



Puget Sound Fly Fishers

May 2016



*It's May flowers time!
Almost time for streams to open,
too!*



May Program - Desert Fly Anglers at Park Lake Outing

The Leader Line By Paul Fournier

"Fishing Buddies"

Great fishing buddies carefully explore the nuanced seams in the current
They explore structure, blue lines and washboard roads

Great fishing buddies listen to the words left unspoken
They are gentle with friendship and kind with precious time

Great fishing buddies challenge boundaries.
They trust each other in the journey



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It is clear the warm weather and fishing season have arrived. Many lowland lakes are now open and streams are not far behind. Local beaches are also fishing great. Sea Run Cutthroat are returning in good numbers from their spawning grounds hungry and ready to eat. Before you head out, be sure to check the fishing regulations. This includes any emergency changes issued by the WDFW.

We have many exciting outings on the way. The Park Lake outing includes stops at Evergreen Reservoir, Rocky Ford, Blue Lake, Park Lake, Deep Lake, Perch Lake and Dry Falls. Many of our members may choose to attend the Sandy River Spey Clave instead of the Park Lake outing. Both events are a lot of fun and provide a great place to meet other anglers. Next are a couple of class outings hosted by Thomas and Rueben Lamphere on western river fishing. After that we have a really fun outing planned at Dosewallips on Father's Day weekend. For more information on events and outings check out the club's calendar at www.psff.org.

We are well into 2016 and it has been fun and exciting so far. We have had many members step up and volunteer for some of the new positions that are helping to shape the club in new and exciting ways.

Your feedback is crucial to the success of our club. Let us know how we are doing. Is there something we should be working on? How can we do a better job with our club? I would love to hear from you so please email me at pfournier@gmail.com.

Just a reminder there is NO club meeting in the month of May. Enjoy the time fishing and see you all at the June meeting.



Happy fishing!

DSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, June 9th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

May Program

Even though we are not having a meeting in May we will be enjoying a program this month. We have made arrangements for Matt Paluch of the Desert Fly Angler guide service to speak to all of the members who attend the Park Lake outing. He will be speaking at 8:30 on Saturday, May 14th at the fire pit near site 33 at Laurent's Sun Village Resort. Paul Fournier, our club president, will be over in the area for a few days before the Park Lake affair and will arrive at Laurent's on Friday afternoon to meet some of you who are arriving Friday evening.

Matt will tell us about multiple species of fish and bugs as well as their habits, timing and locations. His focus will be on Park Lake, Dry Falls Lake, Deep Lake, Blue Lake, Lake Lenore and Banks Lake as well as Rocky Ford Creek and maybe a secret stream here and there. We'll see you there.

What's coming in June?

More on this in next month's newsletter but Molly Semenik, owner of Tie the Knot Fly Fishing, will share several things from her book, "25 Best Off-the-Beaten-Path Montana fly Fishing Streams." She'll touch on Wildlife Safety, small stream fishing strategies and fishing a pod of rising trout sipping midges and/or Blue-Winged Olives. Note: I would personally like to learn how to avoid getting bitten by a bear; anyone else?

FFF EVENTS



Regional FFF Events in 2016

June 3 - 5 - Renton, WA / The Atlantic Salmon Fly International
www.asfi-expo.com

August 2-6th - Livingston, MT / International Fly Fishing Fair

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The Digital Angler

by iFish

Do you use assorted apps to track weather, river flows, WDFW planting schedules, or knot tying videos? There's a whole world of this stuff out there so let's share the wealth. Here is a couple to get you started.

For all you Puget Sound fishermen download this free app; **Tide Graph**

More than just tide tables, this app gives current speed and direction, shows sun and moon phases, has a great user controlled feature wherein you can select a future date, slide the bubble to determine the tidal current at a particular time and know when to hit the water for the best bite. Planning to travel? Upgrade to **Tide Graph Pro** for \$2.99 and you get 6000 NOAA tidal stations throughout the country and it operates without an internet connection. It's also compatible with your snazzy Apple Watch.

For hours of fun while sitting at the doctors office, relaxing on the John, or drifting off during the drone of political debates try **Pro Angler**, a bass Pro Shops app fishing game. While not a fly fishing game, this simple to use app lets you choose different spots on the selected lake, gives you options for lure choices, tournaments to enroll in, and assorted species to go after. Like Smallies? How about Spotted Bass or Walleyes? Target 'em and try your luck. You get a progress journal to track your successes, can win tokens to upgrade your gear, and the sound effects are great reinforcement.

Get hooked. Get **Pro Angler** today.

Last but certainly not least learn something on your summer drives to far distance fishing holes or the annoying commute on I-5. Subscribe to **Orvis' Fly-Fishing Guide** podcasts featuring Tom Rosenbauer. He interviews legends in the sport, covers tying tips and techniques, discusses specialty fisheries, travel destinations, gives gear advice, debunks myths, and gives specific tips on all sorts of fly fishing topics sure to improve your skills and up your catch rate. Each show runs about an hour with listener Q/A at the start of each podcast. I guarantee you will like hearing what he has to offer.

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Breakfast 1958 By Walter Hodges

I've always thought there was some ancient ritual and connection between food and fly fishing. As I look back over the years I can remember some amazing meals with family or friends by the side of a river or a lake, but I don't remember any of them more than I remember this breakfast on opening day in northern Michigan near my dad's favorite little trout stream named Hunt Creek. I won't ever forget it.

Filtered through the years the view is warm. The last Saturday in April 1958. Opening day of trout season. It's early morning. Still a lacquered shade of black outside the bedroom window. The surrounding evergreen woods are a quiet blue-black silhouette on the horizon, and a crisp late spring frost has silently wrapped itself around the budding new growth. The dining room of the historic old home in northern Michigan is filled with the smell of cinnamon rolls in the oven and breakfast sizzling in huge cast iron skillets. It glows a dusty amber with the warmth from table lamps as the light appears liquid now and seems to move effortlessly on clouds of quiet conversations, subdued morning laughter, and shafts of smoke from cigarettes, cigars, pipes, coffee and burnt bacon fat. Six grown men and a twelve-year-old kid sit down for breakfast.

At 60 years and getting younger by the minute, Lillian Marshall was the housemistress. The house had been in the family for years. My father had grown up nearby spending summers brook trout fishing Hunt Creek near Lewiston. Lillian and her husband were friends of the family. When her husband died, Lillian ran a fifties version of a bed and breakfast and opened her large clapboard home to fishermen and hunters who came north from the smoke and grit of Southern Michigan factories, breech born and screaming from the belly of the virgin father Henry Ford. No idea how, at twelve years of age, I got a seat at that table next to my dad, but so it was. The faces of the men appear to me now in silhouette. Blurred through the light from the lamps of fifty two additional years. But I can see them even now, moving toward the table and I can hear the laughs and the conversations about fly rods, brook trout, and something called a Mickey Finn. I remember the feeling of being part of something bigger than myself. I remember being afraid to look up, and I remember being dumbstruck intimidated by the presence of these guys who were larger than life. At the time, I had no idea why I felt so comfortably uncomfortable, and I certainly wasn't aware I was watching an ageless ritual played over and over through generations and so on to forever. The early morning gathering of hungry fly fishermen, held fast in the warm seductive embrace of anticipation, ritual, conversation and food.

Behind the huge swinging wooden doors, in the background of kitchen mysteries, I could hear clatters, clangs and ragged jagged conversations as the alchemists mixed their faire. Lillian suddenly burst out of the kitchen and into the dining room laughing and holding her arms out to her sides as if she were an apostle singing the gospel to a choir of Southern Baptist ministers. She sang, "Gentlemen, rejoice, and let there be breakfast." Surrounding her and trailing off behind were her two daughters, both of whom carried at least three to four plates of food. The next 30 minutes were consumed in food and bits of conversation. The scrambled eggs, the bacon, the sausage, the cinnamon rolls, the biscuits, the gravy, the orange juice, the potatoes, more cinnamon rolls, the pancakes, the onions, the toast, the home made jam from the small orchard in the back yard, and all those friendly laughs from all those men. Fifty eight years later, the cup of hot chocolate is still warm in my hands, the smells of breakfast continue to resonate, and the food flows evenly to the horizon of my ability to remember it.

For me, the day would be full of small brook trout from Hunt Creek, lessons in how to read water on a small stream early in the year, and how to tie a blood knot when my hands were cold. But as I watch the light come up and sip my tea in the early morning light of opening day April 23rd 2016, what I re-

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member most about that moment so long ago is the light in that room, the table, Lillian's laugh, all those guys talking crazy about wet fly fishing, the intense smells, and that amazing food. Like those same men lost to silhouette, it appears to me now as a single composite flavor. Not unlike the reviews for a quality scotch, I would describe it as a warm cinnamon, with faint undertones of chocolate, notes of aged bacon and spice, a hint of orange layered with rosemary, egg and sausage. A long finely toasted honey finish. It was a truly fine wee dram to accompany a life of discovery – a life just begun.

Lillian's Scrambled Eggs: For Two Hungry Folks

8 large eggs
¼ cup milk
½ tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
2 Tbsp butter
1 large tomato, chopped
3 Tbsp thinly sliced green onion tops
3 links sweet Italian sausage
2 tsp dried thyme
2 tsp dried oregano

Cut the casings on the Italian sausage and break up the meat. Sauté the sausage until done. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, beat eggs, milk, salt, pepper, thyme, oregano together until well blended. Melt butter in skillet over medium-low heat until hot, and pour in milk mixture. Reduce heat as mixture begins to set on bottom and sides of skillet. Fold over with a spatula and cook until eggs are almost set. Then fold in tomato, green onion and sausage. Heat through and serve immediately.

Fly Fishing Artist Gallery

Featured Artist: Dave Roholt



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Flycaster 3

HOT SCOOP

Education Corner

By John Brett

Deliberately, there is no Saturday education class in May. This is deliberately free time so you can dedicate your Saturdays to family and going fishing. During June a class is planned for stillwater flies in hopes the excellent lake fishing will continue and you'll have new patterns to throw.

During the last year we have had eleven classes with one specializing on knots and the rest concentrating on the best flies for use in Pacific Northwest waters. We have tied flies for rivers, lakes and saltwater. Our instructors have shown the proper techniques for tying over forty flies and in many cases have given helpful hints on how the fly should be presented and fished. Our gratitude and a big THANK YOU to the instructors for volunteering their time and efforts to help us all become better tiers and fishers. Special thanks are sent to all of you who have suggested subjects and challenges for this new set of classes. Our schedule is beginning to fill with popular topics, some of which will be back by demand and other new ideas that offer new challenges and opportunities.

This year the trout and warm water fish are already spectacular but salmon is predicted to be rather poor and steelhead are still questionable. I'm certain we would all like to be active participants in this coming wonderful fall adventure. Our next set of classes will be on flies specializing in catching summer steelhead, muskies and any salmon that may be available.

Before the weather changes, now is the time to GO FISHING !! Go often! Take pictures! Tell your friends! Bring your stories to the meetings !!!

I can't say it often enough ...

GO FISHING !!



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Split Tails the easy way

You dry fly tiers will appreciate this more than the wet fly guys but it works well on both types. A great number of patterns call for a tail made of 2 or 3 fibers that are then separated. If you examine a 'real' bug you will see that the very end of the body where the tails emerge from it is slightly bulbous or enlarged around the individual tails. Tying these fibers in at an angle to get the separation is a pain. Next time you do one of these patterns try this. When you get your thread base wound back to the bend of the hook do not cut off the tag end of the thread. And if your fly will have 3 tails tie in another short thread and let it hang off the back. Now tie in the tail fibers lying horizontally on the hook. To spread them out perfectly bring the loose thread up between the tail fibers. Pull the thread(s) as snug as needed to get the required spread and tie them down and trim.

Perfectly shaped tails every time.



Puget Sound Fly Fishers Mentorship Program

As a member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, you are eligible to enroll into the Mentor Program; this program can assist you in getting acquainted with the other club members, the club's activities, and have knowledgeable members share their fly fishing skills.

To begin the process and determine your fly fishing skills, you are requested to fill out a mentor request form.

Based on this information, an experienced fly fisher will be matched to you as a mentor.

Your mentor will work with you as necessary to learn local waters, accompany you on club outings, help with gear purchases, teach basic casting or fly tying skills if needed, and share destination knowledge.

Your mentor will also introduce you and help you meet the club officers and membership.

We want your membership in the PSFF to be a long and productive one, one where you feel an integral part of the club and the greater fly fishing community.

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Fly Fishing Academy News

2016 NWYCFE Academy

I am happy to report that we are going to have another Academy again this year with 20 boys and girls. I am also happy to report that all of our instructors from the past years are going to return, and we are blessed to have some of the best in our area.

What we will need now is support from the fly fishing community to help the kids at the River and Ponds. The ponds that we are going to fish are in Elma and Graham. We lost our ponds in Nisqually. Folks that are willing to make sure the kids are safe and help with their fishing.

If you would like to help, please call Jim Brosio @ 360-943-9947, Tom VanGelder @253-261-8890 or Mike Clancy @253-278-0061. The fishing is in the early morning and in the evening after dinner starting Monday evening. The event is June 19-25 at The Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director

Membership News

Membership has it's benefits!

We are wrapping up the annual renewal push. Thanks to all that have renewed – we look forward to sharing a great 2016 with you. For those that have not renewed just yet, now is a great time to get that annual task checked off your to do list.

Paid PSFF membership for 2016 now stands at 110 families. That's a good number and indicates that the club is strong and is providing a good value to its members. I'll say again that for \$3.33 per month I don't know of a better value in the fly fishing world than a PSFF membership.

A lot of new members are stepping forward to lend a hand and make sure that the club continues to grow its offerings and deliver even more value to its members. Be sure to thank the folks that are making good things happen for us when you have a chance.

Speaking of good things, at the June meeting we will be introducing a new members-only benefit. There will be a private members only group in Facebook. This group will complement our existing Yahoo group. Access to the new Facebook group will be limited to current membership of the club. This private group will allow members to talk about favorite fishing spots and other details that they do not want to be spread around the more public parts of the internet.

Look for more details on this new members-only benefit at the June meeting.

Full Cry!

By Bob Triggs
www.searuns.com



They posted these all over the place last week.

When I was a young teenager I discovered the magical world of horses. Every chance that I got to ride a horse, or just be around horses, helping out at the farm and stables, etc., I was there. By the time I was sixteen years old I had left school, left home, and I was working with horses. I was in "full cry." That's an old foxhunting term, for the baying of the hounds, when the hounds have scented the fox, and they are hot on the trail, running hard and chasing down the fox. They won't give up, and nothing can stop them. It is an electrifying sight. You would never forget the sight of thirty or forty big hounds, racing across the countryside, spilling over the hills and leaping the fences and stone-wall, filling the air with their mad, blood lusting, saliva slinging baying.

Right now our sea-run cutthroat trout fishing season is in jeopardy, due to being mixed up in the permitting process between the tribes, the state, and the federal government. And so far the co-managers have not been able to come to an agreement about the seasons, etc. Our salty cutthroat fishing is stuck in there somewhere, between the coho, and chinook, and the endangered species act, and a few centuries of hate between negotiating parties. Despite the fact that almost no one ever catches endangered or listed salmon species while they are sea-run cutthroat trout fly fishing, there are concerns about encountering those fish with our barbless hook flies. One thing that I have heard mentioned is that cutthroat fishermen may be hooking juvenile salmon on trout flies. *I have seen that!*

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In my 15 + years of guiding on the saltwaters here, maybe six times we have caught salmon smolt. That's six smolt, total. I have a rule: If you catch a salmon or steelhead smolt. Stop fishing and move! Do not continue fishing when you know that there are smolt moving through an area. It's that simple. In the thousands of days of fishing that we have put in cutthroat fishing here, in the tens of thousands of hours, in the hundreds of thousands of casts, we have seen only a half dozen or so of real, ocean run salmon, caught on trout flies from the beaches. They all swam away handily, keeping the fly, after snapping off our four pound test tippets. One or two were easier to get into shallow water, in a minute or two at most, for an easy release. **That's the threat?!**

Here are a few notes on this:

Background:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/news/apr1916c/>

<http://www.seattletimes.com/sports/state-and-tribal-fishery-managers-at-an-impasse-on-puget-sound-salmon-fishing-season/>

This one is being updated frequently:

<http://nwsportsmanmag.com/editors-blog/puget-sound-salmon-talks-back-on/>

So here's what I think we need to do. We need to show our support for our Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife managers, who have stuck their neck out in this process, refusing to sign off on stopping our catch and release cutthroat fishing in the saltwater. This time they have been working to protect our fishery, and our fishing.

If ever there were an opportunity to demonstrate to our state fisheries managers what the significance and extent of the sea-run cutthroat trout fishery is here, the importance it holds for our community of conservation anglers, and the financial importance it holds for our state, this is the time to do it. They have been working to keep our catch and release game fish season open, for sea-run cutthroat trout, through this mess. They have continued to negotiate with the tribal co-managers. They have stood up for us. We need to make sure that they know that we stand in solidarity with them. I've attached contact info for our Governor and WDFW managers. Please let them know what sea-run cutthroat trout fishing means to you, and what it would mean for you to lose it. If they can't come to an agreement, that could happen. They need to know how much you want to see them manage the game-fish season separately from this salmon war.

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Let loose the hounds!!



Please write in support of our WDFW managers, thank them for their efforts on behalf of the angling community, and request that they keep our catch and release sea-run cutthroat trout fishing season open!

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This is an International exhibition celebrating the art and passion of the Atlantic Salmon Fly. Over 70 world-class tyers representing 17+ countries are coming to Renton, WA for three days to share their experience, passion, artistry, creativity, and fly-tying tips & techniques with the public. This event presents a rare & unparalleled opportunity for the beginner to expert fly-tyer to meet the individuals featured in books and learn about this classic art-form from some of the most renowned tyers alive today. It is truly a unique, one-time opportunity you do not want to miss! Nobody would tie these flies were it not for zealous salmon fly tyers sharing their knowledge face-to-face over the eras. The robust tradition grows as we continue to make new friends and share our passion with fellow enthusiasts. While the Internet makes sharing knowledge easy, there is no substitute for tangible camaraderie and learning in person. Exhibitors will be a fantastic source for fly-tying tools, feathers, materials, tinsel, and fly-fishing gear!

A raffle, silent auction, and live auction feature one-of-a-kind items rarely found on the open market. You can find out more about tyers, exhibitors, sponsors, presentations, demonstrations, and the silent & live auction on our website.

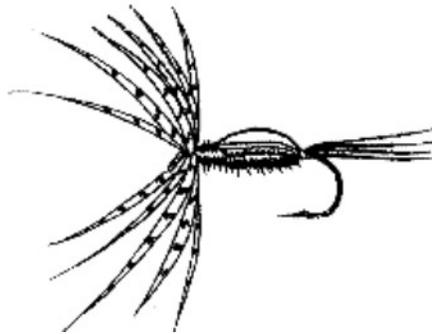
All profits from the event benefit Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Sequim, WA that designs adaptive devices to allow those with physical limitations to fish again.

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

May, 2000- The Mess



This illustration by Powell Swanser was originally printed in Gary LaFontaine's book, **Trout Flies** and is provided courtesy of Greycliff Publishing Company, publisher of fine fly fishing books.

Gary LaFontaine's The Mess: A dynamite fly that defies the imitation school of fly tying

By Jim Abbs

Early in the study of natural systems, students are introduced to a long word that is part of a lesson in how not to think. That word is "anthropomorphism" . It refers to the intuitive, but fatally mistaken tendency of trying to understand animal (mammal, insect, fish) behavior by assuming they have human traits (feelings, senses, perceptions motivations).

This lesson is important to us because anthropomorphism appears very strong in many people who develop fly patterns. A common question is "Why doesn't that fly work? It looks just like the real insect." In our case, anthropomorphism obviously refers to the common mistaken assumption that fish evaluate flies in the same way that we do, despite tremendous differences in a fish's visual system, how they choose what features are important, the variable conditions under which they view the flies and their reasons for being interested at all (to eat and thus survive).

There is one fly designer who clearly is not guilty of anthropomorphism and that is Gary LaFontaine. In practice and in print Gary sort of taunts the imitation school of fly design. He does experiments on what makes fish strike flies and his data indicate that because the underwater fish does not see the fly all at once, most often the sequence of parts that come into view are more important as the whole.

Specifically, Gary says, "The precise match may look nothing like the insect to the angler, but the fly works if it has the right parts appearing in proper sequence for the trout." "What are the right parts?", you might ask.. That depends on what the feature the trout is looking for. Unfortunately, a fly may need only that single feature, making the most effective fly a bizarre exaggeration of the real insect. The Mess, is one such unusual fly. It is designed to imitate the big mayflies, the Midwestern Hexagenia, the Eastern Green Drake or Brown Drake, or the Western Gray Drake.

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This fly, developed by Gary LaFontaine is not only very effective, it is strong endorsement of the need to recognize how different a trout's evaluation of a fly is totally than that of most humans. The very name of the fly suggests that it is not a thing of humanly-percieved beauty. Rather, a double hackle is flared forward toward the eye of the hook, using both rooster and a mallard feathers. To illustrate the general character of this fly, Gary tells the story of a fisherman who asked to see what he was using during a Green Drake hatch. In showing the fly, Gary said, "It's a Mess" to which the angler replied, "That's obvious, but what is it called?"

As a final note, I think it speaks to the personality of Gary LaFontaine to name a fly, any fly " The Mess". Obviously, he believed the fly would be judged on performance, not name appeal.

MATERIALS

Hook: 6-12, 2X long shank (1X fine wire also is recommended)

Tail: Four hackle fibers Back: Strip of foam (colored with a felt tip marker)

Body: Synthetic seal fur (dubbed)

Hackle: Rooster and mallard

TYING STEPS

1. Tie in tail (with two on each side)
2. Tie in srip of closed cell foam (with color to match the may fly species, medium gray, slate, or cream)
3. Dub a body of synthetic seal's fur (in a color to match various mayfly species - Medium gray, slate or cream)
4. Pull the foam forward and tie down over the dubbed body
5. Wrap the double hackle with the rooster to the rear and the mallard toward the eye.
6. Force the hackle fibers forward as shown in the illustration, by wrapping behind them.
7. Dub a bit more body material behind the hackles (over the tying thread).
8. Whip finish the fly and go catch fish during those big mayfly hatches - Hexagenia, Gray Drake, or Green Drake.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.
You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthemoth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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May 1	2	3	4 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	12 Outing - Rocky Ford (No General Meeting this month)	13 Outing - Park Lake Sandy River Spey Clave	14 Outing - Park Lake Sandy River Spey Clave
15 Outing - Park Lake Sandy River Spey Clave	16	17	18 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	19 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	20	21
22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	25 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

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5	6	7	8 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	9 PSFF General Meeting 6:00	10	11 Outing - Skokomish River
12	13	14	15 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	16 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	17 Outing - Dosewallips State Park	18 Outing - Skokomish River & Dosewallips State Park
19 Father's Day Outing - Dosewallips State Park	20	21	22 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24	25
26	27	28	29 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	30		

**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.