



Don't forget your dues renewal! (Or Valentines Day!)

February Program - Angling Opportunities & Conservation in Hood Canal

The Leader Line **By Mike Koslosky**

As fly fishers we go through stages in our sport as we progress from rote beginner to advanced and confident. First Lady of Fly Fishing Joan Wulff has identified six separate stages over her many years of angling that I think we can relate to or aspire to.

The first stage, and none of us are immune to this level, is counting our catches. How many did I land today? How many did you catch? In our fly fishing infancy numbers seem to be all important. I suspect it is part of the competitive nature in all of us. The second stage is how big are the fish I catch? Is it bigger than yours? Does it get bigger the more shots of scotch get passed around or the number of years it has been since this beast was landed? Or maybe you are telling the tale to someone who hasn't heard it before. It's easy to stretch the tape measure when no one is there to verify it! We move after stage two to the fish harder to catch. Rainbows and cutthroat are easily fooled, as are brookies. But the brown trout has a bit more smarts and isn't as easily tricked into biting. Or, one of my favorites is trying to hook into a 1 pound or 2 pound bluegill. Even a chimp can catch buckets of the 4-6 inchers congregating along the shorelines during breeding season. But rarely does one hook into a hubcap sized slab of muscle that gives your 3 weight a mighty workout. Maybe your most difficult fish is a tiger muskie, bonefish, carp, or tuna. Whatever your target seeking out the elusive fish beats the heck out of large numbers of easy catches.

Stage four moves us out of the boat or beach and focuses on the resource that gives us all this pleasure. Now we become interested in conservation; protecting watersheds, improving habitat, supporting groups who can work on our behalf. After years of absorbing the beauty of our fishing sites, marveling at the wildlife, sunrises and crackling campfires on the stream bank, we get it. These places are special and worthy of protecting if not for ourselves but for our kids and grandkids.

The sixth and final stage sees us getting out of our own way and becoming a mentor to others. Can we teach the younger generation to cast, tie flies, build a rod, read the water, learn about aquatic invertebrates, teach them the song of the river. Think back to who mentored you. Was it grandpa, dad, an older brother, an uncle? Many of us learned at the knee of elders and in time it is our turn to do the same.

Take stock of your own Stage right now. Enjoy it, be in it, look forward to moving on to the next stage.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, February 12th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

February 2015 Program

Conservation Hatcheries to Support Steelhead Recovery in Hood Canal (and how you can help)

Puget Sound Fly Fishers member Barry Berejikian is a Research Fish Biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service. His research team is developing techniques to maximize benefits of hatchery programs on natural populations of salmon and steelhead, while minimizing unintended risks.

His team, along with a host of state, tribal, federal agencies and non-profit organizations, are working collaboratively to understand the life history, ecology, and population dynamics of Hood Canal steelhead and monitoring the effects of conservation hatcheries on natural populations.

Barry will discuss what has been learned to date and what the group hopes to accomplish over the next 8 years of the study.

He has been fly fishing lakes, rivers, and streams since the age of 6, and much more recently has taken to chasing cutthroat around beaches of southern Puget Sound.

He will discuss angling opportunities in Hood Canal with conservation in mind, and how PSFF anglers can assist the conservation efforts by sharing information and experiences.

FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2015

March 13th & 14th / Oregon Council - Fly Tyer Expo, Albany, Oregon
<http://www.nwexpo.com>

May 1st & 2nd / Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, Washington
<http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org>

August 11 - 15th / 50th Anniversary IFFF, Bend, Oregon
<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx>

Paying it Forward By Paul Fournier

This week I stumbled across a box of old pictures. I have always wondered where my love of fishing came from. When did that emotional anchor grab hold of my heart? Who was responsible for shaping my love of the outdoors and ultimately leading to my involvement with our club? And then I found this picture of me and my Dad.



Although my father was not an avid fisherman he sure had an effective method of jigging the worm wrapped hook just off the lake bottom to entice a strike. He would catch a fish and let it go. This would happen over and over and over again while I sat on the other end of the canoe waiting for what seemed like hours watching my red/white bobber. Hoping for some sign of life in the pre-dawn hours.

There was not much conversation between us because "fishing was serious" business. I think what I remember most were the moments of silence with my father. Observing the soulful call of an invisible Loon on the lake or the occasional raise of fish on the water. It was in those moments that my heart took hold and never let it go. I fell in love with fishing.

These are moments that shape us. An opportunity to share your passion for the outdoors, discovery, and most of all a love of fishing with others is contagious. Are there young people in your life you can share this with? If you have the ability to share your love of fishing with the young people in your life take it! Fishing is all about the heart, the experience and the discovery. Join me in paying this love forward.



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Outings News and Updates
By Larry Vaughn

February Outings

We have 2 lake and 1 beach day outings plus a multi-day outing in Forks to explore multiple Olympic Steelhead rivers.

Friday Feb 6th we return to Lake St. Clare to see if Paul and company have left us any Rainbow and Brown trout. We'll be meeting around 0800 and fishing thru the day.

Saturday Feb 14th we'll look for SRC at Purdy Spit, meeting 0900 to fish the incoming tides, have lunch at Massi's, and fish the outgoing tide.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Feb 20th thru 24th we will meet up in Forks to float the lower Hoh and the Lower Bogachiel (from 101 bridge down). Michelle Swope has graciously offered to Gillie for us on this outing. For those inclined to bank and nymph Thomas Lamphere has also offered to Gillie some nice hike in bank spots on the Dicky river and the Upper Bogy. Look for more detailed Forks Outing Announcement coming soon.

Saturday Feb 28th we will meet at Munn Lake for the traditional "it's winter, let's do Munn" outing.

2015 Outings Schedule

Friday, February 6 - Lake fishing for rainbow and brown trout at Lake St. Clare.

Saturday, February 14 - Beach fishing for Sea Run Cutthroat at Purdy Spit.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday February 20, 21, & 22- Olympic River Outing at Forks.

Saturday, February 28 - Lake fishing for rainbow at Munn Lake.

Saturday, March 7 - Beach fishing for Sea Run Cutthroat at Southworth.

Saturday, March 14 - Steelhead action on the Wynoochee River.

Friday, March 27 - Beach fishing for Sea Run Cutthroat at Ollala.

Saturday, April 11 - Spring Breakfast at Allyn and Beach and boat fishing for Sea Run Cutthroat at Allyn.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday April 20, 21, & 22 - Coffee Pot Lake Campout.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 30 thru May 3 - Ellensburg Fly Fishing Show plus Rivers galore (Lower Yak, CleElum River, Mercer Creek, etc)

Thursday, May 14 - Start our Park Lake outing with a day on Rocky Ford Creek for Rainbow

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 15, 16, 17 - Annual Park Lake outing

Thursday, May 26 - Cady Lake outing.

Saturday, June 6 - Return to the Wynoochie for Rainbow

Saturday, June 20 - Cle Elum River for the legendary monster Rainbow

Friday, June 26 - Lake Killarney outing

Saturday, July 3 - Doeswallips River outing

Tuesday, July 14 - North Fork Skokomish River

Tuesday, July 25 - Family day and picnic at Kitsap Lake

Saturday, August 1 - Lake Sammamish

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday August 11, 12, 13 - IFFF 50th Anniversary Show & Conference with multiple river and lake fishing opportunities

Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 14, 15, 16 - John & Cathy Clark Campout On The Cowlitz River (with trips to local lakes like Silver and Coldwater)

Saturday, August 22 - Summer Pink Potlach outing at Steve Savilles

Friday, Saturday, Sunday September 4, 5, 6 - Naches and Yakima River outing

Friday, Saturday, Sunday September 18, 19, 20 - Columbia River Gorge outing, visiting

Tuesday September 29 - Carbon River for fall Steelhead

Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 2, 3, 4 - Mayfield Lake for the elusive Tiger Muskie (plus Rainbows)

Saturday October 17, 2015 - Rattlesnake Lake for rainbow

Tuesday October 20, 2015 - Beach fishing at Southworth for Coho and Sea Run

Tuesday October 31 - Green River outing

Saturday, November 7 - Annual Allyn Breakfast and Chum

Saturday, November 10 - Nisqually River

Raffle News
By Thomas Lamphere

Don't forget the freebies

Like always there is a box of peacock breast plumage out for everyone to take a few. If you do not know how to use it don't be afraid to ask.

Down to the raffle business

item number ONE is a 5wt RIO lake line that was donated to the club. Light usage but when I looked over to make sure there was no major damage it look fairly clean and lightly used. I have used this line and it is a great clear lake line. Along with a batch of furred leaders to go with.



Item number TWO is a Rapala clipper combo. This is a great tool to keep with you in your fishing vest or pack when you are on the water. Always nice to have clipper to save your teeth from leaders..... and from pulling a me. As you try to bite through 12lbs tippit you pull a sz4 streamer through your lip....



Item number THREE is a perfect item for this time of year. It's a water proof boat bag. These are great for keeping dry clothing when on the water. Not to mention this was made in the NW.



Item number FOUR. For this month's Thomas tied flies it is a 18 fly batch of Euphasids. A great winter fly for SRC and Resident Coho. These are smaller flies for when fish are picky or when stripping a 2 fly set up in the salt.



HOT SCOOP

Membership News

A successful club exists because of its membership. Members shape what we enjoy most of our club. The New Year is underway and we have only begun to scratch the surface of all the fun and exciting experiences the club has to offer this year. All memberships include family members that reside at your residence, so sign up the family and join us at the February meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you to the members who have renewed your membership. Your support makes all of the great programs, outings, education and fellowship possible.

If you have not renewed your membership please do so by the February meeting on 2/12/2015. A reminder letter has been mailed with renewal instructions.

To renew by mail please mail a check to:

Membership Renewal
c/o Gene Jackson, PSFF Treasurer
33124 170th PL SE
Auburn, WA 98092

Thanks to the following **guests** who came to our last meeting:

Russ Beary
Vince Konkler
Dennis Rittenhouse
Jim Welch -
(President of the Overlake Club Fly Club)

I am looking forward to welcoming many more new members this month.
If you have any questions about membership renewals or new membership applications please contact me:

Paul Fournier phone: 206-972-2513 or email: pfournier@gmail.com

Library Report By Galen Hansen

NOTE: **When you return items, hand them to the librarian; do not just lay them with the library.** The items end up back in the library without being checked in.

Thanks to the generosity of Dick Matthei, I added the following 11 books at the December meeting. They are...

- "Fly Fishing with Lefty Kreh" by Lefty Kreh
- "The Trout and the Stream" by Charles E. Brooks
- "Trout Fishing" by Joe Brooks
- "Complete Book of Fly Fishing" by Joe Brooks
- "Complete Guide to Fishing Across North America" by Joe Brooks
- "Trout" by Ray Bergman
- "Fly Fishing in Salt Water" by Lefty Kreh
- "Tactics on Trout" by Ray Ovington
- "Modern Fresh and Salt Water Fly Fishing" by Charles F. Waterman
- "Trout Magic" by Robert Traver
- "Trout Madness" by Robert Traver

I will also be adding the following books contributed by Dick Matthei, from his brother, at the February meeting.

- "Fly Fishing in Salt Water" (#2) by Lefty Kreh
- "Practical Fishing Knots" by Lefty Krey & Mark Sosin
- "Come Wade the River" by Ralph Wahl
- "Northwest Angling" by Enos Bradner
- "Tie Your Own Flies" by Roy Patrick
- "Nymphs" by Ernest Schwiebert
- "Art Flick's Master Fly-Tying Guide" by Flick, Koch, Kreh, Niemeyer, Richards, Schwiebert, Shaw, Swisher, and Whitlock
- "Art Flick's New Streamside Guide" by Art Flick
- "A Fly Fisher's Life" by Charles Ritz
- "The Joys of Trout" by Arnold Gingrich
- "Fishless Days, Angling Nights" by Sparse Grey Hackle
- "Bright Waters, Bright Fish" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Greased Line Fishing" by Jock Scott
- "Writings and Reflections" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "The Master and His Fish" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Woods and River Tales" by Roderick Haig-Brown

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- "A Primer of Fly-Fishing" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Fisherman's Spring" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Fisherman's Summer" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Fisherman's Fall" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "Fisherman's Winter" by Roderick Haig-Brown
- "The Year of the Angler" (copy 2) by Steve Raymond
- "Stu Apte's Fishing in the Florida Keys & Flamingo" by Stu Apte
- "Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis" by Howell Raines
- "Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman" (copy 2) by Jack Hemingway

Also, thank you again to Dick Matthei for the following contributions:

- Trout Bum, John Gierach
- Even Brook Trout Get the Blues, John Gierach
- Sex, Death and Fly Fishing, John Gierach
- Dances With Trout, John Gierach
- The Gift of Trout, edited by Ted Leeson
- Reading the Water, Mallory Burton
- What the River Knows, Wayne Fields
- Where Salmon Come to Die, Leon Kolkiewicz
- Fly Fishing the Olympic Peninsula, Doug Rose
- Steelhead Jig Fishing, Dave Vedder and Drew Harthorn
- Steelhead and the Floating Line - A Meditation, Bob Arnold
- How to Fool Fish With Feathers, Jon Margolis and Jeff MacNelly
- A river Runs Through It, Norman Maclean
- Pavlov's Trout, Paul Quinnett
- The Best of Field and Stream, edited by J. I. Merritt

Librarian's Note: if you haven't read John Gierach you owe yourself that treat. He is an exceptional writer, humorist, adventurer, and storyteller extraordinaire. And with the cold and wet days of winter there are plenty of other good books, instructional videos, tying manuals, and travel videos to entertain you until opening season.

Please remember to use the format of Month/Year to avoid the confusion that is caused by those that utilize month/day...or even, as I've noticed on a few, day/year. All compliance with the month and year standard is much appreciated.

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. Someone that is apparently not a member of the PSFF checked out 3 items awhile back and I'm in the process of attempting to contact the individual.



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Back a\$\$wards

Here's a tip from Ron Eagle Elk that I picked up a few years ago at the FFF Tying Expo in Albany, OR. If you have trouble with the end of the hackle feather protruding into or over the hook eye after tying in that hackle try tying the hackle in at the start of the fly. Tie it in by the tip with the curve upward, tie the rest of your fly but stop the thread behind the hackle and when ready to do the hackle wind it back toward the bend and tie it off on the bend side of the hackle. With these small flies it is easy to whip finish over the hackle. That nasty end is now concealed behind the hackle and or buried in the thorax material and invisible. It works well for soft hackles also.

EDUCATION CORNER

A great big "THANK YOU" to Rueben Lamphere for the superb introduction to fly tying that he hosted this last Saturday. We had ten participants including four excellent mentors and all were impressed with the organization and detailed instruction by Rubin. Everyone learned a lot and all are look forward to a follow-on class presenting additional information on materials and tying techniques.

There is an excellent plan for a Saturday class in February. I'm hoping to have a representative from the Sage Corporation coming with many of the current products and a wealth of information on the construction, quality and use of the new equipment. Unfortunately the presentation is currently in limbo because many of the representatives are being committed to trade shows on the east coast that are planned for the near future. The management of Sage is enthusiastic about having this class for us. The issue is scheduling so I have a back-up plan.

The big meeting room has been reserved and the secondary plan is to have a specific session for tying flies that are small food for the spring time fish appetites. Specifically the class will put a spotlight on chironomid, krill, shrimp, worms and other fish favorites. We will continue to answer many of the questions you may have about tying materials and techniques so you can confidently fill your spring time war chest.

The primary objective will be that every tier will end the program with several new patterns for use the next time they are on the water. This course is planned for all interested individuals so new tiers do not need to supply any tools, materials or pay for anything except their lunch. If there are new tiers they will be matched with an experienced tier to help the learning and reduce the number of false starts and frustrations. It should be an easy education opportunity for all and provide a different window to view the sport of fly fishing.

The date isn't firm yet because of the attempt to accommodate the Sage representatives. The firm plan will be presented at our February meeting, including the specific subject of the presentation and the date.

Date: Saturday, 14th, 21st or 28th in February
Time: 9:00 to 12:00
Lunch: 12:00 in the Tower Lanes Restaurant

If you would like to attend but missed signing up at the February meeting, please call:

John Brett PH 253-265-3870
or e-mail jmbrett99@yahoo.com

Classifieds

Liquidation Sale

I have been asked to Liquidate River Run Anglers Fly Shop. At this time I have Rods, Reels, Fly Lines, Sink and Floating Tips, Leaders, Tippet, Etc.

Reels

Vogg HT 6/8 Large Arbor	Retail \$ 180	Sale Price \$ 75	14 Each
Vogg HT 9/11 Large Arbor	Retail \$ 200	Sale Price \$ 100	6 Each

Rods

Vogg with Hard Case			
8'6" 2 Piece 3 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 60	3 Each
9' 2 Piece 4 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 60	3 Each
First 9' 3 Piece 5 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 75	1 Each
First 10' 3 Piece 7 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 100	3 Each
Seatrout 9'6" 2 Piece 6 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 100	1 Each
Seatrout 9'9" 2 Piece 7 WT	Retail \$ 250	Sale Price \$ 100	3 Each
T-4 9'9" 4 Piece 7 WT Combo	Retail \$ 400	Sale Price \$ 150	2 Each
T-4 Salmon Fly 14' 4 Piece 10 WT Spey Rod		Sale Price \$ 100	1 Each

Lines

RIO Spey Lines

4 EA AFS ST5/6F 340G Shooting Head	Orange	Retail \$54.95
1 EA AFS ST9/10S1 650 gr 9/10 Shooting Head/Chartreuse/Green		Retail \$54.95
1 EA AFS ST7/8F 460G AFS Outbound Orange		Retail \$89.95
1 EA Skaget Spey 650 gr 9/10Chartreuse/Green		Retail \$89.95
1 EA 480 gr Steelhead Candi SHD Ivory 34' Head		Retail \$54.95
1 EA 550 gr Steelhead Candi SHD Ivory 34' Head		Retail \$54.95
1 EA 24' Density Compensating Tip Big Boy 150 gr/Shooting Head	Sinking	Retail \$55.00
Rio Avid Trout 2 EA Pale Yellow WF3F Trout Lines		Retail \$55.00
AirFlow Forty Plus Extreme Distance Line / WF7F/Fluorescent Green		Retail \$80.00
Airflow Scandi Compact ST5/6 Floating Pale Blue 380gr		Retail \$55.00

1 EA ZPEY 75' 60 Gram Competition Spey Overhead Casting Line / Orange	Retail \$134.00
3 EA ZPEY 82' 69 Gram Competition Spey Overhead Casting Line / Orange	Retail \$134.00
1 EA ZPEY 100' 83 Gram Competition Spey / Orange	Retail \$134.00

VOGG Shooting Heads

5 EA ST11F/1 Sink Tip Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	39 foot 43 Gram
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4 EA ST10S1 Sinking #2 Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	38 foot 37 Gram
6 EA ST10F/1 Sink Tip Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	38 foot 37 Gram
3 EA ST10F Floating Shooting Head	39 Foot 37 Gram
3 EA ST9F1 Sink Tip Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	36 Foot 30 Gram
3 EA ST7S/1 Sinking #2 Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	31 Foot 20 Gram
1 EA ST7F1 Sink-Tip Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	31 Foot 20 Gram
4 EA ST6F/1 Sink-Tip Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	31 Foot 18 Gram
2 EA ST6S/1 Sinking #2 Shooting Head Clear Intermediate Tip	31 Foot 18 Gram
2 EA ST4F Floating Shooting Head	28 Foot 10 Gram

Leaders, Tips, Miscellaneous

Scientific Angler Shooting Line

2 EA 150'/45m .032 PE Braided PE Orange	Retail \$34.95
1 EA 150'/45m .021SL Mono SL Orange	Retail \$34.95

Amnesia Shooting Line	3 EA 200 Foot 20# Memory Free	Retail \$ 4.50
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RIO Slick Shooter Running Line	2 EA 115 Foot 35#	Retail \$10.00
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RIO Fly Line Backer	1 EA 20# 100 YDS	Retail \$10.00
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Cortland Braided Mono Running Line	1 EA 30# 100 foot Clear Running Line	Retail \$17.00
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CND GPS Speyline Tip

2 EA 20' #7/9 Floating Tip	Retail \$15.00
2 EA 20' #9/12 Intermediate Tip	Retail \$20.00

RIO Sink Tip

2 EA 15' 10wt Type 6 Sink Tip 150gr	Retail \$25.00
1 EA Big Boy Shooting Head 24' 200gr	Retail \$40.00

AirFlo Poly Leaders / Trout 5' Dark Brown

17 EA Slow Sink / 2.6 IPS Sink Rate	Retail \$9.00
16 EA Fast Sink / 3.9 IPS Sink Rate	Retail \$9.00
21 EA Super-Fast Sinking / 4.9 IPS Sink Rate	Retail \$9.00
18 EA Extra Super-Fast Sinking / 8.1 IPS Sink Rate	Retail \$9.00

AirFlo Poly Leaders / 5' Clear

3 EA Clear Float	Retail \$9.00
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10 EA Clear Hover / .05 IPS Sink Rate Retail \$9.00

7 EA Clear Intermediate / 1.5 IPS Sink Rate Retail \$9.00

AirFlo Poly Leaders Salmon/Steelhead 10'

6 EA Clear Float Retail \$13.00

4 EA Clear Hover / .05 IPS Sink Rate Retail \$13.00

4 Clear Intermediate / 1.5 IPS Sink Rate Retail \$13.00

Vogg Knotless Tapered Leaders / All Vogg Leaders

Sale Price \$1.50

4 EA 9' 3#

13 EA 12' 4#

2 EA 9' 5#

6 EA 9' 6#

9 EA 9' 9#

9 EA 12' 6#

6 EA 9' 7#

7 EA 12' 9#

2 EA 12' 12#

Where only a retail price is listed the sale price is 50% of retail. I will have all of these at the next meeting or you can call me and come see them prior to the meeting.

Several of these rods are excellent for Pink Salmon season coming up and won't break the bank!
Robert Gerlach

rwg@anewds.com
253 377 1798

Possible Job Opportunity?

By John Clark

I have been a member of the Vagabundos Del Mar Boat & Travel Club for over twenty years.

The latest newsletter/magazine has the following ad:

Wilderness Unlimited. Fly Fishing Ranch Caretaker Wanted for the Bidwell Ranch in Burney, CA

Wilderness Unlimited (WU), the West Coast's largest manager of private fisheries is looking for a new caretaker.

How would you like to live on the Bidwell Ranch along Lost Creek in the intermountain area SE of Burney, CA? Lost Creek flows along highway 89 south of the junction with highway 299.

The job includes patrolling Bidwell, occasional trips to nearby WU ranches and light maintenance on the property. WU also is actively engaged in habitat and aquatic management and restoration. Knowledge of fly fishing is not required but would be helpful.

The caretaker residence location is along Lost Creek with views of Mt Shasta, Burney Mt and Mt Lassen. There are full hookups for your own RV, phone and internet. The position is ideal for a couple, but a single person could handle the tasks just as well.

If you are interested or know someone who may be, please call WU at [1-877-611-4868](tel:1-877-611-4868) or send an email to: office@wildernessunlimited.com

Fly Fishing Academy News

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY 2015

There is no better opportunity for our girls and boys, 12-16, to learn the sport of fly fishing and the merits of conservation. The last week of June 21-27, 2015, The Academy will be held again at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must write an essay explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation is needed from their science teacher or school counselor. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2015. Financial Aid is available.

Jim Brosio is lining up the Academy instructors and we are very pleased to learn that most of the instructors from our 2014 event will be returning. We are very fortunate to have the most amazing, talented instructors in various fields right from our Pacific NW.

Applications may be downloaded from our website – www.nwycffa.com or you may contact:

Jim Brosio at brosioj@q.com
Mike Clancy at mtclancy39@comcast.net
Tom Van Gelder at TVG@comcast.net

We also have a Facebook page displaying pictures from past events.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFE Academy

FLYS FOR THE KIDS

There is one way all the Clubs and the fly tiers can help The Academy. We always need flies for the kids. Our President, Mike Koslosky, suggested I write an article to encourage our members to tie some flies for the kids.

The following is a list of flies we could use:

Stillwater Nymphs – size 10 & 12
Stimulators – size 8 & 10
Bead Head Prince Nymphs – size 12 & 14
Elk Hair Caddis – size 12 & 14
Bead Head Hare's Ears – size 12 & 14
Blue Wing Olive – size 14 & 16
Copper John – size 14-16
Any Wulff Patterns – size 16
Chironomid – size 18
Any Parachute Pattern – size 14 & 16

We can use 2 dozen of each size.

If you would like to help, please contact Jim Brosio at brosio@q.com or 360-943-9947 to let him know what you are going to tie. That way, maybe we could get a better variety of flies. Please take the flies you tie to our Club meeting. Jim and Tom will there to collect the flies. Also, if you could take an inventory of your personal fly boxes, we could use any extras you don't need anymore.

Thank you – Mike, Jim & Tom



Thomas' Ties and Dyes **By Thomas Lamphere**

NYMPHING FOR STEELHEAD

Here's some food for thought. This coming month we have a rather big deal outing for some of us. Forks, WA.

It's where many people go to try and hook one of the most glorified fish in the Western United States. And it has earned its glory. With steelhead having smaller numbers they prove to be a harder fish to catch than most. Also with these fish being winter steelhead it adds to the obstacles of trying to get fish to move due to constantly changing water flows and temperatures. This also makes these fish less apt to strike a fly in such drastic conditions. Not to mention that, when the rivers are so high, you might have a better chance of catching a ride on a log down the river than catching a steelhead. So here are some things that may help.

Tip one. On this one I know that many will want to slap me for it. When you talk to many steelhead fisherman they say "steelhead are caught on the swing". Now when you talk to most guides they say "yes steelhead are caught on the swing... but more are caught nymphing". From my experience with winter steelhead I find this to be true. In the winter with such drastic changes to the environment fish may not be willing to move as far as they would if it was summer. For summer steelhead swinging, in my book, is the best method due to their willingness to chase down a fly. In winter a fish wants to conserve its energy. Many times I have gone through a hole swinging a fly and have only seen one fish, and often not even gotten a grab. Then I've gone back through with a nymph rig and seen that there are a few fish sitting in the hole and may catch at least one of them if they are willing to strike.



Tip two. Another good reason to try nymphing for steelhead is that it's easier to get to the bottom where they are sitting. Steelhead sit down deep in holes, frequently deeper than we can see. It also allows you to hit a seam longer than if you were swinging. When you're nymphing you can keep your fly, yarnie, beads, or whatever you choose to use in the lane where these fish are resting and possibly feeding.

Tip three. There are rivers that hold good steelhead fishing that are too small for swinging. The Dicky is a great example of that. Also the Sol Duc. When you're in the canyon of the Sol Duc you must be in a boat and it is also very hard to find shore access to swing a fly. That's where nymphing becomes a great way to fish. Now you can also nymph swing water as well. I do all the time. What I do is I will swing a location then go back and nymph the same run. What is nice about this is I am covering the water more ways than one which increases my chances of finding a steelhead. This does require you to carry 2 rods. But packing it is not too challenging if you have the right gear.

The flies for this are not hard to tie. You can buy beads, for that matter, which are the most popular items for nymphing. Both can be found at Puget Sound Fly Co. and I bet if you ask Joe he will even show you how to set your rig for nymphing!

Late Winter Sea Run Cutthroat.... Sometimes. By Bob Triggs

Most of us have been enjoying winter fishing on Puget Sound this year. There has been enough mild weather to get some people out on the beaches, fishing between cold spells and storms all winter. Sometimes. February has a way of changing things in the winter. You begin to see the signs of days getting longer, a little more sunshine. And as the month progresses so many good things begin to happen that will set the stage for the season ahead. By mid to late February the chum salmon fry are working their way up out of their gravel redds, and by the end of the month and into March and April they are getting into the saltwater estuaries. Depending upon where you are, in south sound or north sound for instance, things get going in a slow progression, beginning in the south and moving north with the sun. South Puget Sound areas will generally see some chum fry getting out into the saltwaters a little sooner than the northern Puget Sound areas will. And the Cutthroat will be close behind. We do know that some Cutthroat spawn in late fall in some places. But little is known about what they do, or where they go afterwards. Do they stay upriver all winter? Do they go back to the salt sooner? Do the males spawn again in the spring with the others? What we do know is that all winter long people can catch some Cutthroat in the saltwater. Sometimes. So obviously there are some Cutthroat that are staying closer to the saltwater in the winter. We still don't know *which* ones we are seeing out there then (as far as the early or late spawners are concerned). With some of the new research programs being conducted around the region, we may have more information in the years ahead. It's an interesting thing to ponder. Research and field studies on these fish and their movements and behavior, life history and genetics etc., is not inexpensive. Here are some links to a few good projects.

This one is from the [South Sound Fly fishers](#):



Sea-Run Cutthroat Protection

Here in the South Puget Sound the sea-run cutthroat fishery is one that many of our members hold dear to their hearts. This local treasure is a poster child for the potential of a sustainable catch and release fishery. However, there are still many potential threats to the health these great fish. The knowledge base of the cutthroat life cycle and habits is seriously lacking within the scientific community, and public knowledge is almost non-existent. Time and time again, history has proven one thing. What we don't know, WILL hurt them.

The SSFF is working in congruence with the WDFW and the Native Fish Society in gathering data on sea-run cutthroat in the South Sound. Members conduct spawning surveys, and are gearing up to collect scale samples in local watersheds to help with range identification.

In coordination with the WDFW, the South Sound Fly Fishers have distributed and posted waterproof signs at fly shops and other sporting goods stores, along beach access points, and public boat ramps to help fishers identify sea-run cutthroat trout and remind them that they must be released. We will be recording catch data to help WDFW better understand the distribution of sea-run cutthroat in South Sound. The sea-run cutthroat is a truly unique fishery that with good catch and release practices and help from groups like SSFF we will be able to enjoy generation after generation.

And this one is from the [SeaDocs](#) organization up in the San Juan Islands:
<http://www.seadocsociety.org/coastal-cutthroat-trout-in-the-san-juan-islands/>

I am tying my spring flies now- Chum salmon fry, "[Little Stone's Chum Baby](#)", smaller baitfish, squid, shrimp, soft hackles, spiders, etc. I will use full sized herring and sandlance flies, up to four to six inches long, in the early

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spring. But by later April and through May there will be tons of very small herring around, and we will be using appropriately small and sparse juvenile herring flies by then. Flies as small as an inch or less, on size 12 to 14 hooks, will not be too small. You can barely tie them sparsely enough sometimes. Of course, as the season continues, we tie ever larger flies, to approximate the forage we are imitating, much of which is growing in size every day. But for now, even my Muddler flies will be uncommonly small.

On the warmer sunny days in later winter and spring we like to fish the shallow edges of the beaches, especially on an incoming tide. There can be a lot of forage at the edges then, as the shallow water is gaining heat from the sun warmed gravel and sand beaches. Don't forget to bring along some amphipod imitations. A size 10-12 scud will do it, in grayish to olive colors. These "*Beach Hoppers*" can be found at the edges of the beach, underneath the surface of the sand, burrowed beneath the debris and tide wrack. They like damp dark places. They swim with frenetic jerks and wiggles, and trout love them. We sometimes see sea runs feeding on these amphipods at the edge of the beach, with their backs and fins sticking out of the water. They are reckless about this and at times, you can walk right up to them. It reminds me of stream trout feeding on a "spinner fall." If it gets warm enough in the next few months, we can see some termites and winged beetles or ants getting out early from their slumbers. A few dry flies are a good thing to have any time that you are fishing for sea run Cutthroat on Puget Sound.

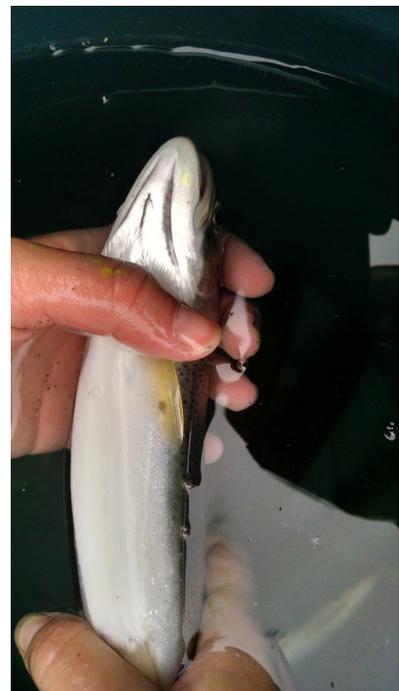
We've made it this far, there's just a little more winter yet to come. But that's why we bought all of that expensive cool stuff to keep us warm and dry. We could use some rain and snow to rebuild our failed snow pack in the mountains. And there is still time to get slammed with a few good storms. But with each passing day and week ahead, there is an anticipation for those better days- Those days when things are so right, with balmy air and little wind, flat water and a moderate incoming tide, and the hungry Cutthroat are right at our feet. Sometimes.

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Editor: I found info on an additional study taking place:

Recently we had the opportunity to collect some data from coastal cutthroat in south sound. We placed a small (size of a toothbrush bristle) GREEN tag under the skin on the left side of the bottom jaw of 30 individuals. Picture attached. Please keep an eye out for these and let us know if you see them. We hope to have future opportunities to tag fish as this study plan becomes developed but for now go fishing and look for green tags.

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Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report

Late January - February is a bittersweet time to be a fisherman in Western Washington. Grey skies, wet weather, and football on the weekends. It is a perfect storm to be a couch potato. BUT, if you do decide to venture out, the rewards can be well worth the dampness (plus we all knew the Seahawks had it the whole time).

In the salt we are seeing big healthy Cutthroat around the Hood Canal and Puget Sound. Now it is not by any means "lights out" this time of year, but we are seeing big fish, and it is not exactly "slow" fishing either. We went out a few times last week and saw big, happy, healthy fish. We put the hook in a handful of fish each day that were all just as beautiful as ever. A great thing about fishing this time of year is hitting all those places that in the summer are over run by families hanging out and kids running around, and let me tell you, those fish are not used to seeing flies.

If you are more into river fishing, our local trout haven, the Yakima river, is fishing great with nymphs and streamers. It is absolutely not a fair weather sport this time of year. In fact the good ol' Loon ICE OFF is recommended in the gear bag. That and whiskey... But hey, how often do you get to be the only one floating the river? Our good friends at the Worley Bugger are telling us that the fishing might be worth the extra layers.

The "steelhead" planters this winter were a huge bonus to the lake fishing. I have personally not been fishing the lakes, but a few of the hardcore float tubers are letting us know what we have been missing. Fantastic opportunities can be found just looking at the WDFW planting list.

If you are into catching beautiful, elusive, wild steelhead February might just be the best time of year to chase them! What a year it has been already, 2015 has proven to be a great year for big steelhead, and we are less than a month into it. Big fish are being caught up and down the coast too! With tons of options finding your own personal piece of the magic should not be too hard. Watch those flows and good luck to whoever is getting out.

Be safe out there! Cheers!

Justin

Bass Pro Shop News

SPRING FISHING CLASSIC

Feb 6, 2015 - Feb 15, 2015

Our annual Spring Fishing Classic for 2015 is almost here! The classic will run February 6th- 15th. We will have lots of great deals & seminars throughout the 10 days.

— Friday Feb 6th- Sun. Feb 15th: Rod & Reel Trade-In (First time ever, both promotions for 10 days!) Donate working rods & reels and receive a discount coupon to use toward the purchase of a new rod or reel (Feb. 6-15 only). All trade-ins will be inspected to ensure good working order, then donated to local youth organizations to help with their outdoor education.

— Sat. Feb 7th: Uncle Bucks Fish Fry is so tasty! We will set up an area for you to try some for yourself here in the store! Fried Fishing Sampling from 2-5pm at our aquarium with our Uncle Bucks Fish batter

— Tues. Feb 10th: The Next Great Angler. (Filming begins at 5pm)

— Sat. Feb 14th & 15th: Local Fishing Tips Seminars with Local Fishing Pro's (11AM, 2PM, and 4PM)

— Sat. Feb 14th: "Women's Fishing & Outdoor Cooking Tips" seminar at 3pm. The first 25 women to attend the class will receive a FREE carabiner mug.

— Sat. Feb 14th & 15th: Kids Next Generation Weekend from Noon-5pm (*ALL Activities are FREE*)

o Casting Challenge

o Crafts & Coloring Sheets

o A backdrop and fish replicas for folks to hold. We hope to find a BIG fish for this photo. Everyone needs a "big fish story". Remember to say you caught it a Bass Pro Shops! This is a photo that you can receive via email or text only. We are not printing or selling packages.

Kids Workshops at 2:30 & 4:30 pm (FREE giveaway to the first 25 kids to attend the seminars)

Regards,

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Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

February, 1999: Swisher/Richards No-hackle

No Hackle, Duck Quill Wings



No Hackle, Duck shoulder wings



The No-Hackle: A Revolution

By Jim Abbs

Sometimes, during the feeding frenzy of a mayfly hatch, almost any fly pattern will work. When we can, we should savor these times of bounty. However, the real frustration and motivator--- as heralded by Bergman, Brooks, Borger, LaFontaine, Marino, Humphreys et al--- is when trout scorn all but the most perfect of our offerings. This intense challenge is unique to fly anglers, and particularly exhilarating to those who treasure dry fly fishing.

One of the landmark advances in fooling finicky fish is found in the work by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards, described, in their now classic book, *Selective Trout*. Like some other serious fly innovators, these authors used scientific methods to determine what natural insects actually look to the feeding trout, using cameras with special lenses, microscopes, and home aquariums set up to produce natural hatch life cycles. Mayflies from rivers in Michigan, Montana, New York, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Vermont, Pennsylvania and even New Jersey were intensively studied.

A major focus was to photograph what the trout actually see when a mayfly drifts past and particularly as the fish rises to strike. Swisher and Richards found that a trout's view of a mayfly ---3 to 4 inches away--- is not even close to the "shaving brush" patterns that "look like gigantic monstrosities to the fish" making them "wonder what strange new creature is invading their domain". Moreover, their work revealed that as a mayfly drifts into the view-window, the abdomen, tails and only part of 3-4 legs are first visible-but not the dense hackle points associated with many classic patterns. As the insect comes nearer, the wing profile is seen--- at a critical point when the fish is likely to start the rise. Without these abdomen and wing profiles, Swisher and Richards argue that the selective fish is likely to turn away and refuse the fly, if it rises at all. Apparently, the absence of these major properties, or alternatively the presence of unnatural features (like overly bushy hackle) will prevent the strike from even being triggered, especially in a super-selective fish.

Swisher and Richards took these insights and developed several totally new flies. The most famous pattern developed from these observations is the famous No-Hackle, tied on very light wire hooks, with a tail and wing pattern that captures the critical essence of the natural.

How good is this fly? Swisher and Richards tell it better than I can: "This single pattern we consider the deadliest imitation of a mayfly dun we have in our entire arsenal." As will be apparent, the No-Hackle mayfly dun is different from most existing mayfly dry flies, both in how it is tied and how it looks. Tie it and try it in 1999. You will not be disappointed.

MATERIALS

- **Hook:** Mustad 94833 or Tiemco 5230 3X fine wire hooks for sizes 10-18, with ring eye hooks (Mustad 94859) for smaller sizes. These lighter hooks are important in keeping this fly floating.
- **Thread:** Pre-waxed 6/0, brown for slate wings/ tan body, tan for grey wings/yellow body, olive for grey wings/olive body, dark brown for slate wings/olive body
- **Tail:** Tan dry fly hackle fibers
- **Body:** Rabbit fur or synthetic (Fly-Rite) in chosen body color
- **Wings:** Dark grey duck primary wing quill sections, grey duck primary wing quill sections, or alternatively duck shoulder feather wings (not described, but easier).
- **Hackle:** None, of course.

TYING STEPS:

1. Start wrapping the fly tying thread at the bend of the hook and lay on about 5 wraps
2. Spin a ball of fur on the thread and wrap fur on the rear of the hook shank to form a little hump or ball
3. Wrap thread to the middle of the hook
4. Tie a few strands of some good quality dry fly hackle on the far side of the hook and wrap the thread toward the back of the hook down to the ball of fur so as to crimp the fibers. The fibers should be approximately 15-20 degrees angled from the axis of the hook.
5. Repeat step four on the near side of the hook. The two portions of the tail should be symmetric and horizontally in the same plane as the hook shank.
6. Dub some more fur or Fly Rite on to the hook shank, forming the body up to where the wing section will be tied in --- about 2/3 of the length of the hook shank.
6. Lay down a thread base at the wing tie in point.
7. Select two perfectly matched sections from a duck's wing feather (one section from the right wing feather, one section from the corresponding left wing feather).
8. Hold the two sections in the right thumb and forefinger with the convex sides opposing so the wings flare out. Hold the feathers so one feather is on one side of the hook and the other feather is on the opposite side, with the thumb and finger below the tie in point. The height of the wing should be equivalent to the length of the hook shank and at an angle of 45 degrees.
9. Pinch the feather sections against the bottom of the hook shank and bring the thread up, locking the quill sections in place. Make 3-4 additional wraps and snug down.
10. Clip the butts of the quill sections and spin some more fur on the tying thread.
11. Wrap dubbing in front of the wings and if you wish the wings to stand a little more upright, put some dubbing behind the wings while pulling them forward
13. Cement the head. Dick Talleur suggests using a little super glue (Zap-A-Gap) on the rear edges of the wings to make them more durable.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.

You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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February 1	2	3	4 7 Seas fly tying 6:30	5	6 Outing - Lake St. Clair	7
8	9	10	11 Puget Sound Fly Co fly tying 6 PM	12 PSFF Meeting 6 PM	13	14 Valentines / Lynnwood Fly Show / Outing - SRCs at Purdy
15 Doghouse? / Lynnwood Fly Show	16	17	18 7 Seas fly tying 6:30	19 PSFF Board Meeting 6 PM	20 Outing - Forks 1/3	21 Outing - Forks 2/3
22 Outing - Forks 3/3	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24	25 Puget Sound Fly Co fly tying 6 PM	26	27	28 Outing - Munn Lake

March 1	2	3	4 7 Seas fly tying 6:30	5	6	7 Outing - SRCs at Southworth
8	9	10	11 Puget Sound Fly Co fly tying 6 PM	12 PSFF Meeting 6 PM	13	14 Outing - Wynoochee river
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**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

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 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 flyfishers, 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. 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 per household per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

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.