# **NEW ITEM TFO Deer Creek Switch Rod.....**  
terrific multi-task 5 wt 4 pce, 11 ft rod valued at  
\$400... \$4 per square or 3 for \$10

# **MUSTANG survival Inflatable life vest belt pack**  
value \$100.. \$1 per square or 6 for \$5



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# HOT SCOOP

## Classifieds

(none submitted)

## New Members and Guests

Gene Marshall  
(Thanks Stu Schwartz for recruiting Gene)  
Barb Przasnyski  
(Glad to have you back Barb)  
Bob Rummel  
(Glad to have you back too Bob)

James Brosio	Robert Anderson
Gene Mendenhall	Jay Paulson
Edward Ortiz	Charles Wu
Art Ditto	Bob Ostericher

Welcome!

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PSFF also wants to thank the following guests who visited us last meeting;

Jason Bordash	Tom Elliot
Maria Burezette	Dan Reese
Bob Ostereicher	Bill Bunter
Ryan Clark	Dave Daniels
Keith Murray	Terry Jensen
Mark Winward	Randy Luck
Ron Chenowyth	

### Membership Tidbit

PSFF member Jay Paulson is the owner of Amazing Flies and the creator of the *Titanic Slider*. Check out his web site; [amazingflies.com](http://amazingflies.com) for your springtime fishing needs.

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## Library Report By Galen Hansen

I added the 2 DVD set "Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries" by Rick Hafele and John Smeraglio to the library last month. It is currently checked out.

To plagiarize the jacket of this set...

"In this 2 –DVD set Rick Hafele and John Smeraglio once again combine their skill and knowledge with their own unique sense of humor to help anglers of all skill levels catch more trout when trout fishing is at it's most exciting. – When trout are rising and feeding at or near the surface! It's the rare fly fisher indeed that doesn't get excited when they see a trout's nose break the surface. But that excitement can quickly turn into great frustration. If you've ever felt frustrated by rising trout and weren't sure what to do, Rick and John will give you some answers. Advanced Tactics for Emergers and Dries sheds light on the surface of trout fishing – ENJOY!"

Keep an eye out for it and check it out when it's back in the library.

If there is something you would like to see added to the library, please stop by and let me know or email your request to me at [galen1943@gmail.com](mailto:galen1943@gmail.com).

Only two overdue items in the library this month and 21 items checked out. The library is set up before the meeting and is available until we break before the speaker. Please stop by and check out what is available and utilize this valuable resource.

Only club members that are current on their dues are eligible to check out materials from the library. Only 3 items may be checked out at one time.

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## PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -  
The pen... a mighty tool

\$25.00 for a set of three 'Half Hitch' tools? a bit pricey, right? You know, the little brass round or hexagon rods with a couple different size holes in the ends! You'll only ever use two of them so.... Old plastic retractable ball point pen barrels work just as well and are free. Couple different sizes can be made by cutting down the pointy end.

## **Education**

### **Learning to tie dries** (9AM, 4/12)

Your boxes of streamers, shrimp and feathered bait fish have all had the opportunity to get wet while you fling them at salmon, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat. While those boxes seem to be getting lighter, now is the perfect time to be loading up on dry flies for Park Lake and other freshwater venues. Several of our club tiers will present their favorite flies in a plan to educate us on the best floating things to throw at top feeding fish.

The big room at Tower Lanes is reserved for Saturday, April 12, where we can enjoy each other's company, brag about our winter's achievements and learn to tie spring time and early summer "Catch 'ems". If you are a seasoned tier, bring your toys; and if you are new or just want to give it a try, we've got plenty of the extra things you need and lots of room at the tying bench.

The fun starts at 9:00 and continues till Noon. Don't forget to bring your lunch money.

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### **New Members Casting Classes**

Sundays, April 6, 13 and 27<sup>th</sup>  
Titlow Park, 9am, proper weather

If you're a new member or perhaps an old one wanting to brush up on your foundation casting skills, this is the class series for you!



A series of three classes is being offered by advanced registration only. The class will start with the basics, loop control, casting stroke, the pickup and lay down cast, false casting, changing casting directions, and shooting line.

Don't take this class unless you're willing to practice 20 minutes at least four days a week as my casting instruction alone will not improve your skill; practicing well and often, that which you have learned, is required.

The discounted cost of the three classes is \$100 payable at the first class with all the proceeds being donated to the club. A single class can be taken for \$40.

All the instructors are IFFF master or certified casting instructors.

Please respond directly to me to reserve your spot. Once you sign up I'll email you more specifics. If you don't have gear the club has loaner stuff available. The deadline for signing up is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

If we don't get a minimum size, we'll postpone until after the club meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Les Rosenthal  
IFFF Master Certified Casting Instructor  
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Cell: 253 225-3113

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### **Monday Night Casting Resumes, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Weather permitting, interested club members are encouraged to meet at Titlow Park about 6pm for a free casting practice session.



We usually thrash about for an hour or so, then adjourn and reconvene across the street at the Beach Tavern for some liquid lubrication, dinner and socialization.

Watch the Yahoo groups by 4pm for cancelation if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Loaner equipment is available if requested in advance.

Les Rosenthal, MCI  
For the club's cadre of casting instructors

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### **The 2014 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy**

Applications are now being accepted until April 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2014 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify for The Academy, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must edit an essay explaining why they want to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is required from their school counselor or science teacher.

The dates for the WSCIFFF and WCTU supported event are June 22-28, 2014. The Academy will be held at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

To learn more about The Academy, go to [www.nwycffa.org](http://www.nwycffa.org).

The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ [nwycffa@earthlink.net](mailto:nwycffa@earthlink.net).

This is a life rewarding experience for our youth to learn conservation and the basics of fly fishing. We are also on Facebook. No youth will be turned away because of funding.

# **Conservation**

## **Parks Appreciation Day**

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am, at Narrows View Park, aka “Docs”

Every year we get the opportunity to give back to the community that offers us the free, wonderful place to fish we call, “Docs”.

We bring our favorite yard tools, like loppers, clippers, rakes, gloves, whatever and spend the better part of the morning maintaining the beach and landscape at the park.

Afterwards, there’s been a hot dog lunch BBQ at another park where we’ve caravanned and partaken.

Please sign up if you can come, we’d like the company and we have a good time!

Les Rosenthal, MCI



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## Out of the Salt And Into the Pan

By Steve Saville

Some months back, I began an installment regarding waders and wound up on stripping baskets, for some odd reason. I was thinking about an internet acquaintance who had inquired whether or not he should buy a set of waders to use while beach fishing. I wasn't sure if he meant specifically for beach fishing because he had another set he didn't want to ruin or whether he was truly thinking about wet wading while fishing the beaches of Puget Sound.

I had to think about that for a bit and then I was slapped in the face this morning when I looked outside and decided to head for the beach to chase some Cutthroat. It was supposed to be near sixty degrees today so about 11:30, I packed up and headed out, waders and all. You see, if you haven't experienced the Sound during March and most of the year for that matter, the water is really cold. And, of course, Mother Nature played another cruel trick this morning. It looked nice but at the beach, the wind was blowing ever so softly and the temperature was only forty-three degrees. That made for a very uncomfortable trip and after a mere ninety minutes, I wimped out and succumbed to a headache akin to the "brain freeze" you get when you eat ice cream too fast. The water was really cloudy as well, with only a few inches of visibility.

That drew me back to the wader question. I was not wet wading but nevertheless, the water was still quite cold through the waders. So, if I want a new pair of waders or if I'm just starting out beach fishing, what should I look for in a pair of waders? The shelves of every sporting goods store and fly shop are stocked to the gills this time of year and the selection is mind boggling. Now, I actually have four pairs of waders with one specifically designated for beach fishing. They are the ugliest, cheapest thing I could find that I felt were durable enough to take an everyday pounding on the beach. I'm talking barnacles, sand, salt, seaweed, etc., all over them, all the time. Sure, you can sport a \$600 pair of Simms waders on the beach and look real cool but I'm no fashion model as most of you well know. Besides that, one accidental trip on the rocks and my fancy waders are toast. Even when patched, they will never be the same and I would be kicking myself if I ruined one of the two really good pairs that I have.

The dilemma then is what to spend your hard earned cash on to meander along the beaches in while taking the chance of ruining about anything you might put on. I had two or three choices. First, I thought about neoprene, either boot foot or stocking foot. I discarded the stocking foot idea for a couple of reasons. Mainly be-

cause then I would need another pair of boots that could take a lickin' and keep on tickin' for more than a summer. Besides that, inexpensive boots that will get pounded usually come with felt soles which, in my opinion, are next to worthless on the beach. The barnacles eat them up in no time and they get slimy from the seaweed even though you might do an exemplary job of cleaning them. The eyelets rust almost immediately as well. They're cheap, remember? So, that led me to boot foot models. They come in several different types, as well.

Consider neoprene if you will. There are many manufacturers and you can get them relatively inexpensively if you look around. Shoot! They even come in camouflage so your buddies can't see where you're fishing but they get hot, even in winter. Then there is the breathable type. Still relatively inexpensive if you buy low end ones but they are cold in winter so you have to wear something under them during the winter months. They rarely come in a boot foot type. And finally, there is the type that I bought: Coated nylon. They are warmer than breathable types but not as warm as neoprene. They have warm, lined boots attached that have a lug sole. They are great for walking the beach but lack support for long days as do other boot foot waders. Hence inserted arch supports are necessary. Three years of almost daily pounding. They are really ugly but they do the job. Problem is I sweat a lot in them during the summer months because they don't breathe so when I take them off, I have to leave them inside out to dry out a bit.

I think I finally figured out what to do. Buy a boat and fish from it! Really? Just kidding. Whatever you decide on your next trip to buy waders, do some thinking before you go. Check out the prices and the configuration as well as the materials they are made of. I saved my good waders for rivers and lakes even though they could get ruined there as well. But if you fish the beach as often as I do, it might be worth your while to look into an inexpensive, semi-disposable pair that you can pound to death on the beach and not feel bad if you miss rinsing them once in a while.

The Cutthroat should be warming up as the weather gets better. I haven't seen any Chum fry yet and there is a decided lack of baitfish activity in most locations I have tried so far. The birds aren't showing yet, either. Hopefully by the time this hits the newsletter, the fishing will be better. The tides look favorable in the coming weeks and if we get a break from the rain and some warmer weather, the beach fishing should get better.

By the way. Don't forget your new fishing license. It's that time of year already. Tight Lines.

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## Thomas' Ties and Dyes By Thomas Lamphere

### Tying for Tigers

There is a mystery when tying for tiger muskie. When most fisherman start out usually they raid their salt water boxes. Meaning their blue water boxes; big bait-fish flies. This does work but not all the time. Just like the salt water each water system has its own different species of food sources. When starting for Tiger Muskie the best thing to do is to look at the other fish that are in the lakes. Tigers are predators and need meaty meals. Even small ducks and rodents are great food sources at different times in the year. For Example: Mayfield has a lot of Squaw fish. So flies that are gold/yellow and brown work really well. The lake also gets a mass planting of rainbow trout, so an 8 inch rainbow trout imitation is a great fly in spring and early summer.



Most of the time what tiers struggle with is finding the material to work with. Usually length is where the issue lies. My favorite go to materials are synthetics. Slinky Fiber is a great material. It's not super expensive and you can get it to a length of 12in. Slinky Fiber Blend is even better because it has built in flash and you get a good amount in a pack. I also like synthetics because, not only do they come in a mass amount of sizes and colors, but they also can stand the teeth of toothy predators. Flashabou is another synthetic that I love in these big flies for the same reasons.

Sometimes, though, going natural works just as well. Rabbit has a lot of movement and the fish seem to love it. Marabou, bucktail, and hackles are also great materials to add into your flies. All have lots of movement and have a natural look which works great.

Hooks are another thing that can trick most fisherman. The smallest that I use is a 2/0 hook when I am chasing fish over 30in. when I do a double hook my front hook is never smaller than a 4/0. Good hooks to use are salt water hooks. Daichii 2546 and the Owner Aki are my favorites. The Owner AKI goes all the way up to an 8/0. It is a big game bait hook built for these fish.

Articulation is also a really good aspect for predatory fish. Connecting shanks are really nice for this. With

no line connecting the two pieces there is no threat of your fly getting ripped apart by these big, toothy critters. When I DO use a loop connection for two hooks I use 60 pound braided wire so they don't chew through it.



All in all predatory flies are just fun to tie due to the fact that you can let your mind go wild, leaving you to create some wild and crazy flies. It's a big step going into these mammoth flies, some reaching lengths of 14 inches, and trying to imitate the fish that we normally would be targeting in the rivers. I will be tying before the meeting if you want to see some of the materials that I use and how I construct these big flies. I can answer any questions that you have about tying these flies.

Next two 7 Seas tying sessions

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Chum Fry
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Damsel Nymphs

**Don't forget to pay your annual dues.**  
**Time is running out.**

## Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report

-James Harrington



Did I read the temperature gauge correctly? Does that say "60 degrees"? Is that the sun? Surely it can't be...yesterday it was 48 outside, pouring rain, and the wind was howling. Yep, that can be the schizophrenic manner in which the weather unfolds in western Washington during April.

But it is by April that we may actually begin to string back to back days of tolerable weather, if at least from an air temperature standpoint. So what does all this mean for the fishing? Well, April not dissimilar to March offers a transition period for fly anglers.

Chum fry out-migrations should be in full swing, along with the appearance of other primary cutthroat forage. This usually equates to some high quality cutthroat fishing albeit often in short, intense bursts. You may get on top of a pod for awhile, land half a dozen or more fish, and with the change of the tide, the once active beach has been rendered a ghost town. Fret not, just move on and seek the next frenzy.

For those who prefer large, angry fish in rivers, April is the last chance for winter steelhead and the first chance for big spring chinook. Be certain to carefully consult the regulations to make sure the watershed you are on is open for your targeted species as this is the time of year we begin to see closures for steelhead.

And of course, April 26th. marks the beginning of western Washington lowland lake fishing. Expect big crowds and lots of planted rainbows. If you are new to fly fishing or trying to introduce someone to the sport, this is a great opportunity to get people into their first fish. To help get anglers prepped for stillwater fishing, be sure to check out the event we will be holding at the shop on April 19th featuring renowned author and fly tier Skip Morris presenting some free educational sessions and an exclusive in-depth afternoon session for \$30. Contact us at the shop if you'd like to reserve a spot.

Now if you're an odd one like I am, April is also when to start thinking about sharp toothed predators like ling cod and tiger muskies. Its time to break out the 80 lb fluorocarbon leader and tie up some streamers half a foot or longer!

## Kick Off Western Washington Lake Fishing With The Gig Harbor Fly Shop

The 2014 seasonal lowland lake opener in Western Washington takes place this year on April 26th. For many fly fishers, this marks the commencement of the fishing season. To help anglers make the most of the opener and maximize productivity for the season, the Gig Harbor Fly Shop will be hosting an all day event *Trout Fly Fishing Washington Lakes* on Saturday April 19th. The day will be filled with educational presentations, fly rod casting demos, and more, all highlighted by the appearance of world-renowned angler, author, and fly tier Skip Morris.

Skip will be conducting two short sessions in the morning which are free to the public. He will also present an in-depth 2.5 hour afternoon session on both tying and fishing flies for trout in lakes, which will be \$30 with pre sign-up and has limited space available. Anyone interested in fly fishing our local lakes won't want to miss this opportunity and those attending the afternoon session will be able to share in some of Skip's four decades of experience.

Additional events throughout the day will include the chance to test cast some fly rods from manufacturers Winston and Echo and will culminate with a fiberglass rod casting competition with the winner scoring an Echo Glass rod.

Below is an overview of the individual sessions and schedule. Be sure to also check out these sites for more info.

[www.gigharborflyshop.com](http://www.gigharborflyshop.com)  
and  
[www.gigharborflyshop.com/blog](http://www.gigharborflyshop.com/blog)

### Free Presentations Open to the Public:

#### 10am - *Fishing the Surface of a Trout Lake*

Trout lakes are sadly misunderstood—and they represent a whole world of fly fishing that too many anglers, either through unfamiliarity or uncertainty, are missing. This powerpoint presentation takes you patiently by the hand and guides you through the techniques, tackle, and flies that take trout feeding in the top layer of a lake. Here you will learn about lake entomology, the intricacies of chasing and catching path-rising trout, when to expect surface feeding on chironomids, and a great deal more...with innovative ideas and images that entertain.

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### **11am - *Fishing the Depths of a Trout Lake***

As in streams, trout in lakes do most of their feeding well down. This powerpoint presentation explores fishing with sinking lines and with floating lines and weighted flies on very long leaders. In this show you will learn how to determine if trout in a lake are feeding deep, what they are feeding on, and how to turn this knowledge into good fishing. Of course, depth is relative—in the case of lake trout, it ranges from only a half dozen feet down to thirty.

**1:30-4pm - 2.5 Hour Seminar - Limited Space Available - \$30 per person**

### ***Tying and Fishing Flies for Trout Lakes***

In this show Skip goes back and forth from projector to tying vise. For each lake insect we watch slides showing the insect, the water it lives in and hatches (if it hatches) from, a fly or two for its imitation, and how and when to fish that fly. Then the lights go up and Skip moves to the vise to tie the fly (or flies), pass a sample around, and answer a few questions. Then it's back to the slides, and so on. The attendees leave this show knowing how to tie a modest number of new, solid fly patterns; knowledge on how to fish them; and a handout with the pattern for each fly. About two-and-a-half hours long.

#### **About Skip Morris:**

Skip is the author of twelve books on fly fishing and fly tying (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*, *Trout Flies for Rivers*, and *Fly Fisher's Guide to Western River Hatches*), is the host on six instructional videos (*Tying Foam Flies*, *Fly Fishing for Bass & Panfish...*) and has spoken for sportsmen's shows, fly-fishing shows, and fly clubs in Arizona, New Jersey, Toronto, Alabama, Illinois—all over the US, Canada, and overseas. He and his wife Carol Ann reside on the Olympic Peninsula.

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## Puget Sound Fly Shop



### Trade-in Program

This is what one might term a “no-brainer”. It’s pretty simple really, just bring us any old (or new) fly tackle that you aren’t using and/or don’t plan on using. We will handle the rest, from photographing, product description, to listing, shipping and receiving payment via eBay. After a successful sale, 90% of the final sale price goes to you, all for store credit here at the shop. We will evaluate the expected sale value by grading the condition of the equipment, looking up past eBay sales, and then price the reserve accordingly and with your input on minimum price needed.

This truly is a great way to turn unwanted gear into something you may have had your eye on, or maybe simply to assist in offsetting the price on a new rod, reel, waders, vise, you name it.

You are always welcome to call us prior to bringing in your trade-in gear to help assess if it’s of sufficient value. We strive to give you an accurate assessment over the phone, but actual value cannot be determined until we inspect it.

So, what are you waiting for? Start rooting thru that closet, fishing room or tackle bag and give us a call!

(253) 472-2420  
dan@pugetsoundflyco.com

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**For all the members of Puget Sound Fly Fishers, thanks for all of the support and business over the years. As a “thanks” please bring your name tag in for \$10 off any purchase over \$50 or \$20 off any purchase over \$100 (sale items excluded.)**

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So, we got a call at the shop, oh, maybe about 5 or 6 weeks ago, from a guy overseas wanting to send us some sample flies from his tying company. Neither Joe or Anil had heard of them, but samples are okay, so we said go ahead and send a few. We got about 2 dozen different patterns, some were ok, some not as much, but the basics all looked pretty respectable. So we ordered a bunch of them at a discounted rate, just to try. They came in today and we were curious as to their quality. Well, we are pleasantly surprised. All are tied on chemically sharpened hooks, they are very consistent from fly to fly, but here is why we took a shot at them.

They retail for just \$10/dozen. We can barely tie flies ourselves for much less, and quite honestly, I'm not about to tie a dozen #16 parachute Adams if there's an alternative that attractive.

So, stop by the shop if you are so inclined. Limited quantities, we've sold quite a few this morning already. We have beadhead PT Nymphs in #14 and #16, BH Hare's Ears in #12 and #14, BH Woolly Buggers in both olive and black (crystal flash in tails) in #6 and #8, and then non beadhead buggers in the same sizes and colors too. Oh, and also Parachute Adams in #14 and #16. Again, all are \$10/doz.

If you're unable to make it to the shop, we can ship these as well, anywhere in the lower 48 standard mail (USPS) free of charge on any order of 3 dozen or more. Just call [\(253\) 472-2420](tel:2534722420).

# *Fly of The Month (flashback)*

Credit to FFF Website

**April, 1998 The Adams**  
America's most popular dry fly



**Comments by Jim Abbs**

In North America, the most popular dry fly is the Adams. Importantly, the Adams is an American original. In the early 1920's, fly fishermen on the Boardman River in northern lower Michigan were having problems. The fantastic Michigan grayling was gone. Rainbows had been stocked to provide fishing after the demise of the grayling but they were getting scarce and brook trout had been wiped out by overfishing and habitat destruction.

There was a newly stocked European trout that produced some good fishing, but it was creating a few headaches among fly fishermen. They found it so finicky that it was a source of frustration. That new fish was the brown trout.

Because anglers and fly tiers were trying to find a fly the brown would take more readily, a new pattern was born. It not only pleased the browns but shortly found wide acclaim across the country and worldwide.

As a testimony to the popularity of this fly, a monument was erected in its honor by the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association. The plaque on that monument says it all: "HONORING THE CREATION OF THE ADAMS FLY. Here is what the plaque says:

"In 1922, ardent fly fisherman Leonard Hallady created the first Adams dry fly near his home on the banks of Mayfield pond. He named it in honor of his good friend, Judge Charles F. Adams, another enthusiastic angler who loved to fish for brook and brown trout in the nearby Boardman River. The Adams combines brown and grizzly hackle; many trout anglers claim it is the best fly ever made. Some, in fact, declare that if they had to use only one fly for all of their trout fishing, it would be the Adams."

Because of the Adams' success, there have been many, many variations on the original pattern, including a Golden Adams, Swedish Adams, Parachute Adams, Down Wing Adams, Poly Adams, Lady Adams, Teal Wing Adams, Blue-wing Adams, Western Adams, and more. While the instructions provided here are for the common pattern today, the 1922 original also was somewhat different, with a tail of golden pheasant neck feathers, body of grey yarn, dark grizzly and ginger hackle. The original also appears to have been tied spent-wing style.

The pattern described here is the current version found in almost all fly pattern books.

## **MATERIALS**

- **Hook:** Dry fly hook, sizes 10-20
- **Thread:** Gray or black
- **Wing:** Grizzly hackle tips
- **Tail:** Brown and grizzly hackle mixed (moose mane for western waters)
- **Body:** Gray muskrat dubbing fur
- **Hackle:** Brown and grizzly hackle mixed (2 hackles normally, or 3 for western style flies)

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## **TYING STEPS**

1. 1. Tie in brown and grizzly hackle for tail (6-10 strands), with a length equivalent to the hook shank
2. 2. Dub body with light to medium muskrat fur, taper body to approximately 50% of hook shank length
3. 3. Select two matched grizzly hackle tips, with length appropriate for hook size (hook shank length)
4. 4. Lash wings to hook shank and wrap thread around the base of the wings so as to support them in an upright and divided manner (beginning tyer may wish to consult a fly tying book for instructions on wing setting).
5. 5. Tie in one grizzly hackle and one brown hackle (some suggest two brown hackles and one grizzly hackle for western waters) and wind hackle behind and in front of wings. Leave room for the head.
6. 6. Tie off, whip finish and apply head cement.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at [flyofthemoonth@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:flyofthemoonth@fedflyfishers.org)

# PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		<b>April 1</b> Beaver Lake Outing 8:30 AM	<b>2</b> Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> SRC Outing 8 AM
<b>6</b> Casting Lesson 9 AM	<b>7</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> PSFF Mtg. 6 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Dry fly tying class 9 AM
<b>13</b> Casting Les- son 9 AM	<b>14</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	<b>17</b> PSFF Bd Mtg 6 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Gig Harbor Fly Shop Stillwa- ter event 10 AM
<b>20</b> Easter	<b>21</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM	<b>22</b> Coffee Pot Lk Outing (day 1 of 3)	<b>23</b> Coffee Pot Lk Outing (day 2 of 3)	<b>24</b> Newsletter deadline 5 PM Coffee Pot Lk Outing (day 3 of 3)	<b>25</b> Potholes Res Outing (day 1 of 4)	<b>26</b> Parks Appre- ciation Day Potholes Res Outing (day 2 of 4)
<b>27</b> Casting Les- son 9 AM Potholes Res Outing (day 3 of 4)	<b>28</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM Potholes Res Outing (day 4 of 4)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM			

				<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM	<b>6</b> Wilderness Lake Outing 9 AM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PSFF Mtg. 6 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lake Alice Outing 10 AM
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Casting Prac- tice 6 PM	<b>13</b> Evergreen Reservoir (day 1 of 3)	<b>14</b> Seven Seas Fly Tying (?) 6:30 PM Evergreen Res- ervoir (2 of 3)	<b>15</b> PSFF Bd Mtg 6 PM Evergreen Res- ervoir (3 of 3)	<b>16</b> Park Lake (day 1 of 4)	<b>17</b> Park Lake (day 2 of 4)
<b>18</b> Park Lake (day 3 of 4)	<b>19</b> Park Lake (day 4 of 4)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Newsletter submission deadline 5 PM	<b>26</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**Check for Newsletter Article Deadline Date.  
Remember articles can always be submitted early.**

## **Puget Sound Flyfishers**

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](http://www.psff.org)

### **Aims and Purposes of the Club are:**

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's 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. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

**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 \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

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

## **HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.**

To receive and post to the PSFF Yahoo group you must first sign up as a member of Yahoo if you're not already signed up.

In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities.

Scroll down though the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

You will need to select whether you receive individual messages or a Daily Digest. I suggest a daily digest but you can change this selection at any time later. At the bottom of the page you will have to enter, repeat, a displayed code of mixed letters and numbers. When you have done this go down to the bottom right and select 'Join'. You are done.

All new members are on a moderated basis and unable to post until approved by a moderator to help prevent SPAM and malicious posting. One of the moderators will handle your status usually within 24 hours.