

October 2018


**October 11th Meeting Speaker,
Len Zickler, FFI President and
CEO**

Leader Line | Greg Shimek

As Fall has officially arrived with its cooler and wetter weather we say goodbye to a very hot and dry summer. The high temperatures certainly had an adverse effect on stream fishing this year.

I don't know about you but I love to fish in the fall. Other than the excitement of opening day it is my favorite time of year to fish, both on the beaches and in the streams.

As for the beaches, the Sea Run Cutthroat are returning to their home beaches after spending time roaming Puget Sound during the summer months doing whatever they do. They will be staying on beaches near their natal streams for a couple of reasons. First, those streams have Chum and Coho runs in them and the cutthroat will follow the salmon up those streams to feast on eggs when the spawning begins. Secondly, they will be fattening up in the saltwater prior to their own spawning adventures that start to take place for the most part in February. All in all, it's a great time to be on a beach somewhere chasing our iconic wild native trout.

As far as streams are concerned, late September and October are wonderful times to fish. The water temperatures are cooling and the fish are feeding to build up reserves for the winter. With school back in session and many folks focusing on hunting, there is far less fishing pressure then during the summer months. You can find yourself being the only one fishing a stream at this time, unbelievable. Lastly are the fall colors. The brilliant Reds of the vine maples, the vivid yellows of poplars and aspens at higher elevations as well as the muted browns and yellows of our native broad-leafed maple and alders. You cannot find a more beautiful place to fish than a stream in the fall. I hope you can take advantage of this special time of year before the winds and rains of winter settle in. I know I will. 





2018 Project Healing Waters Event (PHW)

by Mike Clancy, Proud Navy Vet Volunteer, PHW

Again this year, the annual 2 Fly PHW event took place on The Yakima River with headquarters at the KOA camp grounds in Ellensburg, WA. On Saturday, September 8th. Chuck Tye, PHW coordinator for the NW, (Past President of PSFF) put 22-guided boats (all guides were volunteers) on the river from different launches. Each boat had a vet, rower/referee and volunteer. Fishing could have been better, (of course) out of the 22 boats, one boat had a fantastic day, catching around 19 fish, and the Vets had a great experience on the river with super weather. No smoke, no wind, the river level was okay, just a beautiful day. The winning vet landed a 19" trout and he was presented with a custom-made bamboo rod. The evening event was started by a wonderful dinner of prime rib with trimmings, cooked all day long in a smoker oven, prepared by Chuck's partner, Jerry Daschofsky. Jerry does an incredible job in preparing wonderful meals in his metal cooking wares. Then he presented 3 different delicious deserts. Jerry also prepared meals for those that attended Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Yum – biscuits and gravy.

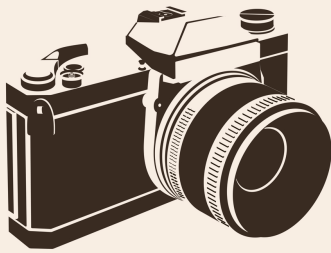
Chuck proceeded to present the awards and then Jerry conducted the raffle, everyone took something home. This is a wonderful event, the goal is to entertain our vets and give them the experience to fly fish, maybe for their first time.

There are so many people to thank for their participation in this event, not only the guides that donated their boats, the cooks, the folks that tied the flies for the event, the referees, the folks that donated items for the awards and raffle, the folks that shuttled all 22 vehicles from put in to take out.

The annual 2 Fly Event for next year will be conducted in September 2019. The same location, KOA Ellensburg, WA.

In the great words of our leader – "Thanks for piling on folks"

ANNOUNCEMENT !!!



Casting For Models: The Trip



So after a number of years of talking about it, I'm going to do a series of photo shoots centered around fly-fishing trips. Call it - The Trip.

I have the PSFF club's permission to do this make this request. This is not a certified sanctioned club event, but the club will get copies of everything we do for the library and social media. This will be a commercial shoot. Currently, I'm researching shooting locations, time of day, etc. I want to do this multiple times if I can. The subject matter will be fresh water, salt water, rivers, etc.

The purpose for this announcement is that I need models, a number of folks who would like to be in a photo shoot related to fly fishing. Old folk, young folk, any kind of folk, I need to know who is available generally and in the mood to try this out. There is no date set yet, but we're close. You WILL get – a great time, food, gas, and copies of everything we shoot to send to all your friends. You WILL get paid. You WILL NOT get rich. You might catch a fish. You might not catch a fish. This is about imagery and The Trip. Fishing is last in line. It will take place within an hour of downtown Tacoma. The photo shoot will be either early in the morning or late in the day, or both. You will be asked to sign a model release. You don't need to be an expert fly caster at all, but you need to be able to cast a fly. I've already spoken to some people about this privately, but I needed to lengthen my cast with this note. I'm currently working with Bob Triggs, Becci Curtis, J Michelle Swope and others on trying to set up some shoots in specific locations. Models with whom I have worked so far include Mike Koslosky, Paul Fournier, Robert Gerlach and Greg Shimek.

At the moment, I simply need to hear from you as to whether or not you're interested. You can find me at walter@jettaproducts.com or 206-795-1894 in Gig Harbor. Just let me know if at this early point in the discussion, you are at least interested in doing this.

If you want to know what kind of images we will be shooting, these are some samples <http://www.walterhodes.com/fly-fishing-images>

Let me know your initial thoughts. Thanks.

Walter Hodges



Fall Outings

by Mike Koslosky

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Well you know what happens this time of year around Puget Sound - Harvest Trout are on the move. Sea Run Cutthroats are gearing up to head into streams once we get some significant rains to fill local rivers. So before they get up there and out of reach hit your local beach hot spots and try your hand at tying into these fish. Not known to be too picky SRC's can be tricked with everything from wooly buggers, to clowers, to squid, scuds, sculpin, shrimp, streamers and even surface poppers.

Soon after Halloween pay attention to the places that attract chum salmon. These junkyard dog fighters are nothing short of an adrenalin rush on an 8 weight rod. Gnarly, feisty, powerful, and wickedly colored like an Afghani insurgent these salmonids are hard to ignore. Hot spots include Chico Creek, Minter Creek (a bit of a battle here alongside lots of other anglers), Nisqually River, Chambers Creek area, and even a few sliding into Gig Harbor thanks to a 40,000 egg remote incubator in the creek managed by the local commercial fishing organization. Go for it, you'll never regret the experience.

As mentioned briefly last month we are consolidating next years trips into several multi-day excursions and this is what we have selected so far so pencil them in on your calendar for 2019;

Park Lake; the penultimate club opener for many years will be held once again at Laurents Sun Village Resort on the weekend of May 17-20, 2019.

Coldwater Lake and Cowlitz River float, August 16-19 at John and Kathy Clark's place outside Toledo. DON'T MISS THIS TRIP. John is a fabulous host and his ranch property is set up for us to circle the meadow with our RV's, tent's, campers, and cots. I won't spoil the surprises he has installed for our convenience - you just have to be there to experience them.

Kamiah, ID, yes, Idaho. Thomas and Ruben Lamphere have agreed to host our motley crew next September to fish their secret waters. Dates are tentative but we are looking at Fall for steelhead, trout, bass and crappie. Ya can't beat that combination even if you tried.

As always, contact Walter Hodges or myself if you have any bright ideas about fishing.

Looking Ahead



October Speaker: Len Zickler, FFI President and CEO

Len Zickler, President/CEO of Fly Fishers International (FFI) has spent the last three years focused on answering questions what's in it for me, why should I join FFI?

Len will discuss some of the initiatives FFI is pursuing in the areas of conservation, education and building our community of fly anglers. He will also welcome your questions.

November Speaker: Jeffrey Summit, Fish and Wildlife Officer, WDFW, Law Enforcement Program

Jeff will tell us about how his department works and will have some interesting examples of run-ins.

December Speaker: Carol Ann Morris

Carol Ann's program will be "Fly Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See."

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January, February & March are open

April Speaker: Brian O'Keefe

His program will be "Six Northwest Stoneflies."

CLUB CALENDAR

October

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 PSFF CLUB MEETING 6:00-9:00PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 PSFF BOARD MEETING 6:00-9:00PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

PSFF Member Anniversaries

Member	Years
Cynthia H. Bagley	6
James Driskell	8
David Frazier	1
Tess Frazier	1
Ralph Fry	12
Carroll R Hall	14
Steve Knowles	5
Thomas R. LaGrow	5
James Maus	25
Mark Paul	4
Mike Saville	5
Ted A. Werner	15



2019 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 23-29, 2019 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff 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 teach them 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.

This event is supported by WCTU and WSCFFi and members of South Sound FF, Olympia Chapter TU, and Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma.

The enrollment fee for each student is only \$300, sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, WSCFFi fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funds.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2019 until April 15, 2019. Applications may be downloaded from our website - www.nwycffa.org, via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 360-753-1259. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why HE OR SHE 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 our youth.

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

Autumnal Equinox Reprieve

by Bob Triggs

www.searuns.com



Indian Summer

In this last week or so of September, since the autumnal equinox, we have been enjoying some remarkably fine conditions here on the Olympic Peninsula. And the tides have been perfect. I will be fishing into the sunset high tides through this weekend. Then we'll be seeing some good early morning high tides to come. This is the best sea-run coastal cutthroat trout fishing season we could possibly hope for.

Much of the earlier month of September was blustery, and cold, wet, cloudy . . .

And after so many summer weeks of hot days, and the acrid, wildfire smoke, burning our eyes and spoiling many days on the water, this autumn comes as a welcome relief. And truth be told, autumn is probably the best fishing season of all anyway. The cutthroats are feeding heavily on bait here, mostly sandlance and herring. The punch of rain we got a few times, especially last weekend, has perked up the west-end Olympic Peninsula rivers, and moved the salmon, trout and summer steelhead upriver on the freshet. If you want to skate big fluffy dry flies, or drift soft hackle flies, for trout and summer runs in the rivers, this is the time to do it. The October Caddis hatch will be ongoing through late fall. The water has cooled off, and the fish have turned on. The only real problem with this time of year is that you can't be in more than one place at a time, and the fishing will be good just about everywhere. In my perfect world, I will be fishing on the beaches every chance I get. Except for when I am fishing a river . . .



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Leland Miyawaki 's Beach Poppers work!***

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

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 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 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 \$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

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