



Leader Line

It's That Time of Year

Leaves are turning. Fall is falling. Squirrels are gathering nuts. Fish are putting on pounds. Winter is coming. It's time to prepare for the new season and the new year. PSFF is trying to do just that. We got the word out mid-year that some of our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs will be vacating their positions. Openings were for Director 1st Year, Outings Chair, Raffles Chair, Website Editor and Newsletter Editor. Mark Paul has offered to fill the Director position (on top of being the Programs Chair) and Fred Olin will slide into the Raffles Chair. That leaves the need for an Outings Chair, Website Editor, Newsletter Editor and Email Editor. Unlike squirrels and fish, PSFF is having a heck of a time

preparing for the inevitable changes ahead. We need your help for 2025.

Your thoughts might be ... it's too daunting, we just moved here, I don't know enough, I just started fly-fishing, etc. I understand that some of the positions seem intimidating; but those presently in the position started with only the thought of helping PSFF as best they could. They carved a way to provide and communicate information to other members who were looking for places to fish, someone to fish with or a platform to talk fishing. I would like to try something different to entice members to consider volunteering. We are offering an internship to anyone considering to apply for one of the above positions. This means the present Board member or Chair would have you shadow them for up to three months while they demonstrate their methods of doing the job. After a length of time,

Next Meeting

November 14

Tower Lanes

6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30

Program 7:15

or when you feel comfortable enough, you assume full responsibility and apply your own methods, your own approach.

The PSFF website is a place to read and view photos or chat about members' fishing trips. Our newsletter updates us on club news at the beginning of each month. And the outings, well ... attending the outings is the one time I get to socialize AND fish at the same time.

Those who have recently joined PSFF, don't be shy. Make suggestions. Share ideas. Whether you enjoy moving water, still water or salt, ask a club member to recommend places to fish, what

kind of gear to use and about their successes or not so successful fishing ventures. If you are interested in one of the soon-to-be vacant positions, please contact a Board member or the Nominating Committee: Steve Saville or Mike Koslosky **by December 12**. Job responsibilities are online at psff.org under Members Only. Please consider stepping up. PSFF cannot exist without folks to lead.



Tess Frazier
Club President

Programs

April Vokey is November 14 Speaker



We're happy to finish our year of speakers with the very influential April Vokey. As a fly-fisher, outdoorswoman, casting instructor, podcaster, membership coordinator for Anchored Outdoors, mother and world-traveler she

as a toddler, she was engrossed in the pursuit—meticulously assembling her tackle box with an array of lures and baits, and by her late teens discovered fly fishing and knew it was something she had to do every day.

has brought more women into fly fishing than any other.

Her journey in the fly fishing world has been one of passion, dedication, and unwavering advocacy for the sport. Starting

She will be speaking to us about "Swinging for Steelhead". Join us at our meeting for this trail blazing speaker.

This will be a Zoom presentation for meeting attendees only.



Mark Paul
Programs Chair

Outings

Beaver Lake, Sammamish

9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15

One of my frequent regrets is that I don't fish enough new water. New to me, at least. So when I keep hearing from club members that I ought to schedule an outing to a particular spot, it eventually makes me curious enough to kick me out of my comfort zone. Beaver Lake in the splendid suburbs of Sammamish is such a place.



Awaiting fall planting of big fish at Beaver Lake, Sammamish

I recently took a bullet for the club and drove north-east to check out this 60-acre lake (79 acres if you count the upper and lower nodules connected by narrow channels). It was a nice day, nice boat launch, nice park, nice homes. Just not many fish showing.

When I spoke to some regulars at the boat launch I learned this year-round, put-and-take fishery is usually stocked in the spring. Most of those trout seem to have been taken home. But Beaver Lake is also stocked with about 2,000 jumbos in the first week of November, before Veterans Day weekend. Apparently, the lake gets fished out pretty quickly. Our outing is on Nov. 15 — just a few days after the big stocking, which I'm hoping will put us at the right place at the right time. Hopefully with a smaller crowd. Fingers crossed.

Much of the lake is 10 to 30-feet deep, with areas extending down to more than 50 feet. A Discover Pass is required to park at the boat launch on the southeast area of the lake.

Directions: It can be a little hard to find among the well-kept neighborhoods. Google Maps says it's at 2519 E Beaver Lake Drive SE, Sammamish. But look for the Fishing Access sign and turn left once you pass 26th Street, which is off Beaver Lake Way. From Tower Lanes in Tacoma, Beaver Lake is about a one-hour drive.

Cady Lake Report



Barry Miller was the first on the water at our October Cady Lake outing.

Despite our last-minute switcheroo from Lake Koka-nee to Cady Lake, October's outing turned out great. Everyone caught fish, some of us in the double digits, and the weather was spectacular. The lake is still down by about 3.5 feet and the surface water temperature ranged from 58 to 61 degrees. There was sporadic surface activity and deep-sinking lines put us into more fish than intermediate or floating lines. I was marking most of the fish in the 15- to 25-foot depth and the fish still seemed to be traveling in small schools throughout the 18-acre lake.

Thanks for attending: Barry Miller, Joe Harrison, Mark Paul, Jason Hardt and Jim Baker. Tess and I were also there to enjoy the early fall fishing.



David Frazier
Outings Chair

2024 Outings Schedule

NOVEMBER

Beaver Lake — Sammamish
Trout: 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15

DECEMBER

Purdy
SRCs: 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13

Education

November

Fly of the Month: Orange Stimulator



This fly hardly needs an explanation, but the Orange Stimulator is the Godfather fly of western fly fishing. It imitates Stoneflies, October Caddis, Salmon Flies, Hoppers, Moths, or whatever crazy critter falls in the water and attempts to

evade drowning!

Join us Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Tower Lanes to tie the Orange Stimulator.

Fly Casting Session a Success

Although we were taking a gamble scheduling an outdoor casting event in mid-October, the weather cooperated for the most part. The trees at Titlow Park provided a bit of a wind break and the covered pavilion protection for the Pao's donuts and pulled pork sandwiches. Six club members took advantage of our excellent in-house casting instructors to work on their form and pursue the FFI gold, silver and bronze certifications. With a bit of a variable breeze, hitting the course targets was challenging at times, but persistence paid off with one new gold certifica-

tion (Todd Parker) and three new bronze certs (Richard Stone, Merritt Kline, and Rob Jensen). A big thank-you to Michael Merringer and Steve Saville for leading members through the course and providing valuable tips to better casting. In addition to those mentioned above, Rick Hulscher, Kara Jensen, Tess and David Fraizer and Robert Gerlach took the opportunity for some tips, practice, and socializing.

Beginner Fly-Tying Coming in January

A beginning fly-tying class is scheduled for consecutive Saturdays, beginning January 11, 2025. Exercise your creativity and learn the basics to get started in this quintessence of fly-fishing. The class will follow the FFI curriculum and be led by our club's incredible tyer, Mike Trask. A sign-up will be available at the November meeting.



Rob Jensen
Education Chair

Washington State Council – Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI)

Conservation has been an inextricable part of FFI's fly fishing education mission since their founding 60 years ago. Nowhere is this more evident in FFI's work than the awarding of Conservation Scholarships to support the educational work of emerging conservationists. The recipients of these scholarships work on topics across the spectrum of

efforts that affect the future of fly fishing. From marine biology in the United Kingdom to stream survey databases in Idaho, four students are the future of conservation and it's the FFI pleasure and the FFI's responsibility, to support the important they are undertaking. Learn more about each of this years recipients by going to [flyfishersinternational-](http://flyfishersinternational.org)

al.org. And while you are there, join the FFI for only \$35 per year.



*Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI*

November Anniversaries/Years:

John Horning	1	Mirae Brooks	2
Rick McCabe	2	Ryan Puddy	2
Bill Bulls	5	Brian Villa	5
Wayne Binns	9	Richard Stone	10
Charles Sundahl	10	Greg Shimek	11

2024 PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President: Tess Frazier
Vice President: Rob Jensen
Past President: Steve Saville
Secretary: Anne Stiffler
Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1st year: David Frazier
Director, 2nd year: Richard Stone
Director, 3rd year: Dennis Ehlers

Committee Chairs

Membership: Joe Harrison
Librarian: Tom Krughoff
Raffles: Jim Baker
Programs: Mark Paul
Education: Rob Jensen
Outings: David Frazier
Web Site Editor: Bryan Habeck
Newsletter Editor: Bryan Habeck
Legislation/FFI: Mike Clancy
Conservation: Greg Shimek

Having Trouble Joining the Members Only Forum?

1) Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in **Figure 1** and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Sign-up or Log-In form in **Figure 2**.

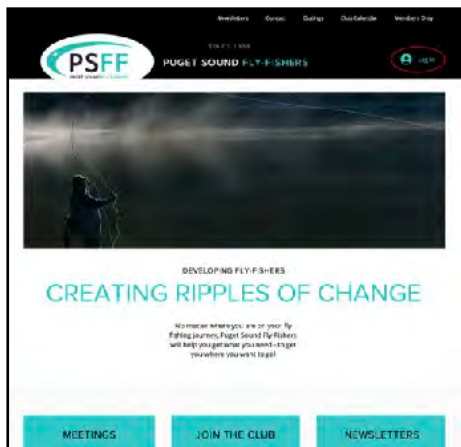


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

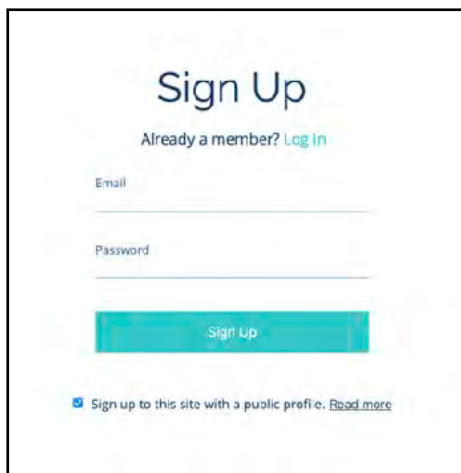


Figure 2

If you are registering as a new FORUM member, Sign Up first as shown in **Figure 2**. Enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done

that and have received confirmation that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access, then log in (clicking the teal type seen in **Figure 2**) and click on the Members Only link as shown in **Figure 3**.

3) Members Only will now be available to you

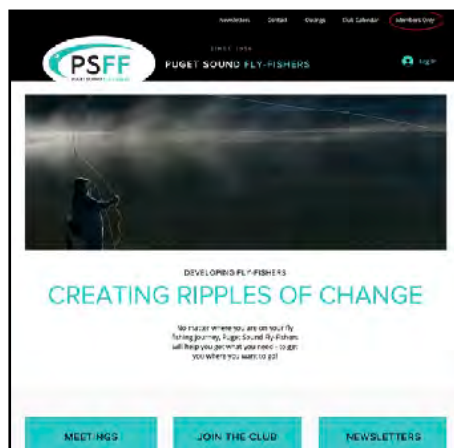


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

Explore the different categories of discussions and learn about where others are fishing, and what they're tying.



Figure 4