



Fishing! (and Spooks and Ghouls)

October Program - Larry Phillips from WDFW

The Leader Line By Mike Koslosky

Man do I miss summer. I never thought I would be happy to see the sky lighten at 4:45am until I woke last Friday at 6am and it was dark. Summer gave us so much light to fish, and play, and soak up the warm sunshine - well, ok it was a bit too warm to soak up all at once unless you like having charbroiled skin. Regardless, we had lots of time to enjoy whatever we pursued.

Fall has its own rewards to be sure. Cooling weather and occasional storms have freshened local streams and cooled lakes to fishable conditions. Fall also brings with it returning coho searching for natal streams. Sea run cutthroat are more active now gorging on protein rich foods to fuel them as they head for breeding streams later in the season. Warmwater species are also putting on the feed bag in preparation for colder days, shorter days, and reduced insect activity.

One thing we don't have to anticipate is winter so severe and nasty that lakes and rivers freeze and most fishermen spend those days browsing catalogs, tying flies, and trying to keep from going nuts staying indoors or at least not fishing. Remember, in addition to the Sound, we have many year 'round lakes waiting to be explored. We can fish all year so there is no excuse not to.

And speaking of Fall, it's that time of year when Membership Renewals are creeping up. You have to admit this past year has been tremendous in terms of the number of outings, the quality of our guest speakers, the high volume of visitors attending meetings, and the variety of educational sessions offered. All this is possible due to the dedication of a cadre of members giving a little time to see things through. So do the club and yourself a favor by renewing your membership now. It's still only \$40 for individuals and families - a deal by any standards. Download the membership application from the website and fill it out so we have updated information on you. We know things change like email address, home phone numbers, personal addresses and some of your info may be *years* old and woefully out of date.

While you're at it, give some thought to donating a little of your time to serve on a committee or the Board. We have immense talent in our membership and your skills can help take us to even greater heights. Think about it. Act on it. We'd love to have you.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, <DATE>
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

October 2015 Program

Larry Phillips, Inland Fish Program Manager for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, will describe how local lakes are managed. It should be quite interesting and useful to the membership given the heavy emphasis our club places on lake fishing. We hope to have him tell us how we can engage in some sort of project benefitting local lakes.

November Teaser

Aaron O'Leary, owner of Angler's Obsession which is home based in Forks, Washington, will talk about Olympic Peninsula steelheading. This outstanding presentation will focus on reading water (in a unique manner), flies, swinging techniques and strategies, nymphing and flies and Olympic Peninsula area rivers.

December Teaser

Heather Hodson is a principle in Spokane Women on the Fly, a very strong new chapter of TU. She will talk with us about a woman's perspective on the approaches and challenges of developing a women's fly fishing club in the northwest. She's also a very enthusiastic and accomplished fly fisher and will share information about rivers and lakes in Washington and Idaho.

FFF EVENTS

FFF Events in 2015

(None)



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HOT SCOOP

Membership News

Fall is in the air, crisp mornings, leaves changing colors, and a Coho run that has us running to the nearest body of water. Our featured speaker for September, Anil Srivastava, owner of Puget Sound Fly Co., shared his passion for fly fishing for this amazing species of Salmon.

September also brought a record number of guests to our meeting; the room was filled with lively conversation and friends new and old. It is exciting to see our room filled with so many guests, guests become members and members are what make our club great. If you are new to the club we encourage you to explore all the things that make Puget Sound Fly Fishers (PSFF) a great club. You will find details of upcoming meetings, outings, classes, and link to our member's only message board at www.psff.org.

Everybody is welcome to our monthly club meetings which are held the on 2nd Thursday of the month at Tower Lanes Entertainment Center, in Tacoma. Meetings begin at 6pm. For more information regarding meetings please visit our website at www.psff.org.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to know more about our club please contact me.

Paul Fournier, Membership Chair
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I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting and on the water.

Welcome new members:
Ben Dennis

Thanks to the following **guests** who joined us at the September meeting:
Paul Schermerhorn
Tony Busch
Steve Wilson
Jim Miller

Stuart Correll
Larry Warwick
Dave and Linda Hahn
John Green
Mike and Chery Porter
Scott Manson
Ben Dennis
Mike Wearne
Wade Perow
Jon Kvinsland
Mark Yuhasz
Wayne Binns
Norm Stephkey

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

Education

Now is the time to be fishing. If you have the extra time to attend some class on how to tie flies or other aquatic "catch-ums" ... DON'T Spend your time more productively and get some of your bugs wet. Go fishing !!

The presentation at the September meeting was absolutely marvelous and motivational. Even if the water in our lakes is too warm and the rivers are down, the salt water is very productive and the biggest reason you aren't catching something is because your fishing line and bugs aren't wet.

This is the best time of year to have a line in the water. The salmon and steelhead are migrating and the cutthroats are hungry. You should put something in front of them.

I have a good program planned for November, but now is not the time to have some class on how to catch fish ... now is the time to

GO FISHING

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PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Some years ago I bought some Virtual Nymph Flexi-Body material for doing realistic nymph bodies at a fly tying expo. It was from England and very expensive for the amount you got in a package. The clear was most useful. I needed some more but didn't want to order it from England so I got to thinking. I found a great substitute at a local sign shop. Ask for static cling clear vinyl. It's clear, stretchy, just the right thickness, and is easily colored with various markers. To use just use a straight edge to slice off a strip about 3mm wide. Cut a point on the end and tie it in at the hook bend. Wrap your underbody and then wrap and stretch the vinyl in overlapping turns forward to form the body. You can color it before or after wrapping depending on the effect you want. They may even give you some remnants free if they have any.

IFFF – INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS 50TH ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 13 -15, 2015, The IFFF celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Bend, OR. It was one of the best FF Fair events I have attended since joining the IFFF. The facilities were very good, with the meals, classes and fly tying events very close together. This was the highest attended IFFF event with record financial income. Most of the Vendors enjoyed record sales. The fly tying stations were in the same room as the vendors and the silent auction. There were a lot of items for the silent auction, and very good bargains. The President's Banquet was long with awards going to some very deserving individuals for their support to the Federation. The live auction, conducted by Will Godfrey was excellent. Fly Plates, since it was the 50th, went for substantial amounts of money.

Some of our favorite people attended the event: Joan Wulff, Rhea Topping, Frank Moore (Father of the Umpqua River, WWII Normandy Utah Beach Veteran, an absolutely amazing man along with his wife of 69 years). There were many more folks, too many to mention.

Bruce Brown and I conducted The Youth Program with 8 boys and fathers/grandfathers. Day 1 was morning classes with afternoon casting. Day 2 was fishing at The Pond. The kids were amazing, VERY hot weather, but that didn't stop them, and they caught fish. All the kids went home with rods, reels, lines with furled leaders, and fly tying vises. Over the years we have replaced equipment for The Academy, the items that the kids went home with was retired/useable equipment from The Academy. Our goal was to pass the items on to youth.

All-in-all, it was a fun experience in Bend this year, seeing some of the folks I have met over the years. Next year the Fly Fishing Fair will be in Livingston, MT, August 2-6, 2016.

Mike Clancy, WSCIFFF

**A Solstice too soon.
Bob Triggs**

www.searuns.com



Under a waxing harvest moon.
photo credit: Ellen O'Shea. www.eaglemountfarms.com

Under a waxing Harvest Moon my neighbor's pumpkin and squash patch has been getting a light frost on it every morning of late. It's been cooling down for the last month here, the rivers have gotten some good spates of rain, the fish have been moving upriver, and we're catching bigger cutthroat and coho from the beaches now. And right about now we can expect the October Caddis hatch to begin on our rivers. That will make for some fine dry line steelhead and cutthroat fishing for the next month or more. As much as I hate to admit it- fall is really here. It's just that I am not ready for it yet. I just don't want to give up on summer. It's been so good here.

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"If you squeeze it, it squeaks!"

I shouldn't complain. It's been a great summer of sea-run coastal cutthroat trout and pink salmon and coho salmon fishing on the beaches here. And it's not like we won't have at least another month or two of some really good beach fishing ahead. I just get so wrapped up in the rhythms of living by the tides, and the warmth of summer, the blue skies and cool refreshing waters. Over the last few weeks I have been feeling the deep changes of the seasons. The days are significantly shorter. Wasn't it grand to be rising with the dawn, in the wee hours of the day, and watching the sunsets at night for a while. Fishing into darkness now gets us off of the water much earlier. Light frequent rains have returned, reviving just about everything from the drought. Mowing the grass will cut into my fishing time again. I'm not really ready for that again either.

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The Coho salmon are a bit bigger now.

The only truly difficult thing about this time of year is that it can be hard to make up your mind about what fishing you want to do, and where. With the beaches so close at hand, and the coho running now, and the sea-run Cutthroat feeding so voraciously, it is hard to walk away from that. Even if there are cutthroat and summer steelhead hitting those October Caddis now on the rivers to the west of us. Sometimes we can split a day, between saltwater and freshwater fishing, and get a taste of both. It just depends upon the tides and river flows. And speaking of tides, with the Harvest Moon waxing, and the strong tidal pull of the moon this time of year, we can expect some strong tides. Aside from some rain forecast for the next day or so, the air is looking dry and mild for the next week or more here. The rivers are on the drop after the last punch of rain. With a little more rain coming tomorrow it's likely we will have good fishing for the next week or more here on the rivers too. That's a nice problem to have.

Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report

Being a fly angler this time of year in Washington is almost overwhelming, everything is fishing good all at once! Trout, Steelhead, Salmon, Rivers, Saltwater, Lakes. It is safe to say the hardest part of fishing this time of year is deciding what to do!

Puget Sound fishing has been absolutely spectacular this past month. From top to bottom the whole sound has been a salmon fisherman's dream. Pink salmon are pretty much wrapped up in the saltwater now (not to say you won't catch one), but the coho fishing has been fantastic still, with lots of big fish moving in. Reports are strong that there are still plenty of coho up in the straights which makes me optimistic for a few more weeks of spectacular coho fishing down here.

Sea Run Cutthroat are aggressively feeding on larger bait all over the Sound and Canal right now. This is one of the best times to target very large fish on larger flies. Just be prepared to hook into a coho while targeting them. I like to look for bait and fish along the edges with a fairly fast retrieve.

The river fishing has been heating up with plenty of summer steelhead being caught all over the state. Most of the Columbia River tributaries have been fishing very well for summer steelhead as well as salmon. We are starting to think of our favorite salmon rivers and filling up gas tanks now.

Trout fishing in the small streams has been starting to look pretty good, we had some good success nymphing the deeper pools for some good sized cutthroat last week, also small streamers in the log jams pulled out some nicer fish too. We had plenty of hand sized cutthroat looking up to sz. 18 Parachute Adams and Elk Hair caddis. The Yakima reports have all been very strong as well.

The lakes are starting to cool down and the holdover trout are starting to get happy and fat.

Good luck guys!

Justin Waters

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month
October, 1999 - A Family of Divers: Dahlberg & Offspring



Comments by Jim Abbs

As winter approaches, most fly tyers want to concentrate on patterns that meet one of two criteria. We are interested in flies that either will be useful somewhere where it is warm (in December and January), or flies that will be of especially great value early next season. This month's fly succeeds on both counts-- you can use it in the south for warmwater or saltwater species and secondly it will be very effective as soon as the ice is off your favorite pike or muskie lake next spring. Basically, if you are interested in catching any of the great watery carnivores--like pike, muskie, tarpon, snook, striped, smallmouth and largemouth bass---the October Fly of the Month , the Dahlberg Diver, must be part of your arsenal.

Don't just take my word for it! The famous Eric Leiser has described the Dahlberg Diver as nothing less than revolutionary. Both warmwater and saltwater experts compliment Larry Dahlberg on his unique and clever design. The Tryons, in their book, ***Figuring Out Flies***, suggest that this is one of the most dramatic fly-tying developments in recent years. So why is everyone so enthusiastic about this single fly?

Before the development of Dahlberg's "diver" almost all flies imitating baitfish or other non-insect critters (like frogs) either floated on the top of the water or were weighted to sink. While this amazing deer hair fly floats on top of the water, because of it's scooped head it also literally dives---like many natural creatures when it is jerked along by retrieval of the fly line. As soon as the retrieval is stopped, the fly pops to the surface again. By changing the smoothness and speed of the retrieve, this bug gurgles, pops and wobbles, creating sounds and a stream of bubbles that many big game fish simply cannot resist.

A caution about the Dahlberg Diver. Larry Dahlberg developed this fly on the traditional "North Coast"...somewhere between his hometown of Grantsburg, Wisconsin and Brainerd, Minnesota. While he worked hard to get it just right so it would wobble, dive and swim like a live critter he had one problem. None of his clients would even tie it on their leaders because it looked so odd. The pattern described here is near the original. Obviously you can vary the tail (in length and materials) to create many other "divers".

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Materials

- **Hook:** Straight eye-heavy wire, Mustad 3366 in smaller sizes, or 34007 in larger sizes and for salt-water
- **Thread:** Red, Size A (Editor - 210 Denier or 3/0?)
- **Weed guard:** Monofilament, with a smaller diameter than the hook shank
- **Tail:** 10-20 strands of gold flashabou, a black (and/or white) marabou feather and two black saddle feathers. A strip of rabbit fur, krystal flash or other materials may be used and also are effective.
- **Skirt:** Natural tan/gray deer hair
- **Collar:** Natural tan/gray deer hair
- **Head:** Black deer hair

Tying Steps

(This fly requires spinning of deer hair and hence a vise capable of holding big hooks very securely).

1. Attach thread and tie in the weed guard monofilament on the back of the bend of the hook. Wrap the mono with sufficient thread to hold it in place.
2. Tie on strands of gold flashabou at about 1/3 the distance of the hook shank back from the eye.
3. Tie in black (and/or white) marabou over the flashabou.
4. Position and tie in two saddle feathers---one on each side--flaring out.
5. Select 5-8 hackle fibers (tail should be a little longer than the length of the hook shank) and tie them in at the bend of the hook. Force the fibers against the bump to spread them, if desired.
6. Tie in the first clump of natural deer hair with the tips facing toward the rear for the skirt.
7. Tie in the second clump of deer hair for the collar with the tips facing forward and tighten (or spin the hair) so it flares out.
8. Tie in a additional clumps of hair up to the eye, packing (pushing it back against the first clump) with a packing tool and spinning them to produce a dense flared section of deer hair in front of the skirt.
9. Tie off the thread and remove the fly from the vise for trimming.
10. Trim the fly to have the following profile (use illustration as a guide):**Head**-sloping and flat on the bottom. **Collar**-deer hair should be about twice the length of the head and at an angle of about 60-80 degrees from the sloping surface of the head.
11. Apply a generous amount of cement to the underside of head and at the base of the collar to provide good stiffness.
12. Replace the hook in the vise, bring the weed guard forward and tie it in. Cement the head and go fishing.

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

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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11	12	13	14 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30	15 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	16	17 Outing: Rattlesnake Lake Rainbows
18	19	20 Outing: Southworth Chum & Coho	21	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM
25	26	27	28 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30	29	30	31 Outing: Green River Chum & Coho

November 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Outing: Allyn for Sea Runs
8	9	10	11 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30	12 PSFF Mtg 6:00	13	14 Outing: Nisqually for Chum
15	16	17	18	19 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	20	21
22	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24	25 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 (?)	26	27	28
29	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.