



***Earn future "Fishing Points" -  
Remember Valentines Day!***



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## February Program - Summer Steel with John Shewey

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### **The Leader Line By Greg Shimek**

Winter has certainly arrived in the Northwest. We had snow on Christmas and lots of rain and wind to follow. This has had an effect on our fishing opportunities, that's for sure. The Coastal rivers have had their ups and downs and the beaches and lakes have been windblown as well. With that said, I keep hearing good fishing reports from club members who fish all these waters at this time of the year. This just goes to show how hardy and optimistic a bunch of anglers can truly be.

I truly admire those of you that brave these conditions just to feel the tug on the line. Yes, I know there is more to it than that, but seriously, how can you really enjoy the "whole Experience" we all love when you are bundled up with so many layers of clothes you look like the Michelin Man, your runny nose freezes up along with the guides on your rod, you can't feel your fingers, windblown salt-water makes your glasses totally useless, and you can just forget about ever feeling your toes again, until you get out of a half hour long hot shower. I must admit that yes, on the rare mild day, you will even find me on a beach somewhere chasing Coastal Cutthroat Trout. However, you all know how many "MILD" days we have at this time of year.

What you may ask is the alternative to braving our winter weather? Well there is always the warmer southern climate locations. That works for some, that's for sure, but what about those who are still working hard or those of us who want our retirement savings to last as long as we can? Well, this time of year is also the time of OUTDOOR SHOWS! boating, fishing, sportsmen and sportswomen shows. These shows offer us the opportunity to look at the newest equipment and materials, hear about fishing techniques, explore fishing opportunities both near and far and maybe even learn a new killer fly

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pattern. All of this and more with the added benefit of being in a nice DRY and WARM building wearing clothes that resemble fishing attire being worn in May or June. By the time you read this the Puyallup Show will have come and gone and hopefully many of you will have attended and had a great time. The Fly Fishing Show in Lynwood is still a couple of week away in February and the Northwest Fly Tyer Expo in Albany, Oregon in in early March so you still have an opportunity to enjoy all the benefits that theses shows offer the angling community.

So, there you have my thoughts on this time of the fishing year. Call me soft if you will but I, for one, will be attending the shows, hopefully picking up a few new tips and staying dry and warm. For all you avid anglers who enjoy the challenges of fishing at this time of year, dress warm, have fun but also please be safe, the conditions can change very quickly.

Oh, how I long for Spring and all it brings.



The changing of the guard.

## DSFF NEWS

*Our Next Meeting*  
Thursday, February 8th  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center  
6323 6th Ave.  
Tacoma WA 98406

February, 2018 Program

***Confessions of a Swinger:  
Fly Fishing for Summer Steelhead***

From May through the end of autumn, depending on specific run timings in specific rivers, summer steelhead are on the move in the Pacific Northwest, and anglers claim their share of a legacy that spans decades, a legacy of pursuing these noble fish with flies. The art and passion that enshrouds steelhead fly fishing afflicts countless devotees, forming an addiction that borders on religion. In his most popular program, longtime steelhead angling enthusiast **John Shewey** takes you on a stirring journey of discovery, delving into the techniques and flies and rivers and attitudes that compose this regal sport.

## FFI EVENTS

### ***Regional FFI Events in 2018***

February 17-18, 2018 – The Fly Fishing Show - Lynnwood, WA. (WSCFFi will have a booth at this event.)

March 9-10, 2018 – NW Fly Tyer Expo - Albany, Oregon

May 4-5, 2018 – Washington Council Expo - Ellensburg, WA.

August 6-11, 2018 – FFi Annual Fly Fishing Fair - Boise, Idaho



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## OUTINGS ON THE RISE

by Mike Koslosky,  
Outings Chairman

Although this winter has been mighty wet and cool Spring is just around the corner. With it comes the promise (hopefully) of some settled weather, warming temperatures and hungry fish ready to feast on newly emerging food items.

As your newly hogtied and tortured into submission Outings Director, I'm busy lining up a wide variety of outings for us to enjoy. Following in the footsteps of some terrific outings members my plan is to offer to you a variety of opportunities to pursue all manner of fish species from the prolific spiny rays; bass, perch, crappie, bluegill, and their relatives to the classic and native cutthroat, steelhead, salmon, and other salmonids.

We'll visit a number of ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, the coast, and the Columbia River for openers. But this is your club and I'm just here to help you enjoy your fishing experiences so drop me a line at [mikek1801@gmail.com](mailto:mikek1801@gmail.com) and give me your suggestions. I'll do my best to meet your needs. I've already heard talk of a ladies float on the Lower Yakima for smallmouth, a trip to the coast for red tail surf perch, and an expedition to the Columbia for shad. Have a fantasy (not that kind!)? Let me know and we'll see what we can do to make it a reality.

By the March club meeting I will have a schedule of trips covering Spring and early Summer. In the meantime, tie flies, check your maps, read up on new species you'd like to pursue and get ready for fun.

# Looking for help?

Are you trying to learn a new technique?

Looking for a fishing partner?

Do you need help with anything having to do with Fly Fishing?

## Look no further!

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers has a group of knowledgeable folks who want to share their skills and are looking for folks who need help with everything having to do with Fly Fishing. If you are looking for someone to assist you we will make sure that a person with the specific skill you need help with gets in touch with you.

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## Fly Fishing Academy News

Applications are now being accepted for the June 24-30, 2018 Academy. Up to 20 lucky boys and girls may attend the 2018 Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must submit an essay, explaining why *“they”* would like to attend The Academy and a letter of recommendation is to be submitted by their school counselor or science teacher. Both items may be emailed to me. Enrollment fee is \$300, however there are sponsorships available, so no applicant will be turned away because of funding. Again, we are very fortunate to receive financial support from the fly fishing clubs, the TU chapters, individuals and corporate organizations. The event is supported by WSCIFFF and WCTU and the SSFF, PSFF & Olympia TU.

The applications can be obtained by contacting me or go to our website and download the forms at [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). We have a Facebook page with loads of pictures from past year’s Academy’s. Just put in NW Youth and it will pop right up.

If you have any questions, please contact me @ [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net). Phone: 253-278-0061. We’re looking forward to another great year.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director

Jim Brosio, Co-Director

Tom VanGelder, Co-Director

**FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI)**  
**by Mike Clancy, FFI Representative**

**There are** some wonderful things that happen with the FFI in 2017 and more fly fishing events are coming up in 2018.

January 24-28, 2018 – As I write this, members of the WSCFFI are working a very successful booth at the Sportsman Show in Puyallup.

February 17-18, 2018 – The Fly Fishing Show at The Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood, WA. FFI National will have a booth their and staffed by members of the National Board and The WSCFFI Board. That promises to be another great fly fishing event. [www.flyfishingshow.com/lynnwood-wa/](http://www.flyfishingshow.com/lynnwood-wa/)

March 9-10, 2018 – NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo at The Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, OR. This is a great event. Been going on for years, these folks know what they are doing. Lodging is very close to the event, within walking distance. [www.nwexpo.com](http://www.nwexpo.com)

May 4-5, 2018 – The 2018 Washington Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, WA. at The Kittitas Valley Event Center (Ellensburg Fair Grounds). This is sponsored by The WSCFFI. There will be Fly Tying, Fly Casting Workshops, Casting Demo's, Fly Casting Challenge, FREE Tying Lessons Saturday, Seminars, Awards & Auction Banquet and a Beginners' Material Dyeing Class. Please go to [www.wscffi.org](http://www.wscffi.org) for more details. Camping on the Fair Grounds property for tents and RV's with water and electric hookups.

June and July is for fly fishing

August 6-11, 2018 - Annual FFI Fly Fishing Fair, Boise, ID. The program will be held at the Boise Centre in the heart of downtown Boise. The event, The Grove Hotel for lodging, and parking are in the same block. There are many great restaurants within walking distance. I am conducting the Youth Camp, my wife and I drove to Boise to learn about the venue, didn't want any surprises in August. Folks, this place is amazing, The Boise River runs right through the city with wonderful fishing opportunities. I know if you attend this event, you won't be disappointed. It's still in the planning stages, so more to come. It's a great vacation area.

[www.flyfishersinternational.org](http://www.flyfishersinternational.org)



Hello PSFF,

Winter fishing has been fantastic on Hood Canal, big fish pushing from the deep holding water up onto the shallows and munching down shrimp and sculpin like a fat kid at a sushi bar. The fish are certainly fattening up too, with big bellies and stretched looking skin. I suspect February to be much of the same as the cutthroat move shallower and shallower near their prospective creeks. We have noticed a major de-

cline of fish out in the open stretches of beach with no estuaries near by, so I would say much of this fattening up is due to getting ready for spawn time. Most of our fish have been super clean chrome cutthroat, without much sign of sea lice, however when we do pick the fish up in the open water they have a few hichhikers (For those following the study with Coastal Cutthroat Coalition).

See you out on the water!

Captain Justin Waters

All-Waters Fly Fishing



# FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

## FLY OF THE MONTH "Raccoon Shrimp"



Edition: November  
Written by: Jerry Coviello  
Photographed By: Jerry Coviello  
Creator: Fly Dresser Guild  
Guest Tier: Jerry Coviello

With fall and winter coming maybe it's time to find a warmer place to fish. Maybe the Gulf Coast or an Island in the Caribbean. So I figured why not tie a few shrimp patterns. I found a pattern from the Fly Dressers Guild located in the United Kingdom. I liked the way it looked and the use of a dubbing loop to create the legs and feelers plus how simple it was to tie. So I wanted to share this pattern with everyone who fly fish in the saltwater.. Tying directions are featured in Fall/Winter FFI FlyFisher Magazine

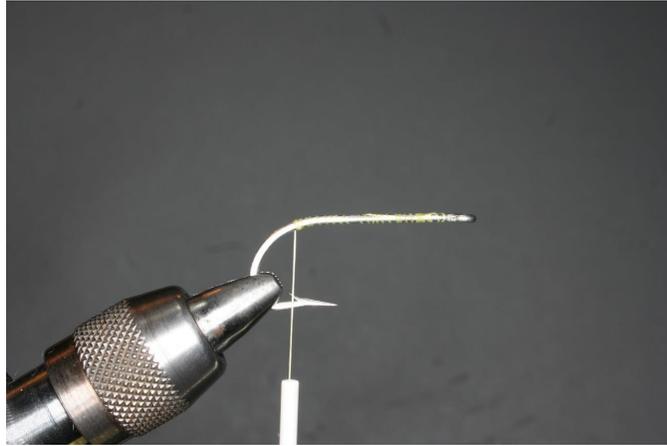
### Materials

Raccoon Saltwater Shrimp  
Hook: Saltwater Size 2  
Thread: Monocord 3/0 Tan  
Beard/Feelers: Raccoon Fur and Grey Whiting Bird Fur  
Rib: Clear Mono  
Eyes: 50lb mono melted and treated with UV Cured resin  
Body: Raccoon Fur dubbing loop  
Under body: 2 strips of lead free wire  
Shell-Back: Tan Thin Skin cut to shape

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## **Tying Steps**



### **Step 1**

Cover the hook shank with your tying thread.



### **Step 2**

Tie in the monofilament at the bend of the hook.

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### **Step 3**

Make a dubbing loop. Cut the raccoon fur from the hide and take a feather from the Bird Fur and insert them into the dubbing loop. This will be the beard and feelers for the shrimp.



### **Step 4**

Spin the dubbing loop, and stroke all the fibers in one directions. Wrap the dubbing loop at the bend of the hook. Make sure you stroke the fibers towards the bend of the hook. The Bug Fur Feather will be the feelers and the raccoon fur will be the beard of the shrimp.

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### **Step 5**

Take 2 pieces of 30 to 50 lb monofilament and hold the end to a lighter to create an eye. Then coat the melted ball with UV Resin. Tie the eyes on top side of the beard.



### **Step 6**

Tie in 2 strips of lead free wire on the bottom of the shank of the hook.

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### **Step 7**

Make another dubbing loop, and cut raccoon fur and insert the fur into the loop. Make the loop long enough to make the body of the shrimp. The guard hairs of the raccoon will be the legs of the shrimp.



### **Step 8**

Once you twist the dubbing loop to form a brush, wrap the brush over the shank of the hook. Stroke the guard hairs downward and towards the bend of the hook.

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**Step 9**

Once you get to the eye of the hook, secure and cut the material.



**Step 10**

Brush the fur downwards to form the legs of the shrimp.

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**Step 11**

Cut a strip of Thin Skin, I am using tan. This will be used for the shell back of the shrimp. Secure it at the eye of the hook.



**Step 12**

Rib the shrimp with the monofilament, then tie it off at the eye.

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**Step 13**

Use your dubbing needle to free any fur trapped by the monofilament rib.



**Step 14**

Whip finish.

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**Step 15**

Apply the UV Resin to the top of the shrimp to create the shell.



**Step 16**

Use a UV lamp to set the UV Resin. This will harden in a few seconds.

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## **Step 17**

Finished Raccoon Shrimp.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

Fly of the Month:

Do you know someone who deserves to be featured in the Fly of the Month? If you have a camera and computer, you can write a Fly of the Month article to honor your favorite tier tying their best creation. For details contact the Fly Tying Group at [ftg@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:ftg@flyfishersinternational.org).

Please note: The demonstration you are viewing makes no claim, implied or otherwise, that the presenter or demonstrator of the fly pattern was the original creator of the fly.

This is the guest tyer's version of this fly and it may differ from the creator's or other versions and variations.

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

You can direct any questions or comments to  
[ftg@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:ftg@flyfishersinternational.org).

# PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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				February 1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	8 PSFF General Mtg 6:00	9	10
11	12	13	14 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00 Valentines Day	15 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	16	17 Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show
18 Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show	19	20	21 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00			

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25	26	27	28 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	29	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](http://www.psff.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **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.