

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

October 2013



Have a Spooktacular month!

October Program -

Going With the Tide



The Leader Line

By
Mike Trask

The question I get asked most often is where to fish in October. The fall is here and by October, most of the salmon fishing is starting to wrap up. Ocean fishing will be over and many marine areas will be closed. If you still want to fish for salmon the following areas should produce a few fish:

Puget Sound: Coho salmon fishing will still be good in inner Puget Sound. Try Marine Areas 8, 9, 10 and 11. River Coho fishing will still be good in the Carbon, Skokomish, Skagit, and Green rivers.

Columbia River:

Summer Chinook salmon will still be available in the upper Columbia River. Late season Coho salmon include the Cowlitz, Kalama, and Lewis rivers.

Coastal Rivers and Harbors:

A few Coho salmon will still be caught in Grays Harbor. In the rivers, coastal Chinook salmon run later than Columbia River or Puget Sound stocks. Try the Hump-tulips, Hoh, or Quilayute rivers for Chinook salmon and Chum salmon. Good Coho salmon producers are the Chehalis and Satsop Rivers during the first week of October.

If you are tired of salmon fishing the following should fit the bill:

Lakes: Lake fishing is at its best in October because the fish are trying to put on a few more pounds before the winter. Take your summer flies and down size them. You should be able to catch a couple dozen fish at most western Washington Lakes.

Dry Falls located in eastern Washington is worth the drive this time of year. If you have not fished this lake, Dry Falls Lake is located north of Soap Lake and east of Park Lake. You can read May's newsletter to find lodging and additional fishing. Fishing has been excellent the past five years for Rainbow Trout ranging in size from 15-20 inches with most fish greater than 16 inches. Bring a five or six weight fly rod and don't wait until November to fish this lake because it will be closed. During October, you should have the lake to yourself most of the time.

Coastal Cutthroat Trout:

Cutthroat trout are also known as Sea-runs and Harvest Trout because they start to migrate into estuaries and river systems during this time of year. I love fishing for Cutthroat in the estuaries because I am always rewarded with a fat 18 incher. I like fishing with the following fly patterns for Cutthroat Trout: spiders, reverse spiders, bait fish and shrimp patterns because they are the most productive.

So grab you gear, call a friend and head out the door and have some fun fishing.

We will see you at the General Meeting at Tower Lanes; October 10, 2013 at 6 p.m. Don't forget to buy dinner, because it helps to pay for the meeting room.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, October 10th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.

October 2013 Program

Going With the Tide by Michael G. Martin

For October, Michael Martin will present a Powerpoint presentation on fly fishing for **Black Rockfish** (*Sebastes melanops*) in Washington's Pacific Ocean. The program includes tackle, ocean "anatomy" and some piscatorial photos.

Michael holds a degree in Biology from Western Washington University. He has worked, under special grants, as a stream quality specialist for

Washington State Department of Ecology, the US Forest Service and an environmental consulting firm. He monitored streams, classified salmonid habitats and worked on stream rehabilitation. At present, Michael is currently employed by Sportsman's Warehouse, as a retail salesperson, specializing in Fly-fishing, in Federal Way, Washington.

With a passion for fly fishing and photography, he has fished and guided in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountains and the chalk streams of southern England.

FFF EVENTS

FFF Events in 2013

None



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Fishing Report provided by The Gig Harbor Fly Shop

Last year, Fall did not seem to arrive until the 3rd week of October or so. Little or no rain for much of the region during September meant that silvers were still thick out in the Sound waiting for some precipitation to prompt them to run into the rivers.

This year, the story may prove to be a bit different. We've already seen significant rains throughout September and this has likely pushed most of the pinks into the rivers. Coho should still be available in the salt through October, but are more likely to move through in pulses between freshets then quickly move up into the streams. River action for silvers on the coast and Southwest Washington streams could be stellar this year. You can fish for them with techniques similar to steelhead swinging but coho seem to prefer a bit more movement of the fly rather than a standard swing.

Most small stream fishing for trout will have come to a close and most lakes close at the end of October. October can however, can be pretty good for trout fishing as the lakes undergo their Fall temperature turnover. For those who love sea-run fishing in the salt, consider a trip to the Cowlitz to catch these beauties in a different setting.

And of course, October often means the arrival of the meanest, ill-tempered salmon out there: the chum.

Pack at least an 8-weight for these brutes. They have the most deeply forked tail of all Pacific salmon thus they are some exceptionally hard fighting fish. Smaller chartreuse and purple flies seem to be everyone's favorites but don't be shy to try cerise, pink, or red either if they are unresponsive to the standbys.

Good luck out there!

-James Harrington

Upcoming Outings

Case Inlet Fall SRC Outing Nov 2

Fall is fast approaching and its SRC time again. This is one of the best times of the year to catch SRC in the South Sound.

For those of you who have never attended this club outing here's a little of what we do:

We meet for Breakfast in Allyn at 07:00 at the Boat House Grill. Also known as Leonard K's. We will have a fly swap at that time for those that want to contribute to the drawing. SRC flies of course. For those of you

wishing to go with someone who has a boat please go to our Yahoo site and ask if anyone has an open seat.

After fishing around 2-3 pm we will meet back at The Grill for lunch, refreshments and storytelling. If weather is really bad this could be 10 am.

If you prefer to beach fish there's several beaches close by.

I will have a signup sheet at the Oct meeting.

Date: 11/2/13
Place: Allyn, WA
Time: 07:00-15:00

Terry and I are also working on the details for a new SRC outing this fall. We will be working out the details and discussing it at the October Meeting.

What we know as of today.

Fresh water.

No Boat fishing. All fishing will be done from shore.

Time: Late Oct-Early Nov.

River fishing.

Walk-in access. Yes

Location: South Sound.

SRC 18-19" are common. (From a reliable source).

Breakfast at the Evergreen Truck Stop Restaurant at Lacy before fishing.

Terry Sanchez, Outing Chair Person.

Dan Carlton, Just a Fisherpersion

RAFFLE NEWS

\$200 TFO NXT series **Win this rod / reel combo ready to go.** 5/6 weight, 9 ft. 4 piece + carry case.

\$1 a ticket. A few more squares left to fill, **drawing soon**, maybe October meeting ?

GREAT RAFFLE GEAR this month, **6 tickets & a cookie for \$5**, drawing mid meeting.

Christmas gifts for your favorite folks ?

- **Stripping basket** ...William Joseph compact waist-band basket
- **Two nice fly boxes** crammed full of good looking flies
- Grab dish of **handy gadgets** you've always wanted to own
- **Fly fishing vest**, multi-featured Woolrich in gentleman's size (2x large)

2014 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 22 – 28, 2014 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Once again Jim Brosio and I will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy and **for** the kids. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to help them learn the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fishing gear.

The event is sponsored by WCTU and WSCFFF and hosted by South Sound FF and Olympia Chapter TU, and Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma.

The cost to each student is still \$275, but sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, FFF fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of money.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2014 until April 15, 2014. Applications may be downloaded from our website – www.nwycffa.org, requested via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 360-753-1259. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why THEY want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor.

We are very proud of The Academy, this has been a life changing experience for many of the youth.

THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE FOR OUR SPORT OF FLYFISHING



Out of the Salt and into the Pan

by Steve Saville

Well, the Pink Salmon run is pretty much history for this year. Mother Nature played some cruel tricks on most of us but as I said, "It's history" and that's fishing. Let's get on to better things.

"Chasing Silver". That was the name of one of my favourite fly fishing shows on television several years ago. Of course, it was about Tarpon fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and off the Florida coast but I'm going to steal the title (changed of course) and call it "Chasing Silvers." That's what I'll be doing for the next month or so. The Coho should be here in numbers if this year's run is anything like last year.

The tactics are a bit different. Coho are voracious feeders and during the low light conditions of early morning and evening, they come in close to shore to feed. They can be had from the beach given a 60 to 80 foot cast depending on how far you wade out. They can also be taken from a boat by trolling; still different tactics again.

Here are the tactics I plan to employ and hopefully they will work for me as well as anyone else who gives them a try: From the beach, I'll be casting an intermediate sinking line and a sparsely tied Clouser Minnow, tied in chartreuse and white or pink and white or a combination of the two and stripping the fly in like a mad man. The Coho hit

hard and are fierce fighters but what a thrill! If I want another thrill, I'll switch to a floating line, tie on a pink and white Miyawaki Popper, and strip it in slowly making sure I get a nice, visible wake. Either technique will do the job.

When the sun comes up and daylight is prevalent, the Coho retreat to deeper water; say 30 to 50 feet deep. When I'm out on my boat, I'll troll a tube fly or a larger fly on a hook tied in a herring pattern and attached to a full sinking line. I'll motor just fast enough to bring the fly right up to the surface and in the prop wash. That should do the trick. At least I hope so or I'll slow down a bit and use the popper again. I want to bring the fish to the surface to chase the fly in either case. I'm not saying these are the only ways to catch silvers but they have worked in the past. I'm a creature of habit and successful habits are hard to break.

When you fish for Coho, look for a couple of important things. Out on the water, look for birds feeding on baitfish and tide rips. From the beach, I'll be looking for beach structure and troughs that I know are there so it's really important that you know your beach. Keep at it! Success will depend on how much time you put in and don't forget to use a slightly heavier rod for the Coho as you never know what you may come up with. It could be a King and you wouldn't want to lose a King Salmon on a 6 wt. rod. My rods of choice are 8 weights. Call me timid if you like but I really like the flavour of fresh Coho. Tight Lines.

Kayak Fishing at Rattlesnake Lake by Gene Jackson

A couple of PSFF members took me up on my very short notice offer to go kayak fishing at Rattlesnake Lake. Fellow members Dennis Beardsley and Terry Lueck joined me to try our luck with the feisty rainbows that call Rattlesnake Lake their home.

As we arrived at the boat ramp at 7:15AM where the lake was smooth as glass and the fish were rising everywhere! Unfortunately, due to old bones and small bladders we were a little slow getting out on the water and likely missed what would have been some great dry fly fishing.

Getting our gear ready, both Terry and I went with floating line, while Dennis chose an intermediate with some added lead to get down to the big boys. Within minutes of paddling out I looked over and saw that Dennis had a "Fish On!" As I maneuvered to watch Dennis battle his fish I too had a "Fish On". Shortly after that Terry and I had a double as well. As the morning progressed we all caught numerous fish, got some good exercise paddling around, and thoroughly enjoyed battling with the feisty rainbows of Rattlesnake Lake. While fish were caught on a number of different flies the two flies that had the best success were a brown wooly worm with a red tail and an olive green damsel fly nymph.

Around 11AM we decided to call it a day and paddled back to the ramp. As we were loading up we noticed a nice hatch of mayflies. We contemplated unloading and going back out but decided to just enjoy watching the Swallows plucking fly after fly out of the air!

As is always the case when PSFF members get together for a day of fishing, we had a great day out on the water. We were the only ones on the water all morning, the rain held off, and the wind died down to make for a perfect day of fishing.

For those that have not fished Rattlesnake Lake (the one off I-90 at Exit 32) you are missing out. It is a great little lake with breathtaking scenery, hard fighting rainbows, and little to no crowds (during the week).



Terry Lueck heading out with a fish rising on his right



Dennis Beardsley working to land a feisty rainbow



Taking a quick moment to snap a shot of the scenery with a Fish On!

HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

Available at our October 10 meeting. See Bev :

LOCKER FIRE SALE USED VINTAGE EQUIPMENT 5 rods field tested by Mike K, all proceeds go to PSFF

FIBERGLASS RODS... ANY REASONABLE OFFER ACCEPTED

two Shakespeare 2 pc, 8 ft, 7-8 wt (\$40 each) **how about 30 each ?**

Berkeley 3 pc, 8 ft, 6-7 wt (\$30) **is 20 fair ?**
Berkeley 2 pc, 8 ft, 6-7 wt, (\$40) **how does 30 sound ?**

Scientific Angler's System 7, 2 pc, 8.5 ft, 7 wt with ex-tra tip, rod sock & tube, near showroom condition (\$50) **a steal at 40 ?**

REELS...

two Scientific Anglers System 2, 10-11 wt, \$30 each. 2 spare spools \$10 each. **you tell me ?**

New Members

(None reported)

Library Report

(None reported)

IT'S A CONTEST!

How many times have you looked at the PSFF logo and thought "Man, that thing is butt ugly!" Well, now is your chance to put your artistic talents to the test. The Board of Directors has agreed to update our club logo with your help. Submit your finished artwork by the December meeting.

Contest Guidelines:

Artwork must be no larger than 8"x10" and no smaller than 4"x6"

Black and white and color submissions are acceptable

All submissions become property of PSFF to use as deemed fit

Winning entry will be determined by membership vote no later than February, 2014 meeting

Multiple submissions per member are encouraged

All entries must include name and contact information

Contest open to PSFF members in good standing only

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries.

NOTE: Professional art skills not required. If your design has what it takes to be a winner, the BOD will have the winning design professionally rendered by a graphic artist



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -
Quill Body Fly quills

Nothing says fly fishing or fly tying like the classic dry fly. I don't fish them often but love tying them. Many of the old patterns such as the Quill Gordon and a host of others use peacock quills stripped of their 'fluff' for the body quill.

The 'fluff' is commonly removed using your thumb or an eraser, one quill at a time. Tedious and frustrating!

An old method I find useful and that will provide dozens of quills in 5 minutes is this:

Mix a 50/50 solution of household bleach and water in a wide mouth quart jar. Submerge as many quills from the peacock feather as you like and wait 2 - 4 minutes gently shaking once in a while. That scraggly herl with the damaged or really short fluff is perfect for this. At the end of the process you will see all the fluff dissolved and the mixture will have turned a light brown. Dispose of the liquid, rinse the quills in warm water and dry between paper towels. I particularly like the quills from near the eye of the feather.

EVENT RECIPES BY REQUEST

We had some rather tasty dishes brought to the club picnic and there were requests for the recipes, so here they are:

Thank you Phil: **Crock Pot Corn Pudding**

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 3 hours

Total Time: 3 hours, 5 minutes

Yield: 12-15 servings

A great side dish for entertaining a large crowd, or halve the recipe and feed just your family. Either way, this recipe is great for the holidays or an any-time-of-the-year potluck. The best part? Using the crock pot frees up your oven!

- 2 (15 oz) cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 (15 oz) cans cream-style corn
- 2 (8 oz) package Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 16 oz sour cream
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Lightly spray a large crock pot bowl with oil. Dump all ingredients, except the cheese, into the bowl and gently stir until combined. Mix in the cheese. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours, stirring once halfway through. Serve warm right from the crock pot.

Notes

This recipe can be halved without changing the cooking time.

The sizes of modern packaging has changed from the original recipe but the total ounces of corn is the same and the Jiffy corn muffin mix is now 8.5 oz. but an additional ounce of muffin mix doesn't make any difference.

Thank you Gene Jackson: **Smoked salmon spreads**

At the club picnic I had two types of salmon dip. Here are the recipes, in the order they were served.

Smoked Salmon Spread

8 oz cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tbsp lemon pepper
1 tsp dried dill
1/4 cup green onion
8 oz smoked salmon

Mix all ingredients and chill

Smoked Salmon Spread #2

8 oz cream cheese
12 oz smoked salmon
4-5 dashes Worcestershire sauce (add more if you prefer)
3-4 drops hot pepper sauce (add more if you prefer)
1 tsp dill
2 tbsp chopped green onion

Mix all ingredients and chill.

Notes

Letting the dip chill for a few hours works best. That really brings out the smoked taste. Both of the ones I brought were chilled overnight.

Editors "smoking" input:

I've been working on a glaze to put on my smoked fish that will provide a sweet and spicy "zing" and this is what I've come up with:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup warm water
- 4 tablespoons Tabasco

I brush this on before air drying and then 3 times during the smoke. Provides a mild (to me) "bite". Use more Tabasco for more "bite".

Fly of The Month

Credit to FFF Website

International Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month September, 2013

PURPLE HAZE



Published by Bob Bates
Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council

Opening Comments

Ilene Hirsh from Salem, OR called this a variation of the Parachute Adams as she tied it at the 25th Fly fishing Expo, in Albany, OR and later in an e-mail. So out of curiosity I did an internet search. First I tried just "Purple Haze" and received 2.9 million hits for vegetation (cannabis), Jimmy Hendricks, etc. When I entered "Purple Haze fishing fly" I had only 139,000 hits, but there was a bewildering array of patterns: dry flies, wet flies, emergers, bead heads, streamers, etc. all named purple haze. Also two or three different people were given credit for designing it. When I looked at just parachutes there were many ways of tying it. The only common factor with this attractor was it caught a lot of fish. People caught fish in streams and lakes. Even my doctor used it, as does Ilene, on the Madison river.

Ilene wrote in an e-mail "It's used to match BWO, duns, drakes, and tricos." From the internet search it works great in the spring time and in the fall to match different hatches. Just change the size to match the insect. You can also change the hackle colors to match the insects. So how do you fish it.

For streams I always think "drag free drift." You want the fly to look like a drifting insect. If there a "v" wake coming off the fly that's drag, so change your ways. Cast upstream with a slight hook in the leader so the fly is slightly off to the side of the line. Cast across stream with an upstream mend. Remember when mending a line on the water, you cause drag. Cast downstream with a wiggle cast, and hope the fish hits before the line straightens. Another way of achieving the same effect is to throw your line up a little. It will fall with a series of curves like a wiggle cast. If you cast too high the line will land at your feet.

In lakes, remember the wind. If you can cast and let the fly sit, great. However, there are times when you want the fly to look alive, so wiggle it a little. If there is wind, use the above suggestions for moving water, and have fun.

Materials list

Hook: Tiemco 100, sizes 10 – 18 (Or other dry fly hook)

Thread: Black or color to match body

Tail: Natural brown elk

Body: Flex Floss, Purple, light green, light blue, and black seem best

Post: Calf tail or poly yarn, white

Hackle: Grizzly and brown

Thorax: Peacock herl

Tying steps



Step 1

Start with a good thread base, and leave the thread at the point.



Step 2

Tie on a small bunch of elk hair. Clip off excess flared elk hair.



Step 3

Tie in a piece of Flex Floss. Be sure it is secured to right in front of the tail. Wrap the thread forward to about the two thirds point and trim excess Flex Floss.



Step 4

Attach a bundle of poly or calf tail at the one quarter point.



Step 5

Pick up the poly or calf tail, and wind thread around it to stiffen the post, and create a base for the hackle. At first you might have to hold the poly up as you wind the thread around it. Leave the thread at the back of the post.



Step 6

Prepare two feathers, brown and grizzly, by trimming off some of the fibers at the base. If you use Whiting 100 feathers you must trim the fibers rather than pulling them off and thinning the shaft. Secure the feathers, tips forward and dull side down, one at a time to the shank of the hook. Wind thread over the feathers to the base of the post, hold both feathers upright along the post and wind thread around feathers and up post. Return thread to the hook shank, behind the post.



Step 7

Wrap the Flex Floss forward to the post, secure and trim. Secure one peacock herl in front of post and return thread to rear of post.



Step 8

Wrap peacock herl rearward and secure behind post. Trim excess.



Step 9

Wrap both hackles together down the post. Make each wrap tightly below the other. Make at least three wraps with each hackle. Anchor the feathers by passing the thread over the material there by catching the feathers and around the post. If you hold the feathers at a downward angle, just a little, it helps capture the material.



Step 10

Keep tension on the thread and wrap around the post 3 -4 times. Apply glue to the thread after the first two wraps and continue wrapping the thread around the post. This will anchor the thread. Trim the excess feather.



Step 11

Half hitch or whip finish around the post and under the hackle. Trim poly to give a shank length post.

Closing Comments

As I watched Ilene tie this pattern I thought it to be a pretty fly for the Fly of the Month. It wasn't until later that I found out how popular and useful it is. Tie a few and test them in your waters. Ilene, thank you for reviewing and editing the article.

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		October 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 PSFF MTG	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 PSFF BD MTG	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Newsletter deadline 5PM	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

					November 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 PSFF MTG	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 PSFF BD MTG	22	23
24	25	26 Newsletter deadline 5PM	27	28 Thanksgiving	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 and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's 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 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

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.