



Puget Sound Fly Fishers

August 2017



***Pinks, Picnic, Fishing and
Solar Eclipse!***



No August meeting so... No Program

**The Leader Line
By Bob Jimerson**



Wow! What a way to close out the celebration of our 60th year! Thanks and praise for the event are rolling in. Mike Koslosky and his team deserve a huge round of applause for the heavy lifting they did to make the Puget Sound Fly Fishing Fair a major success. No one from the public could tell it was the first time we had done something like this. The day ran smoothly and without noticeable hiccups.

Switching gears a bit, it is hard to believe but it is time to start thinking about our plans for 2018. Before long we will be working on budgets and laying out plans for next year. If you

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have any thoughts about what the Club could do to create more value for the membership, now is a good time to start talking to Board members about those thoughts.

With the leadership of Dennis Beardsley we have greatly reduced our cost for insurance. This puts some breathing room back in the operating budget. You might recall that it was a significant increase in our insurance expense that caused us to reduce spending in some areas earlier this year. Resources are always limited and the Board works hard to allocate them where we think they will do the most good for the largest number of members. Your input is invaluable and much appreciated.

And of course, one of the most important things we can all do to keep the Club great is to lend a hand. We will have positions open for next year, and always appreciate help with events large and small. We had around 40 club members volunteer to help out on the day for the Puget Sound Fly Fishing Fair – every one of them had a big smile on their face every time I saw them.

Finally, remember that there is no meeting in August. Come to the annual picnic and enjoy a fun and relaxing day. Bring your gear and you will be able to walk down the hill and fish for pink salmon. Watch Yahoo, Facebook and your e-mail for reminders and additional details.

DSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, September 14th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

No Program in August

FFI EVENTS



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Regional FFI Events in 2017

FFI Fly Fishing Fair (<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>)
Livingston, MT - Park High School August 1 - 5, 2017

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We did it - A Fly fishing Fair to Talk About

Congratulations one and all for a rousingly successful Fly Fishing Fair culminating 60 years of PSFF stomping around Southern Puget Sound.

Committee members, and club volunteers rolled up their sleeves and put on a great party. We had spectacular weather, an unbelievable site overlooking the Sound and Olympics, terrific guest speakers, a wide mix of activities and events to appeal to nearly every interest.

I was especially excited to see so many kids casting their hearts away and tying flies with such incredible focus and enthusiasm. Evie Scott personally tied over a dozen flies - and I think she is only eleven years old. April Vokey is her idol and April did a fine job mixing with the crowd, handling two great presentations, and being as open and friendly as anyone I've ever met. Must be that "nice gene" Canadians have.

Another first was talking with people who were new to the sport, curious about it, or who simply walked in from the street. So many fly fishing fairs preach to the choir that this was a nice change. Several women anglers were overheard wishing their husbands would take up the sport. Now that's a switch!

A personal thank you has to go out to Heather Hodson from United Women on the Fly and J Michelle Swope of Oly Women on the Fly who hosted a Friday evening film showing as a kick-off to our event. The attendance carryover from Friday to Saturday was noticeable.

I also want to thank all the presenters, exhibitors, gear donors, Silent Auction donors, agency personnel, representatives from local non-profit educational and environmental groups, the casting instructors, watercraft suppliers, and the assorted funders who helped pull it all together.

I'm probably missing some of you so my apologies in advance - it's not intentional, I'm still a bit fried!

Happy Birthday PSFF and here's to another 60 years.

Mike Koslosky

A few images from our 60th Anniversary Fly Fishing Fair.
Hope you were there!



The views outside



Silent auction items



More silent auction items



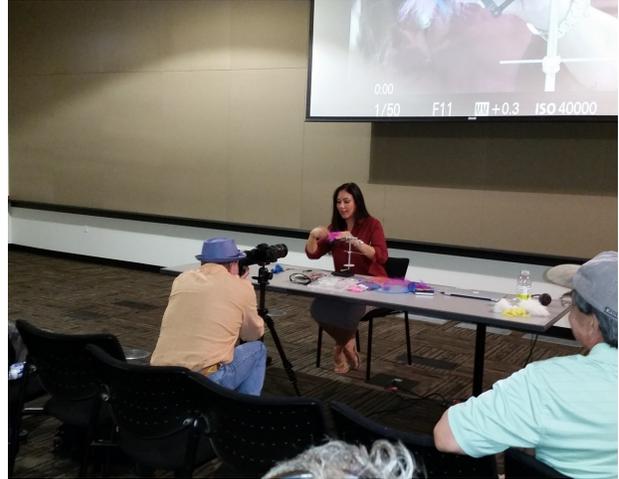
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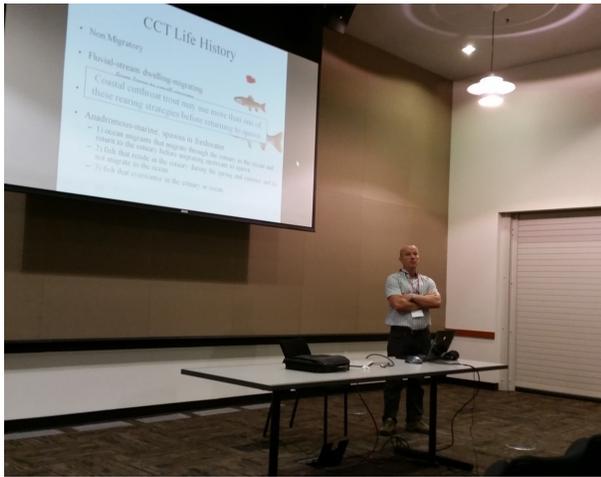
Vendor booths



Dave Williams & Leland Miyawaki



April Vokey



Coastal Cutthroat Trout seminar



Coastal Cutthroat Coalition



Inspiring young tyers



And a few other tables and activities.

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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HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

If anybody had an extra folding table follow them home from the Fair, please contact Steve Saville.

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PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -
Magnetic Attraction

Magnets come in many forms, shapes and sizes these days. Two very useful forms are the refrigerator magnet cards that I get in the mail periodically and a small horseshoe one I got in a game of some sort years ago. The horseshoe magnet I now have tied to a short length of bamboo plant stake and I use it to retrieve those pesky hooks that like to disappear into the carpet only to be found by bare feet. Damn that hurts! The refrigerator magnet, and those little ones that often come in hook packages is a permanent addition to the top of my tying bench where it keeps my hooks I'm using at the moment from getting scattered around the area. Several of the small ones can be glued to a piece of cardboard or plastic and if you don't like the brown surface you can spray it white or your color of choice with a light coat of spray paint. Very handy.

2017 NWYCFF Academy

Fourteen enthusiastic boys and girls graduated from the 2017 NW Youth Conservation and Flyfishing Academy this year. We started with 15, one had to go home for family issues. Our biggest challenge this year was snow days. Olympia, Seattle, etc. were still in session during the Academy. Our goal is 20 kids max every year. After a long week of classroom study, classes in fly tying, knot tying, conservation, stream side ethics and etiquette, water safety, stillwater fly fishing techniques, matching the hatch, exploring a stream to learn about “Living Waters”, principals of ecology, dissecting a fish, they were tired. A couple days we started at 5am to go to the ponds or river to learn how to fly fish. It’s not about catching, it’s about learning how to catch and how to read the waters, how to walk in a river, learn to mend, etc.. They fished both morning and evening. This event is not for the faint of heart, we keep them very busy. They do an amazing job of keeping up with the program. The Academy is held at The Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington, traditionally the last full week of June.

Each applicant is required to write an essay, explaining why he or she wants to attend The Academy and they also need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor, TU/FFi organization president, or a responsible person. The essays were incredible and their letters of recommendations were even more incredible. We were privileged to have over 40 volunteers again this year. If it wasn’t for the volunteers and the financial support from TU National, FFi National, WSCFFi Fly Fishing Clubs, WCTU and Chapters, business organizations, private individuals and folks like you – this event would never happen. I must remark – every penny that is donated to The Academy for the kids, goes 100% to the effort to make this event the success it is. So on behalf of the Youth, the Staff, and the community – thank you!

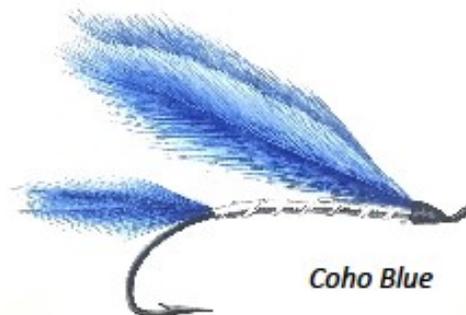
Jim Brosio, Tom VanGelder & Mike Clancy - Co-Directors, NWYCFFAcademy



SOUND, SALMON AND THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Its HOT... I am sure that you are already aware of this. It's what happens here around this time every year. There are many things happening this time of year. We just finished up with the Fly Fishing Fair, *as I'm writing this before it has actually happened*. I would like to thank everyone that came together to make it happen. Not only is it hot outside... fishing is hot as well. The Silvers have been busy around many of our Puget Sound beaches and it should just get better as the month goes on.

Fishing for Kings is an opportunity right now and the Pinks should be populating the Sound while they are racing for their home river. From what I have seen as of late, Coho fishing from the beach is on fire.



Coho Blue



The nice thing about this time of year is, you can leave the waders at home, even in the early morning. What is the worse thing you have to worry about? A passing jelly fish. It almost feels like you are fishing some where other than the Puget Sound, some where south where it is warmer. I am so accustomed to the Puget being a place of cold and rain.

One other natural occurrence that happens this month is the solar eclipse. On August 21, 2017 it begins at 10:15a.m. PDT. Some club members may have to work, although I know there are a few retiree's within the club but the place to be for this event could be fishing in the Puget Sound.



Not only should this be a good place to view the eclipse, with the big open sky. It is also an opportunity to see if an eclipse has an impact on fishing. I did a little bit of research online to see if there is anything out there related to eclipses and fishing. There is not a lot of information on the subject.



From the information that I did find; it appeared that there's a 50/50 chance that an eclipse has an impact on fishing. Not enough information for me to lean to one side or the other about the subject. The last time a total solar eclipse was visible across the entire contiguous United States was during the June 8, 1918 eclipse. (Wikipedia) I am still debating on fishing during this event, it is on a Monday and I should be at work but this sounds like it should be an event best shared with family...



Tides To Dream On

By Bob Triggs

www.searuns.com



Working the top of the tide.

The new moon tonight has been setting up some really good tides now, and for the next few weeks, and through the full moon on August 7th. Some of the lowest tides of the year occur around this time. And some of the greatest opportunities for fishing the incoming tides are upon us. It all comes down to a greater exchange of tidal altitudes and tidal current duration. In some locations, like up here on north Puget Sound this is really good for the salmon fishing on the beaches. And these deeper, colder tides, will help to moderate the shallow water temperatures this time of year, which is especially good for the sea-run cutthroat trout fishing. The bait, and the big fish, will easily avoid warmer water areas. And with all of this water moving now, the wind and waves are moderating into a normal summertime pattern, with a 5 to 10 knot onshore wind from the northwest during the day. Cool and refreshing. It works out that many of the best fishing tides coming up over the next few weeks are happening near dawn and dusk. I am loving this weather, and this season!



*It's herring time!
These are my flatwing herring flies, for salmon fishing.
Tied on #4 open-eye sickle hooks
from [RvrFshr Products](#)*

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We have been seeing lots of bait, bait balls, birds wheeling and diving on bait, fish and seals crashing the bait on the surface, etc around here all spring and early summer. Right now there is an abundance of 2 to 4 inch herring. The birds and fish are gorging on them. There's the usual sandlance, smelt, etc., too. But the herring seem especially prominent this year. Make sure you have a good selection of baitfish flies, from 2 to 4 inches long, and some even longer. I like #4 hooks for coho and pink salmon streamers. But if I am tying soft hackle flies, I will use #6 hooks for salmon too. I have caught many salmon on trout flies, from size #6 down to size #10, while we were fishing for sea-run cutthroat. (The top producer has still been the #6 muddler minnow, greased and fished right on top.) You'll notice that I tend to prefer less tinsel and flash in these flies. I rarely use florescent colors. But I do carry a few. It might not matter as much with the salmon that are migrating home. But for the sea-run cutthroat trout, the fish that are being caught and released on an ongoing basis, I think it pays to tie natural looking flies, some with no tinsel or flashy materials at all.



Simple, sparse, Clouser style bait fish flies are still some of the best flies for salmon and sea-run cutthroat fishing.

Dangerous Heat Warnings!

Please heed these warnings. The next week or so is going to be scorching hot around here. Dangerously hot. And if you are planning on fishing, you should be looking at the predawn and earliest hours of the day. Remember, the water is going to get warmer too. And in many paces this is going to crush the fish, and the fishing. I would be looking for deeper, colder water. And in the saltchuck that might mean waiting for the latter parts of the incoming tide.

See more here:

<http://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2017/07/portland-faces-historic-heat-seattle.html>



Hey Guys/Gals,

Sad to have missed you for the inaugural Fly Fishing Fair, it looked like a blast! The photos were great, and it looked like you all had a great time! Thanks to Mike and the PSFF for putting together such a great event for our community!

Saltwater fishing has been a blast this last month and it is getting more and more exciting! The amount of bait in Puget Sound and Hood Canal is unparalleled with the past...10 years? We are seeing GIANT schools of Sandlance and Herring mostly. We are still seeing some herring however the fish are mostly keying in on the Sandlance and juvenile Herring.

Sea Run Cutthroat are moving into their deepest feeding grounds of the year now, we are finding the biggest fish on drop offs averaging about 20'. If you can take 3 steps off the beach and be in over your head, thats a good indication that you found a good beach this time of year.

The salmon fishing has been incredible so far this year, Big Chinook being caught, Coho fishing is great, and the pinks are starting to filter in pretty thick in the north sound/north end of the Hood Canal. We have been finding Silver/Chartreuse, Silver/Pink, and Silver/White have been our most productive colors, with the most natural profile, match the hatch size you can get.

I hope you all are getting out, August is a fantastic time of year to target just about anything you want in Puget Sound!

See you all soon,

Captain Justin Waters

All-Waters Fly Fishing

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

August 2002
FFF Fly of the Month



X-Caddis

By Wayne Luallen and Bob Bates

Years ago this pattern became one of my (Bob) favorites when it allowed me to catch fish that were refusing my friends flies. They are excellent fly anglers so it wasn't that I was a better fisherman I just had a better fly. This version of the pattern has some advantages over the way most people tie it. Wayne has shown these methods to students attending his workshops at annual FFF Shows.

The X-Caddis was originally tied about 1980 by Craig Mathews and company at Blue Ribbon Flies, West Yellowstone, Montana. Early patterns were tied with dubbed beaver bodies, but now most tiers use Antron because it is "buggier." It is a fly for spring, summer and fall, and will take fish during the day when there is no hatch, during a hatch and during the "evening rise." Most of the time fish it drag free using a floating line. Some anglers put floatant on the whole fly, but there is an advantage to putting floatant only on the wing. This makes it float low like a crippled caddis that hasn't freed itself from the shuck.

Tying the X-Caddis is simple: Zelon shuck, dubbed body and deer- or elk-hair wing. However, how these materials are handled can make a difference.

The shuck is made of Zelon if it came from Blue Ribbon Flies and Z-lon if it came from John Betts, Colorado Springs, Colorado. It represents the sheath that protected the insect (pharate adult) as it moved upward to hatch. As the adult caddis hatches it leaves behind a shuck that is nearly transparent so the tail on our flies should be pretty thin. With too much Zelon the shuck is stiff and opaque rather than ethereal, translucent, and natural as it should be.

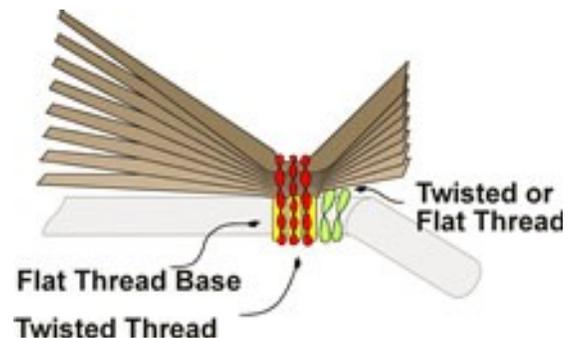
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For a number of years George Bouvain of Union City, California and Jan Kurahara of Cupertino, California worked closely with a real student of the trout and its habitat, Ralph Cutter of Truckee, California. Together through some rather progressive thinking, scuba diving, and aquarium testing, they observed, among other things, that caddis patterns with a shuck of crinkled Zelon yarn that has been cut off straight splays outward when fished, looking very unnatural. This splayed appearance did not match the elongated bubble appearance of the caddis' natural husk. They changed the caddis shuck by twisting and looping the Zelon back onto itself to better represent this bubble. The left fly above, tied by Wayne Luallen, shows a bubble shuck. The other fly, tied by Bob Bates, shows the cut shuck style on the original X-Caddis.

Many tiers have been frustrated with their elk or deer hair caddis wings. After only a few fish, the wing comes loose and twists around the hook shank. The problem is that thread mounted simply over the hair butts is not adequate to hold the wing in place. There is a solution, but it is not placing 49 more wraps of thread around the hair! The solution is the proper placement of thread to apply the most force.

A flat thread base made with un-twisted thread is needed at the wing location. When it comes time to mount the wing, secure it directly on top of the forward-most wraps of the thread base with a few wraps of well-twisted thread. This does several things: **1)** the base thread on the hook acts as a friction point; **2)** as with a rope, flat untwisted fibers are not as strong as when they are twisted (to a point); and **3)** twisted tying thread is narrower than flat thread, so it bites deeper into the wing, thus pinching the hair onto the base thread tighter.



The wings on the two flies above were tied with this technique. However, the amount of hair on the two flies is radically different. Both styles have caught fish, so it is up to the tier to decide what is best for their fishing situation.

Materials:

Hook: Tiemco TMC 100, 5210, 100BL, 900BL, Daiichi 1310, Mustad 94840, etc., sizes 12-20

Thread: 6/0, 8/0 color to match body

Tail: Zelon, amber gold or caddis gold, crinkled

Body: Dubbed beaver or Antron: tan, brown, olive or black to match the naturals

Wing: Deer or elk hair

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Tying Steps:

1. Smash barb on hook with smooth jaw pliers or your vise.
2. Attach tying thread near bend and wind forward to within 1-½ to 2 eye-widths of the eye.
3. Separate out a quantity of Zelon equal to about half or less of what you would normally use. (The material will be doubled onto itself, thus the need for less than you would use when just trimming the Zelon to length.) The length of material should equal at least 3 shank lengths or more for ease of handling. Secure it where the thread was left in step 2 and trim excess. Next twist it about one turn clockwise. While holding the twist, fold the Zelon back onto itself forming a loop that is more than a gap width, but less than a shank length. Secure this now overlapping end just behind the first, and trim excess.
4. Twist the bubble shuck tightly counterclockwise. While holding the twisted bubble shuck wind thread toward bend to secure it on top of hook. Stop where you want the shuck to begin: Before, at or after the bend.
5. Dub thread and wind a body forward to a point just behind where the wing will be tied in.
6. Untwist the thread, and lay a flat thread-base for the wings
7. Start the bobbin spinning to twist the thread by moving the thumb toward the hook's eye relative to the first finger. (This will spin it counterclockwise for right hand tiers and clockwise for left hand tiers. A picky detail that will make the thread naturally wind toward the hook bend and away from the wing butts, which keeps them from spinning around the hook.)
8. Select a portion of deer or elk hair clean out under fur and stack it. Place hair on top of the hook with tips at rear of body. Secure the wing with twisted thread placing each wrap to rear of the first wrap. If the hair flares too much, un-twist the thread and wind rearward from the tie down point to make the hair lay more along the body.
9. Pick up the butts and put four or five whip-finish wraps tightly against the wing. If the thread furls with your whip finish technique, untwist the thread before whip finishing.
10. Trim butts leaving a small stub. Natural caddis have a small head.
11. A touch of flexible head cement (like Dave's Fleximent) will help the thread and wing stay in place.

This is a simple but effective pattern. We don't have the space to regale you with a bunch of fantastic X-Caddis fishing stories. We encourage you to go out and collect your own stories. A foam fly box is best for storing these flies. If stored in a compartment they will tangle even with barbless hooks. If barbed hooks are stored in a compartment you will spend all of your fishing time untangling flies. Have fun and good fishing.

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

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		August 1	2 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	10 NO GENERAL MEETING!	11	12
13	14	15	16 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	17 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	18	19
20	21 Total Solar Eclipse in Oregon !	22	23 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	24 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	25	26 Outing - Annual Picnic at Steve S's
27	28	29	30 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	31		

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3	4	5	6 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	14 PSFF General Mtg 6:00	15	16 Outing - Naches River Trout
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24	25	26	27 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	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.