

June 2018

Leader Line | Greg Shimek

As I sit on our deck on a beautiful sunny day in the Pacific Northwest, I want to thank everyone for the good wishes and the hilarious get-well card. Everything is going very well and I look forward to seeing everyone at next month's meeting. The worse part of this whole recovery is an enforced lack of talking. Can you imagine me not talking for an extended length of time? Heck many of you that know me, say I can't say Hello in less than 20 minutes. Don't worry though, I will make up for lost time.

I would like to thank Mike Clancy for his timely updates on announcements from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Many of us are not on the computer as much as others so these updates are really valuable as they alert the public to closers and openings that may be of interest concerning a fishing trip. Thanks Mike.

In talking with Mike Koslosky, it is really nice to hear that the attendance at our outings has been very good. I know the beach outing that I attended was packed. Mike said the lake outings have been well attended as well. Ok the Crappie outing was not so well attended but the weather was Crappy as well so I understand that one. I just had to say that. Anyway, it's nice to see so many club members taking advantage of the outings that Mike works very hard putting together. The outings are just one of the many benefits we all enjoy by being members of PSFF.

With the whole fishing season getting under way in a few weeks I hope many of you will take advantage of Robert Gerlach's generous and very educational fly casting instruction on Monday nights at Titlow Beach. I know I will be down there getting a tune up.

I wish you all a great month of fishing. Please be safe on the water and wear your flotation devices !!!



June Outings



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Park Lake Recap

By all accounts the 2018 Park Lake was a rousing success. Best of all, the fish were the main topic of conversation. They were, as Matt Paluch called it, “..fighting way over their weight class”. Hard hitting, deep diving, acrobatic leaps, and line stripping antics were the norm - even for fish in the 12” range. What they lacked in size they more than made up for in spunk. Everyone caught fish and the hot fly for the three days Walter and I fished was a yellow damsel pattern. Other members had top water action, and good luck with various streamers. John Clark had the largest pattern of all – a 40 pound Brittany spaniel that accompanied him on his pontoon boat. No catfish were caught by the pair but plenty of trout.

Nearby lakes produced both smallmouth and largemouth bass, a few errant perch, and for Ted Werner a nice brown trout hiding near shore in ambush mode.

Matt gave the club members an excellent digital presentation on the local lake action which was an expanded version of the presentation he gave to the club a couple months ago. His local knowledge of these waters, special patterns, seasonal differences between areas, and diversity of species motivated most members to add another trip to Eastern Washington in the future.

The traditional fly tie challenge was met by three anglers; Paul Fournier, Bob Jimerson, and Matt Paluch. After the 15 minute scour the grounds, and 15 minute tie they hit the water for a 30 minute test of their creations. (As an aside, Matt’s fly won the judges favorite but that may have been slightly unbalanced since his wife was judging and knew about his little pink addition – she loves pink!)

All three competitors succeeded in hooking fish on their creations but, alas, only Paul brought his to the boat making him the winner and still champion. Congratulations Paul.

Kudos to Mike Clancy, Chef Extraordinaire, who fired up the grill and filled our bellies with all-American hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks also to the club members who filled in with salads, side dishes, and desserts.

Park Lake and environs lived up to its reputation of breezy periods early in the day followed by subsiding winds in the afternoon interspersed with gusts, calm moments, and occasional small craft warnings generating white caps! Some things never change.

Shad Outing

June 11, 12

Clackamette Park, Oregon City, OR

It has been said that *“half a shad is twice a trout”* and I can personally attest to this claim. They are amazingly hard fighters, persistent fighters, never give up fighters. If you’ve never fished for shad put this trip on your list. The location has changed from Bonneville to Clackamette Park in Oregon City at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette rivers. The site is the best for shore anglers since there is plenty of casting room, more space between anglers, overnight accommodations for RV’s, restroom facilities, horseshoe pits, boat launch, hiking trails, and more. Advance reservations are not available and RV spaces are acquired on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no tent camping allowed so either team up with an RV dragging member or book a nearby motel for the night. Travel from Tacoma is just under three hours so plan accordingly.

There should be shad in the tens of thousands, (yes, that’s *thousands*) in the river on this trip and they generally are found within 20 feet of shore in 5 to 15 feet of water. There are a number of “shad dart” patterns available while some locals insist on using bare gold hooks with maybe a red bead or strand of tinsel. Casting, drifting and gentle jigging seem to be the most productive method to hook into these fish. They have paper thin mouth membranes so use care in landing them. Don’t horse them to shore or they will only be a memory. Females, or roe shad, are often kept for their eggs which are a delicacy when combined with bacon and spices. Hell, anything is better with bacon! Shad flesh is also excellent but since these fish have over 300 bones, most folks don’t bother eating them. Don’t let that prevent you from trying these fish though. There are many shad recipes online to tempt your taste buds. Search.

For directions and additional information go to ORcity.org

Surf Perch Outing

June 20

Westport

If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to hook into a five pound bluegill, then come out to fish for surf perch in Westport. These guys make their living chasing marine crustaceans uncovered in the surf zone where pounding waves and swift undercurrents are no place for the weak. Their broad bodies are great foils against you and they use that body shape to their advantage. Come prepared with nothing under 6 weight (I recommend 8 weight) with either a heavy sink tip or a full sink line. You need to get down quickly to where they feed and a floating or intermediate line will quickly become spaghetti due to the swirling currents and breaking waves. Stripping baskets are a must. Patterns can be anything with rusty orange to mimic egg sacs on mole crabs. Try Gary Marston’s sea run bugger – it should be a knockout fly.

Travel time to Westport from Tacoma is 2 hours. You can either make a day of it or spend the night at any of the many local hotels or Westport Light State Park. Remember, it’s summer and beach destinations are always popular. One thing you need to be aware of – fishing the surf zone is hard work. You must always keep your eye on the incoming waves, pay attention to the shifting sand under your feet, all while making sure there aren’t kids running behind you as you backcast. You will be beat up after a couple hours fishing the surf but the rewards are worth it.

The key to finding where the fish will be is in the softer zone between where the surf breaks, and the soft water where the wave reforms before ending near shore. This indicates a slightly deeper trough where the wave has scoured out the bottom and where the perch feed.

Puget Sound Fly Fishers Presents:

The Titanic Slider Fly with Jay Paulson

Please join us at the next regular meeting of Puget Sound Flyfishers on Thursday, June 14th, when PSFF member and owner of Amazing Flies, Jay Paulson will talk about his Titanic series of flies the key element of which is a clever foam “hull.” The allure is that they relieve some of the monotony in that they work best when moving. They have proven very effective for trout, bass, panfish, searuns, steelhead, tiamen and golden dorado. Jay will talk about the problem he used as a catalyst for developing the series and will walk us through details about the uses and techniques for fishing them.

*The meeting which is free and open to the public will take place on **Thursday, June 14th**. Puget Sound Flyfishers meets at Tower Lanes Entertainment Center, 6323 6th Ave., in Tacoma, at 6pm. There is an optional \$15 buffet or salad bar preceding the presentation as well as a no-host bar. The program begins around 8:00pm. We welcome new members – come meet and learn*

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLYFISHING ACADEMY – 2018

— Mike Clancy

Registration for The Academy is on Sunday, June 24, @12 pm, when 22 boys will be showing up with all their paperwork, sleeping gear, fishing gear, etc. preparing for an exciting week. Some have a little experience, most don't, but these kids will learn quickly with the help of all the great volunteers. Our ghillies are all alumni and know how to relate to the new kids. Jim Brosio has a great line up of instructors and we have the schedules made up for the fishing. Our next challenge is getting volunteers to help the kids fish on The Deschutes River and our new ponds in Graham. If you would like to help with the guiding, please give me a call @360-753-1259, Jim Brosio @360-943-9947 and Tom VanGelder @253-261-8890. Guiding consists of helping the kids, insuring they are safe and learn to land fish. Some will just need encouragement since the kid fishing next to him is catching all the fish. You know how that goes. We welcome your help, this is a very rewarding event. The kids will never forget your help.

I want to thank all the Washington Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, private folks and corporate organizations, that are supporting the 2018 Academy. Without the support of these organizations, the Academy would not happen. Remember – Our youth are the guardians of the future for our sport of flyfishing. Mike Clancy – Jim Brosio – Tom VanGelder, Co-Directors

2018 Club Picnic



The PSFF Club picnic, will be held at my family's property in Dash Point. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 18th. The picnic usually gets going around noon but a little help setting up and breaking down the canopies, tables, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

You may bring your own chairs if you wish but we have about 30 white plastic chairs and an assortment of other lawn furniture for lounging as well as tables and canopies.

Parking is very limited and usually reserved for those who have mobility issues. License plates will not be checked, however. Everyone is on the honor system and there is adequate parking at the school about a half block up the hill from the driveway entrance. It's okay to drive in and drop off your belongings but we would ask that parking be done at the school as we have neighbors who also use the drive.

Last year the club supplied eating utensils; hamburgers and hot dogs so I assume the same will be true, at least at this time. The rest is potluck so folks are asked to bring a dish to share. Beverages are BYOB but water is usually supplied as well. There is only one request, Please take home and your leftovers so we do not have to dispose of them. We do recycle and there will be cans for plastic and glass, garbage, etc.

This is a large property, 3 plus acres, so there is plenty of space for moving around and a great view. We also have room for practice casting if you wish as well as horseshoe pits and a variety of yard games.

Last year we were treated to a show by a number of Orcas out front. I can't guarantee that will happen again but we may also spy some Bald Eagles or other wildlife close in. Hopefully the weather will again cooperate fully as we had a nice day last year.

Directions to the property will be posted or you can email me. (stevesaville@comcast.net) I have written directions from both the North and South by landmark and mileage. You can contact me for any other information. We hope to see you there!

Last Chance!



Don't Miss Out!



Kayak Larry Vaughn is selling a kayak to benefit Project Healing Waters. There will only be 100 tickets sold. The price of the tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Tickets will sold for two months and then a winner will be drawn. Cash, Checks or Credit Cards accepted at the monthly meetings.



This 2013 Nucanoe Frontier 12 is in perfect condition, garaged when not on the water and is customized with Ascend Seat, Casting Bar, Lowrance Elite 4x-HDI Fish Finder +battery, and well rigged for fly fishing. The Frontier is the ultimate hybrid fishing kayak, designed from the hull up, stable on the water, for serious anglers and hunters. Whether you are fly fishing in salt water, bass fishing in a river, or hunting in the marshes, the Frontier 12 will maximize your experience. As configured a new Frontier 12 would cost \$1,749.

Summer Outings



by Mike Koslosky

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Time to put these trips on your Google or Yahoo calendar or the paper one hanging on the kitchen cabinet. Sign up sheets will be available at each club meeting and detailed trip info will be sent out prior to the event.

June Outings

- ☐ Monday, Tuesday, June 11, 12, Bonneville Dam and Columbia River - shad
- ☐ Thursday, June 14, Rattlesnake Lake, 8am
- ☐ Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 and 20, Westport - Surf Perch

July Outings

- ☐ Thursday, July 5, Naches River, 9am
- ☐ Saturday, July 14, Skokomish River, 8am
- ☐ Tuesday, July 17, Lake Kapowsin, 7:30am
- ☐ Thursday, July 26, Dosewallips River, 8:30am

August Outings

- ☐ Tuesday, August 7, Lake St Claire, 7:30am
- ☐ Saturday, August 11, Southworth, 7:30am
- ☐ Thursday, August 16 Lake Tapps, 7:30am
- ☐ Saturday, August 25, Green River, 8am

Looking Forward

July 12th Program – Bill Herzog

Puget Sound area native, noted author, KIRO radio personality and guide Bill Herzog will share a program on "Fly fishing the Snake River." Many members will recognize him from the time he worked behind the counter at Sportco. His name has been synonymous with Steelhead fishing in the northwest and he now calls Wenatchee his home.

August – No meeting

September 13th Program – Brian O'Keefe

Brian will share his presentation on "Six Northwest Stoneflies." Who in the club doesn't know or know of Brian O'Keefe? More on his incredible resume in a future newsletter

"Rowing For Cutthroat"

By Bob Triggs
www.searuns.com



I have been out in the dory all spring, rowing on the bay, scouting the local estuaries, beaches and shorelines, for sea-run coastal cutthroat trout fly fishing opportunities. There's a lot of good water and cutthroat trout habitat here, miles of it. Every month I go looking for new water, mostly on the east end of the Olympic Peninsula and Hood Canal. It seems like there's no end to it. Puget Sound alone has over 1300 miles of shoreline. This is a great way to spend the day. When I am guiding with the dory I only take one angler. That's the best opportunity. It's quiet, stealthy, no motor, no fumes. Sometimes we catch trout directly behind the dory, or within a few easy to cast yards off the sides. I can row you into shallow water, just inches of depth, and we can handle the wind and waves when we need to as well. This is the most traditional way of sea-run cutthroat trout fishing in Puget Sound.

It's been more like summer than spring here most days lately. This turned out to be the warmest and driest May on record here. And the next 10 day regional forecast is looking very good here too. Our Olympic Peninsula rivers are running below normal in flows right now. This is not unexpected with such a long protracted dry spell. But our annual drought season usually begins in July. So maybe it's early. And maybe June will bring us some more rain to perk things up on the rivers. Sea-Run Cutthroat fishing has been picking up here through the month of May. There's lots of first season in the saltchuck fish showing up, at 2 to 3 years old and 8 to 10 inches. And we've seen plenty of bigger trout this spring here too. They've been taking our Chum Baby fly, Muddlers, Gurglers, Miyawaki Beach Poppers, and various baitfish flies, especially the Clouser Minnow.



The bright sunny days we have had actually warmed up the water in our shallower bays. We found the best fishing on the colder water incoming tides, and at depths of 8 to 12 feet at times. Some people will use a sink tip line or full sinking line, to get deep. But I use a longer leader and a floating line, and sometimes a fluorocarbon tippet, with a weighted fly like the Clousers, and I can get the fly very deep. You've got to let it sink! But this is something we ordinarily see happening in later June and into July and August. Don't worry too much about this, because the best sea-runs we have caught were all caught in shallow water under bright sunny skies and hot days. Go figure. It does matter where you fish, and when. Our tidal flows here are coming out of the deeper areas of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Admiralty Inlet, so we get a lot of cold water coming in on the floods. The farther south you go into Puget Sound and Hood Canal this time of year, the warmer the water and the tougher the fishing can be. As is true of trout fishing anywhere, once the water gets above 60 degrees, it's getting too warm to fish without damaging the trout. That might happen earlier than expected this season. Look for the colder water! Trout season is going to be opening up just about everywhere later this month!

Fly Tying

Wednesday Night Fly Tying

Due to the lack of interest we will be postponing fly tying at 7 Seas until the fall or if we have enough interest to get it going again.

June 6 - Where: Puget Sound Fly CO – Kristin Macy

Outing: 6/11&12 Bonneville/Columbia River - Shad

Shewey Shad Shafter

Hooks: #4-6, Wet Fly, 3XL

Thread: Chartreuse 3/0

Tail: Marabou

Eyes: Non-lead dumbbell

Head: Chartreuse plastic chenille

Originator: John Shewey, Bend, Ore.

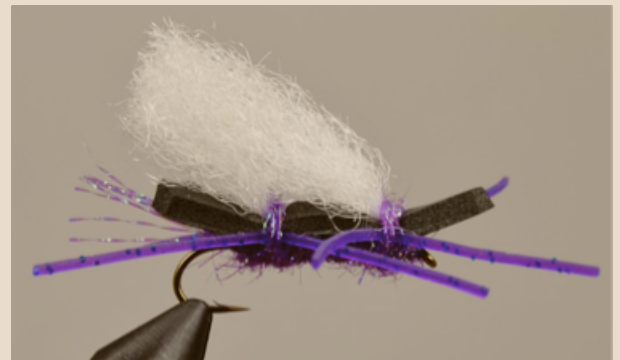
This is one of several shad patterns developed by Shewey for fishing shad runs from the Columbia River to Northern California. The tail is tied in at mid-shank and extends beyond the hook shank. When tying the tail of this pattern, Krystal Flash may be added sparingly. Too much reflectiveness seems to scare—not attract—shad.



June 20 Where: Puget Sound Fly CO – Kristin Macy

Outing: 7/14 Skokomish River

Fly: Chubby Chernobyl – Purple



Chubby Chernobyl Recipe

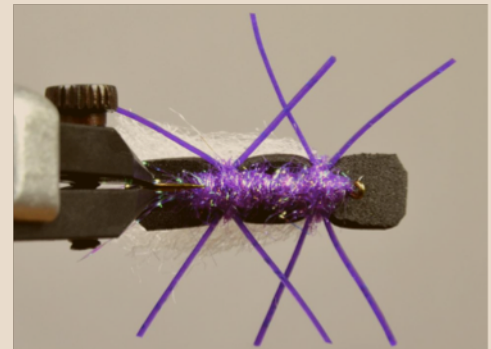
Hook: Umpqua 200R Size 6-14

Body: Black Foam

Dubbing: Ice Dub – Purple

Wing: Para Post Wing

Legs: Medium or small rubber legs -



July 4 - Puget Sound Fly CO – No Tying – Happy 4th of July



July 18 - Where: Puget Sound Fly CO – Kristin Macy

Outing: 8/11 Southworth – Coho

Fly: Buck tail Clouser – Chartreuse/white

Fly Tying Recipe: Clouser Minno

Hook: Daiichi 2546 size 2 – 4 or similar

Thread: White or Chartreuse 6/0

Eyes: dumbbells, large

Belly: Natural white buck tail, two hook lengths

Flash: Gold Krystal Flash, 3 or 4 strands

Back: Chartreuse buck tail, two hook lengths

Head: Tying thread

New to the Library 2018 Books

Fly Fishing Coastal Cutthroat Trout	Johnson, Les	2004	Fly Fishing	Cuttthroat
Afoot & Afloat South Puget Sound	Mueller, Marge and Mueller, Ted	1996	Outdoors	Walks/Hikes
Olympic Mountains Fishing Guide: Olympic National Park & Olympic Peninsula Lakes & Streams	Shorett, Dave	1996	Destination	OP
Fly-Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout	Rickards, Denny	1997	Fly Fishing	Trout
Our Native Fishes	Quinn, John R	1990	Fishing	Fresh water and Marine
The Estuary Fly Fisher	Raymond, Steve	1996	Fly Fishing	Estuaries
An Introduction to Aquatic Insects	Federation of Fly Fishers	?	Entomology	
Clouser's Flies	Clouser, Bob	2006	Fly Tying	Clouser
Fly-Fishing Tactisc - Trout, Bass, Panfish, Saltwater	Multi Auther	2004	Fly Fishing	General
Reading Water	Mulch, Darrell	2001	Fly Fishing	Water
Curtis Creek Manifesto	Anderson, Sheridan	1978	Fly Fishing	

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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