



Most Rivers Open June 6th!

June Program - Steve Saville / All you need to know about Pink salmon!

The Leader Line By Mike Koslosky

Time to Fish Smarter

Now that the fishing season is in full swing for nearly all our local waters it's time to get out there and not give it your best, but give it your wisest. With the state facing drought conditions many streams are at levels that we would expect to see in August or September. They are certainly not flush with cold, clear snow melt like normal. To complicate matters low flow will result in less oxygen and warmer waters - a dangerous recipe for salmonids during the summer through fall months.

As stewards of the aquatic resources were we ply our craft it is imperative for us to exercise ethical choices when it comes to fishing. One way to inform yourself is to carry a pocket thermometer so you can check water temperatures before you begin fishing. Stream temperatures over 60 degrees, coupled with the stress of struggling against an anglers line, can quickly become fatal to trout. Another option is to sharpen your skills on other species which have a higher tolerance for warm water. Bass, crappie, bluegill, perch, and carp are hardy species worthy of any angler. Additionally the Sound is a large enough body of water to buffer the effects of warm temperatures and is home to our iconic sea run cutthroat. And if targeting a particular species is not a big concern for you there are flounder, lingcod, sharks, and the curiously bizarre ratfish waiting to give you a tussle. Not to mention this is a pink salmon year and by August we should see lots of these fish passing by our local beaches.

So what do you say about giving our local stream trout a bit of a break this season? There are lots of other fish to be found and you may just broaden your repertoire of skills hunting a new quarry. Go fish, but fish smart.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, June 11th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

June, 2015 Program

Fly Fishing for Pink Salmon

Join us at the next regular meeting of Puget Sound Flyfishers on Thursday, June 11th, where the program will feature lifelong Tacoma and Dash Point resident **Steve Saville**. The presentation will focus on the upcoming Pink Salmon run normally occurring during the months of August and September.

Steve has been fishing for salmon on Puget Sound since the late 1950's where he walked the docks of Tacoma angling for resident Coho and Blackmouth salmon. Over the past twelve years one of his favorite fly fishing opportunities has been the semi-annual Pink salmon run when he primarily fishes from the many beach locations in the Tacoma area.

Steve has been fly fishing for more than thirty years and has traveled to New Zealand, Canada, and Mexico to pursue his hobby. But during the months of August and September, on any "Pink"

year, you will most likely find him on the beaches of Dash Point and Browns Point, his favorite haunts for Pink Salmon.

The presentation will include run projections, tactics, and locations in addition to nutritional facts and before and after catch recommendations if one chooses to keep the catch. It will also include equipment choices, fly selection, and handling of fish whether catch and release or catch and keep preferences apply to the individual angler.

July Program preview:

Marc Williamson of Fall River Fly Fishing out of Scappoose, Oregon will make a presentation on fly fishing in central Oregon lakes and streams. This program is timed to prepare those who plan to attend the mid-August IFFF Conclave in Bend, Oregon, for some extra-curricular relaxation.

FFF EVENTS

FFF Events in 2015

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



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HOT SCOOP

Membership News Get Involved

The real gem of our club is discovered through club involvement. The saying is true, "you get out what you put in." You have the opportunity to shape the club into what you want it to be, that is the beauty of a volunteer organization. The board is working to identify opportunities for involvement in shaping the club. The list will be unveiled at the September General meeting. We welcome your involvement before September; if you would like to be involved contact any of the Officers, Directors or Committee chairs listed in this Newsletter. We are always open to new ideas and your involvement.

Membership Roster

Ever wonder how to reach a club member to go fishing? Well we are very close to providing this valuable resource. The June general meeting is the last opportunity current members will have to **Opt in** to be included in the Membership Roster.

The Membership Roster will be made available exclusively to club members (it will include first/last names and phone numbers.) **Yes to Opt in** and **No to Opt out**. Any member that has not indicated their participation preference by the June General meeting will be listed as Opt out.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. The club is valuable when members meet and fish together.

Welcome new members:

Ann Selinos
Alex Miller
Ralph and Pam Neighbor

Thanks to the following **guests** who joined us at the May meeting:

Ken Corkum
Ann Selinos
Alex Miller
Ralph and Pam Neighbor

If you have any questions about membership or would like to join Puget Sound Fly Fishers contact me. Paul Fournier phone: 206-972-2513 or email: pfournier@gmail.com



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Titanic dry flies

The manufacturing and dying processes used to make tying materials often deplete the materials of natural oils that repel water and help those dry flies float nice and high. A little trick that will restore that water repellent quality to your flies is to spray your flies with Scotch Guard Heavy Duty Fabric Spray. You can also spray your materials before using them. Follow the directions on the can carefully as to drying time etc. Use sparingly and test for color damage before using. There are some fly shop products to do this but they are way more expensive.

Education Corner By John Brett

The May class was outstanding!! All attendees departed with five new flies to entice the "Pinks" who are planning to make a spectacular entrance into the south sound beginning in the next month. There were 19 members in attendance and everyone left with the color pink permanently imbedded in their fishing plans.

In June we have a plan to improve your still water fishing issues. The club has already had several outings centered on lake fishing and there are many more in the expected great summer weather. I think we all agree that the most spectacular fishing is witnessing some large fish take a floating fly. That generally results in some great photographs but also ends in fewer fish being caught!! The fish biologists seem to agree that less than 10% of all fish diets are associated with bugs and flies found on the surface and the overwhelming majority of nourishment is derived from subsurface creatures. The May class will specifically concentrate on this non-floating type of fly that can be used for the summer trout, crappie, bass and any others that are spending their free time dinning at the fresh water buffet. Now is the perfect time for you to be throwing home-made, subsurface appetizers allowing fish to assist with your catching techniques.

Your boxes of subsurface bait will have the opportunity to get wet while you fling them at our western Washington live menu. Last year P.J. Hicks had an excellent class on lake flies and he admits his true

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passion is for the still water fish that are available almost year round. He is building a plan to present his favorite flies and educate us on the best ways to improve your landing statistics.

The big room at Tower Lanes is reserved for Saturday, June 27th, where we can enjoy each other's company, brag about our recent achievements and learn to tie several still water "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 tools, materials and lots of room at the tying bench. The fun starts at 9:00 and continues till 11:30. A signup sheet will be available at the June meeting. If you don't sign up and still want to attend, I'd appreciate a call or e-mail so enough supplies will be on hand.

Don't forget to bring your lunch money.

Other News

PUGET SOUND FLYFISHERS

LOGO IS NOW AVAILABLE

Patches

3 1/2"	\$10
4"	\$12

Sewn on your shirt

3 1/2"	\$14
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(you supply the shirt)

Baseball cap with Emblem
\$15

CUSTOMISE YOUR FAVORATE FLY FISHING SHIRT

APPLE STATE EMBROIDERY, in Gig Harbor, will sew a 3 1/2" patch on your shirt or jacket for \$14. Wear your shirt and advertise the club whenever you are fishing or attending any of our club outings or at the numerous fishing fairs and while visiting other club meetings.

You need to supply the shirt! Bring it to one of our meetings and give it to any of the club officers along with your payment. The embroidered shirt will be returned at our next meeting.

Raffle News

By Chuck Tye

Raffle Board for Ponderay frameless pontoon boat.

At the June meeting there will be a raffle board for a Ponderay frameless pontoon boat. There will be 40 squares for this boat and each square will cost \$5.00.

Bring your \$5.00 and buy a square.

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLYFISHING ACADEMY – 2015

by Mike Clancy

Registration for The Academy is on Saturday, June 21st, @12 pm, when 23 boys and girls will be showing up with all their paperwork, sleeping gear, fishing cloths, etc. preparing for an exciting week. Some have a little experience, most don't, but these kids will learn quick with the help of all the great volunteers. Jim Brosio has a great line up of instructors and we have the schedules made up for the fishing. Our next challenge is getting volunteers to help the kids fish on The Deschutes River and on the Nisqually Pond by I-5. If you would like to help with the guiding, please give me a call @360-753-1259, Jim Brosio @360-943-9947 and Tom VanGelder @253-261-8890. Guiding consists of helping the kids land fish or just assisting them when needed. Some will just need encouragement since the kid fishing next to him is catching all the fish. You know how that goes. We welcome your help, this is a very rewarding event. The kids will never forget your help.

I want to thank all the Washington Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, private folks and corporate organizations that are supporting the 2015 Academy. Without the support of these organizations, the Academy would not happen. Remember – *Our youth are the guardians of the future for our sport of fly fishing.* Mike Clancy – Jim Brosio – Tom VanGelder, Co-Directors

A little summer in the spring.

By Bob Triggs

www.searuns.com



First year in the salt. A two-year-old sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout.

Our spring beach fishing has been uncommonly pleasant this year. And we are still enjoying summer like conditions this month, with more fair weather in the forecast for at least the next week. You would think that all of this sunshine and blue bird weather would slow the fish down, and keep them off of the surface. But this has hardly been the case as we have encountered so many bright wild and willing trout under sunny skies, in shallow clear water, often at the edges of the beach. This may be due to the cold waters flowing in on the incoming tides, and the movement of forage species on those currents. But one thing that I know is that these trout don't mind a sunny day one bit. If we were river fishing we wouldn't likely find these fish holding in shallow, brightly lit waters this way.

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Under cooler skies, [Jon Tobey](#) searches the currents for a wild sea-run Cutthroat. This time of year we can get cool, dark mornings, fog, and almost no wind until late morning. By lunchtime it can be 70 to 80 degrees and sunny.

My salty fly fishing Tip-of-the-week: Fish the shallows first, no matter what the tide is doing. Almost every visiting angler, new to these waters, will wade out into hip deep water and haul off the longest cast that they can make right away. Often they will miss the fish that were right at their feet. Sometimes they will be feeding so close to the edges that you can see their dorsal fins on the surface of the water. Don't be in a hurry. Hang back, take it all in, study the edges. And don't hesitate to try a dry fly!

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There's some pretty nice sea-run trout hanging around in shallow water



Shallow water sea-run Coastal Cutthroat trout.

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Foam flies for warmwater:

Back to your roots

June 1999



(Just an example)

Comments by Jim Abbs

If you live in a part of the world blessed with warmwater lakes and pond, consider yourself very fortunate. As long as there is open water, sunfish, bluegills, crappie and other panfish can be tricked to taking one kind of a fly or another. This kind of fishing is not crowded, often is found minutes from home, and these tough little fish are not hypersensitive to the advance of human development. Even in the mostly coldwater west, many cities and towns maintain some warmwater ponds, lakes or little impoundments, mostly because they serve so many different anglers so well.

Another reason warmwater fishing is so popular is that most of us started out fishing these kinds of waters. An old-time Minnesota steelhead, trout and salmon fly fisher makes the point better than I can: "One of the most memorable moments this past summer was angling for sunfish on a northern Wisconsin lake. On a light fly rod sunfish are surprisingly feisty and I lost count of the number of fish landed that morning, but it was a delightful change of pace. Ignoring simpler fly fishing pleasures is a mistake we often make. After all I started fishing with a stick and a string on a dock in a little pond. It doesn't hurt to get to back to one's roots. "

The other relaxing part of fishing in warmwater is creating new flies to imitate the thousands of little critters that make up these fertile ecosystems. One of the most popular and inexpensive materials for these kinds of flies is closed-cell foam. Spiders, ants, beetles, inch worms, bumble bees, polywogs, and even dragon flies are very easy to tie with foam (if you can get the rubber legs right) and with some attention to proportion and "bugginess" they can be deadly effective. The original foam bugs--called sponge flies---were constructed of open cell foam and the water had to be squeezed out of them every few casts to keep them floating. That original foam was pretty soft stuff and as a consequence what you could do with it also was sort of limited.

However today we have a large variety of so-called closed-cell foam materials that float forever, can be colored (or even painted), are easy to shape in great detail and work very well not only on panfish and bass, but also are used for many trout patterns. In the spirit of relaxed summer fishing on your little pond of choice, the Fly of the Month for June, 1999 is a simple foam creation, with a few dozen variations in size, shape, coloration and style that make it into beetles, inch-worms, ants, stoneflies and many other creatures that are deadly on warmwater and coldwater fish.

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MATERIALS:

Hook:

Dry fly hook, sizes 6-14, depending upon the size of warmwater fish you are pursuing; for bluegill sizes 10-14 are good (I prefer a size 12 hook, tied with a #10 size body, so to discourage little panfish--they can't get it in their mouths!) and if you want to open up the possibility of catching either a panfish or maybe a bass, go to # 8 or even #6.

Legs:

Rubber leg material (round or strips from rubber sheets in many colors), waxed tying thread, Krystal Flash. These three kinds of legs can be used together or by themselves. The Krystal Flash (in my experience) seems to reduce the floatation of the fly, so use it sparingly---just a couple strands for effect. Some foam patterns also use saddle hackle in addition to or instead of rubber or thread legs. Rubber legs that are segmented (with a dashes) are available, and some even now have a glitter material embedded. You can segment the legs yourself with a permanent marker.

Body:

Foam is available from a variety of sources, like some packing material or sport helmet padding. The closed-cell foam does not absorb water and generally floats better. There are a number of colors available, particularly black, white and yellow. A good alternative is to choose white and color it with a permanent marker. Indeed, two-color patterns (like bumble bee stripes of yellow and black) are often more effective than solid colors. A touch of red near the front of the fly seems also to add to the effectiveness---this is consistent with the patches of red sometimes used near the head of streamer patterns.

TYING STEPS:

1. Cut the foam in a shape to imitate the insect you are trying to match. Tapering it toward the hook eye, with a more abrupt taper toward the bend of the hook is a common approach, but by no means the only one. Take a look at some of the insects on your pond or lake; A beetle has a different body shape than an ant or spider.
2. Wrap the thread along the entire length of the hook shank and back to the bend. I recommend placing a drop of super glue at the point where you wish to tie in the back part of the foam body. This stuff makes your fly more durable and also keeps the body and hook in their proper orientation.
3. Tie in the foam body, with the front of the body pointing off the back of the hook, upside down. Place a couple of drops of super glue or tying cement (the flexible kind is best for foam) on the thread-wrapped hook shank and fold the foam body down on the shank.
4. Wrap several winds of thread around the foam body, creating a so-called waist for the fly. The position of that waist, and whether you want two or more segments is dependent upon the insect you are trying to imitate. A beetle may have no waist at all, just a head. Make sure you place the body so it is sitting properly and rigidly on top of the hook shank. If the body rotates on the hook shank, the hook bend and point will be out of position (lying flat against the bottom of the body, for example) making it difficult to get hook ups.
5. Take leg material, cut to lengths about 2 times the body length and lay it along side the foam body. Tie in at one more points of segmentation on both sides. Adjust the spread of the legs by wrapping in front or in back of each. This will take some messing around until

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you get the hang of it; often after you have tied a few foam flies, such adjustments are not necessary.

6. Wrap the thread forward, tying down the head, or alternatively leaving a tip of the foam for the head. Put drop of flexible tying cement at the head and at the segmentation points. If you want to make this fly easier to see, glue a small piece of white or colored foam on top.
7. Experiment with colors, shapes, leg configurations to get the most effect pattern for your local waters. Have fun catching fish and creating new bugs!

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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	June 1	2	3 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	4	5	6 General river opener - Wynoochee River Outing
7	8	9	10 7 Seas Fly Ty- ing 6:30	11 PSFF Mtg 6:00	12	13
14	15	16	17 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	18 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	19	20 Cle Elum River Outing
21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24 7 Seas Fly Ty- ing 6:30	25	26 Lake Killarney Outing	27
28	29	30				

			July 1 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	2	3 Dosewallips River Outing	4 The Fourth of July!
5	6	7	8 7 Seas Fly Ty- ing 6:30	9 PSFF Mtg 6:00	10	11
12	13	14 North Fork Skokomish River Outing	15 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	16 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	17	18
19	20	21	22 7 Seas Fly Ty- ing 6:30	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	25 Kitsap Lake Outing
26	27	28	29 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	30	31	

**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.