



## Leader Line

# The Indoor Fly-Fisher

It's been a cold, wet, windy winter and right now I'm looking at a thermometer that reads 47 degrees. That's balmy considering we were in the teens a few weeks ago. Great time to arrange and replenish those fly boxes or read that fly-fishing book that's been gathering dust. Unfortunately, I'm one of those fishers who doesn't tie, but it's never too late to start, right? My spey-casting needs some practice in Puget Sound, but I'm way too comfy in front of my fireplace. I'll also be hiding from the elements at The Fly Fishing Show, which returns Feb. 17-18 in Bellevue (see the Outings column below for more information). And being February, let's not

forget Valentine's Day, so remember those who are dear to you.

Our deepest condolences to the family of P.J. Hicks who passed away recently. P.J. was a longtime member of PSFF, noted for his passion of fly-fishing and his monthly column in our newsletter, filled with fly-fishing tips and insights. He left PSFF his collection of rods (many of which he built), reels, lines, gear, plus a generous financial donation. Something to think about — leaving your fly-fishing treasures to those who would benefit from your legacy.

We gained nine new members at our January meeting — a packed house. Thank you to Program Chair Mark Paul for securing Mike Sturza, whose presentation on Tiger Muskies was excellent and a hoot. Dang those Muskies have

## Next Meeting

February 8

### Tower Lanes

6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

**Dinner:** 6:30

**Program** 7:15

got some huge teeth! Where are those long needle-nose pliers of mine?

It's February, so if you haven't renewed your membership, do it now. Bryan Habeck, our WebMaster has made renewals easy on the home page of our website [psff.org](http://psff.org). You'll want to continue receiving all those club benefits: our monthly meeting, speakers, classes, events,

outings and access to the Members Only Forum. You always gotta find out where fish are being caught and with what flies. Bundle up, go forth and fish!



*Tess Frazier*  
Club President

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## Outings

# Return of The Fly-Fishing Show



I'm excited to say the Fly-Fishing Show is returning to the Pacific Northwest Feb. 17-18 at

the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.

According to Ben Furimsky, the show's director, expect lots of outstanding classes, seminars, fly-tying demonstrations, fly-fishing celebrities and authors, guides, exhibitors and free FFI casting instruction. There will be virtually continuous expert demonstrations and seminars covering every aspect of the sport from fly-tying to casting with emphasis on both local waters and the uniqueness of the Pacific Northwest. Learn fly-fishing for salmon, steelhead and trophy-sized rainbow trout along with sea-run cutts and others in our estuaries. Learn the critical where, when and how. Doors

open at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday; the exhibition closes at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 4:30 on Sunday. Check it out at [flyfishingshow.com/bellevue-wa/](http://flyfishingshow.com/bellevue-wa/)

**Show Bonus No. 1:** On Saturday night only, IF4 (the International Fly-Fishing Film Festival) takes center stage with its trademark gonzo anglers exploring some of the world's most exotic and pristine fishing destinations. It's armchair travel at its best. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the films begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 in advance at [flyfilmfest.com/bellevuewa/](http://flyfilmfest.com/bellevuewa/)

**Show Bonus No. 2:** Here's another great offer: FFI is offering a special ticket deal that provides full-day admission to the show Feb. 17 and the FFI reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for the launch of an important campaign to help restore wild salmon and steelhead to Olympic Peninsula. Each \$30 ticket enters you in a draw-

ing for a new Thomas & Thomas 5wt rod and other quality fly gear. Tickets at [conta.cc/48g3SUI](http://conta.cc/48g3SUI)

**Elsewhere:** For next month, I've booked my road trip to Albany, Oregon, for the Northwest Fly-Tyer & Fishing Expo on March 8 and 9. Last year was the first time I attended. I was pleasantly surprised by how much fun I had at this sprawling two-day event. Details have now been posted at [nwexpo.com/](http://nwexpo.com/). Ticket discounts are available to veterans and members of Trout Unlimited; be sure to bring along your appropriate ID cards.



*David Frazier*  
Outings Chair

## 2024 Outings Schedule

### MARCH

#### Northwest Fly-Tyer & Fishing Expo

Linn County Fairgrounds,  
Albany, OR  
Friday-Saturday, March 8-9

#### Lenice Lake

Trout: Tuesday-Thursday,  
March 26-28

### APRIL

#### Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River: Big Pines  
Campground (BLM)  
Trout: Friday-Sunday, April 5-7

### MAY

#### Mayfield Lake

Ike Kinswa State Park  
Pike, Trout  
Tuesday-Thursday, May 28-30

### JUNE

#### Leech Lake

Trout: Wednesday-Friday, June 5-7

### JULY

#### Cedar River

Landsburg Road river trailhead, Maple  
Valley  
Trout: 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 9

### AUGUST

#### Annual Club Picnic

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17

#### Eglon

Coho, SRCs: 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug.  
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### SEPTEMBER

#### Cowlitz River

Hosted at John & Kathy Clark,  
near Toledo  
Cutthroat, Steelhead, Coho,  
Chinook:  
Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 17-19

#### Lake Kokanee

Trout: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25

### OCTOBER

#### Pass Lake

Deception Pass State Park  
Trout: Tuesday-Thursday,  
Oct. 15-17

### NOVEMBER

#### Beaver Lake — Sammamish

Trout: 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15

### DECEMBER

#### Purdy

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

## Programs David Dietrich is Feb. 8 Speaker

This month's speaker was brought to light from talk around the club of a new fly shop in Ruston. With that I'm pleased to present David Dietrich, owner-operator of Adventure Angling Fly Shop and Guide Service.

He began his fly fishing career at Puget Sound Fly Company in Tacoma under the tutelage of Anil Srivastava. After four years working with Anil, David created Adventure Angling, taking clients onto Puget Sound to fly fish. Last year, with the success of his guiding service, David opened Adventure Angling Fly Shop. David hosts guided trips to Idaho, Montana and abroad.

At our February meeting he will talk to us about his experience as a boat captain guiding fly-anglers on the sound for cutthroat and salmon.



*Mark Paul  
Programs Chair*

## Membership Welcome to February

When you receive this newsletter I will be on my way to Tampa Bay, Florida for the month. I do plan to go out for two days of guided fly-fishing for spotted sea trout and redfish.

### It Is Past-Time to Renew Your Membership

Members have been sent email reminders recently to renew your membership to Puget Sound Fly-Fishers. **The deadline was Feb. 1.**

Please take the opportunity to re-new **online with a credit card** or **send a check or money order in the mail**. See our website [psff.org](https://psff.org), scroll down to **Join The Club** and **click the "Join Now" button**. You'll also have the opportunity to renew on a printed form at the February meeting. Without your renewal you will lose access to the "Members Only" section on the website and be removed from the online roster. **So please renew.**

## Welcome to New Members

We had nine new members join PSF in January. Below, you'll find a short bio and picture to help you get acquainted with them. Please reach out and welcome them at the next meeting or outing they attend.



**Jim Pickett** - I have been a resident of Kitsap County for almost 50 years after a stint in the Navy

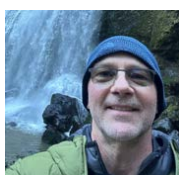
during the Vietnam era. My fly-fishing adventures began about 20 years ago, although it was a lengthy slow start until I retired. I prefer the small-to-medium size rivers and creeks, and really enjoy sharing that experience with one of my grandkids. I have been a member of TU for close to 20 years and actively involved in the Kitsap chapter since about 2010.



**Mark Baumann** - I grew up in Spring Valley, CA and was introduced to fly fishing when I was about 13. My family

was camping in Sequoia National Park and, while fishing for brown and rainbow trout, I came across a gentleman fly-fishing. He gave me a couple Royal Coachmen and a Black Gnat and showed me that I could make it work on my spinning reel and rod combo. I eventually got a fly-rod and reel at 18 and have used it off and on since. I have fished for and caught brook, rainbow and brown trout, large

mouth bass, crappie and various sunfish. I haven't done any fly-fishing since moving to the Northwest. I live in the Tacoma area with my wife Debbie. My other interests include rock-hounding and I'm currently the Association Director for the Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club and a trustee on the Washington State Mineral Council. I also volunteer with Washington Exotic Animal Rescue, work part-time at Gig Harbor Brewing and keep honey bees.



**Wayne McMillan** - I grew up in England and am new to fly-fishing. My previous fish-

ing experiences have been with lake and sea fishing. I am still working, am married and have two grown children.



**Tim Bayliss** - I am a military kid and lived in Korea and Berlin before my dad retired and settled in Washing-

ton. I have lived in the Northwest since 1986 and absolutely love it! My fly fishing experience has been minimal with some guide trips on the Yakima River and some alpine lakes during hiking trips. I started a few years ago when I was gifted a guide trip for Father's Day, and then got a set up for my birthday and have enjoyed every outing whether I catch or not. I have been an educator for 24 years in the Fife School District. I have been married for 20 years to my wife Nicole and we have an amazing 9-year-old girl named

Milo who I hope to get out fly-fishing in the near future.



**Glenn Starr** - I grew up in Corvallis, Oregon where I spent much of my time outdoors hunting

and fishing. In 1984 Graduated from Oregon State with a degree in Industrial Engineering. I learned how to tie flies when I was in the Boy Scouts and kept tying. I first chased trout with a bamboo rod my Dad gave me. My fly tying and fishing ended in my teens when girls and hot cars were more interesting. I returned back to fly-fishing and tying in the mid-'90s chasing silvers from the beaches in Puget Sound and tying flies for various fly shops from the Morning Hatch to the Port Townsend Angler. Since that time my family and I have lived in San Diego and Indian Harbour Beach, Florida. I have been fortunate enough to fish the East Cape of Baja for marlin, tuna and roosterfish and bonefish in the Bahamas. My most recent trip was last November to Ascension Bay at Casa Blanca lodge. My wife Mary and I have been together for 37 years with two daughters and one grandson. I also retired from Lockheed Martin Space as a Quality Director in January 2022. We now reside in Poulsbo which has always been home to us.



**Joe Harrison**  
Membership Chair

## Raffle News

### Anniversaries/Years February:

Marcel Alaniz	1
Mike Clancy	23
Becci Curtis-Lillie	11
Michael Lillie	11
Dave Hackett	7

Charles Lee	1
John Maciewicz	1
Ron McNeal	4
Stephanie Schildt	1
Rich Skopin	1
Tom Krughoff	4

We have a monthly raffle which provides members with chances to win great prizes and support club activities. We welcome donations of new or gently used fishing, camping or other related items. If you have questions regarding raffle donations, please contact Raffle Coordinator, Rachel Dagovitz, [racheldagovitz@hotmail.com](mailto:racheldagovitz@hotmail.com).

### A Big Shout Out to Our January Donors!

Estate of P.J. Hicks  
 Steve Saville  
 Mike Sturza, Owner of Lost Creek Fly Shop (Speaker)



*Rachel Dagovitz*  
*Raffles Chair*

## Conservation

# Join Us for Habitat Stewardship on Flett Creek

Clover Park Technical College invites you to be a part of something truly impactful in 2024 – Habitat Stewardship at the Flett Property! Their beautiful campus is home to a diverse ecosystem that needs your help.

**What:** Clover Park Technical College Flett Property Habitat Stewardship

**Where:** Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA, 98499  
 Enter campus at Hageness Drive. Please park on campus.

**Why:** Protect the oaks from invasive species & restore riparian habitat!

Join us in the restoration of the riparian environment, creating a sustainable ecosystem for generations to come.

**When:** 9 AM to Noon(ish) on the dates listed below

- Saturday, January 20th
- Saturday, February 17th
- Saturday, March 9th
- Sat., April 20th Earth Day!
- Saturday, May 18th
- Saturday, June 8th
- Saturday, July 13th
- Saturday, August 17th
- Saturday, September 28th
- Saturday, October 19th
- Saturday, November 16th
- Saturday, December 7th

**Questions?** Contact Derek Faust at [derek.faust@cptc.edu](mailto:derek.faust@cptc.edu)  
 We will be out there making a positive impact on the environ-

ment come rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy footwear. We will provide some tools, but if you have your own (gloves, loppers, shovels, weed wrench), feel free to bring them along to ensure we have enough for everyone.

Together, we can make a difference.

*Greg Shimek*  
*Conservation Chair*



# Education

## February 2024

### Rod Building

Seven club members attended the rod-building course presented by Neil Fox owner of FFD Fly Rods. A big thank-you to Neil for putting on such a great class. I know I can't wait to put my new skills to the test and based on comments from others, I'm not alone.

### Fly Fishing Intro Class

Leadership has approved the plan for our Fly Fishing 101 course scheduled for the first three Tuesday evenings (6-9) in April. Our club is conducting the course with facilities, administrative and marketing support from PenMet Parks. The class will be held at [Sehmel Homestead Park](#). There is a pavilion where the classroom sessions will be held and a lit turf field where the casting lessons will happen. Cost is \$60 for the three-day course and you can register with PenMet Parks. Use their Calendar button in the upper left to search for the course.

A draft curriculum is available but **INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED**. Please consider signing up to share your knowledge before it's too late! Contact Rob if you're interested in volunteering: [gnw987@gmail.com](mailto:gnw987@gmail.com)

		Instructor 1	Instructor 2	
2-Apr	Why Fly Fishing? : Equipment	Dennis Beardsley		
9-Apr	Knots / Rigging: The "FISHING" Part			
16-Apr	Flies and Bugs: The "Catching" Part			
16-Apr	Fly Tying Demo			
		Instructor 1	Instructor 2	Instructor 3
4/2, 4/9, 4/16	Casting			

### January's Fly-Tying Class Was Well-Attended

Members of the club gathered for a fly-tying class, where they learned to tie four patterns for sea-run cutts. Past President Steve Saville taught the class and provided all necessary materials, while members brought their tools and thread.

If you're interested in learning more about fly tying and seeking hands-on expertise, visit [PSFF.org](http://PSFF.org). We offer monthly fly-tying classes for members as well

as fishing opportunities and general meetings with guest speakers sharing insights on various topics.



### Fly of the Month: Chironomids

Chironomids (Steve Saville's favorite fly), are the nymph (pupa) stage of large, lake-dwelling midges and represent one of the largest insect families on the planet. The sizes, colors and styles of chironomids can vary greatly, so be creative. RIO's "Ice Cream Cone" is a very good imitation of a midge pupae and often fished under an indicator in lakes. This will be a great pattern for the upcoming Lenice Lake trip. Join us in tying this pattern at Tower Lanes on Saturday, Feb 10.



*RIO's ICE Cream Cone*



*Rob Jensen  
Education Chair*

# FFI Info and Youth Academy Enrollment Now Open

**WSCFFI** – The Fly Casting Fair is returning to Ballinger Park May 4 with a full day of skills development for fly casters and tyers. The event, now in its third year, offers a range of classes for newcomers and experienced fishers and a chance for FFI members throughout Puget Sound to connect.

**The NWYCFFAcademy** – The Academy will be conducted again, June 22-29, at Panhandle Lake 4H camp, west of Shelton. Registration is open, the application is available on the Academy website – [nwycffa.com](http://nwycffa.com). I highly recommend, if you are interested having your son, daughter or friend to attend, do it now. It is an amazing program for future fly fishers 12-16 years old. To learn

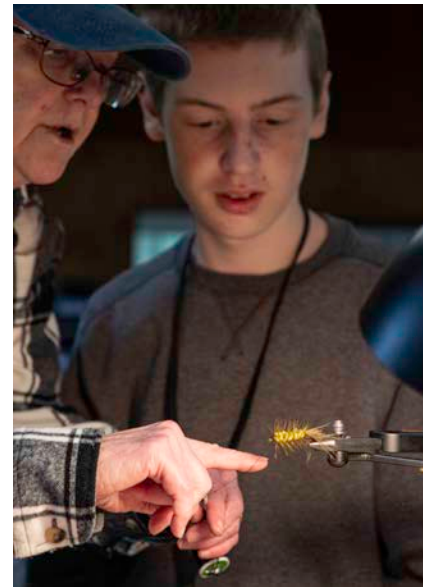
about the Panhandle 4H camp, go to [panhandlecamp.com](http://panhandlecamp.com). It's a beautiful facility. Sadly, the facility where we conducted the event for years had a major fire and the main building was destroyed.



To learn more or apply, scan the QRcode or go to [nwycffa.com](http://nwycffa.com)



*Mike Clancy  
Legislation/FFI*



## 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: Rachel Dogovitz  
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 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**.

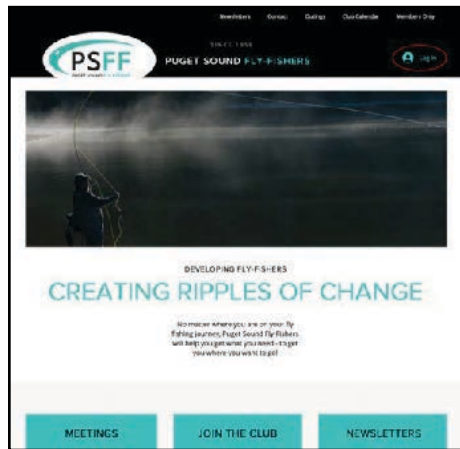


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

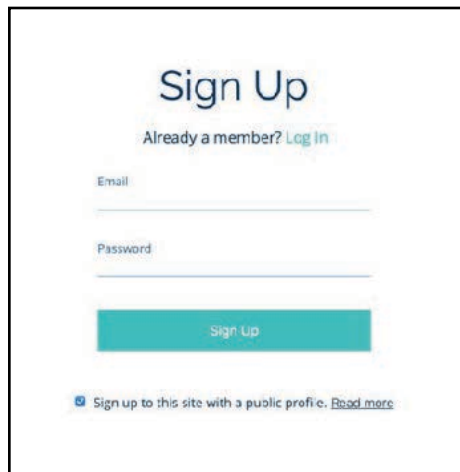


Figure 2

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 available to you

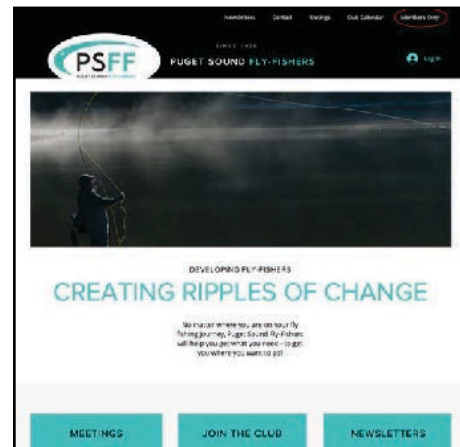


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

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

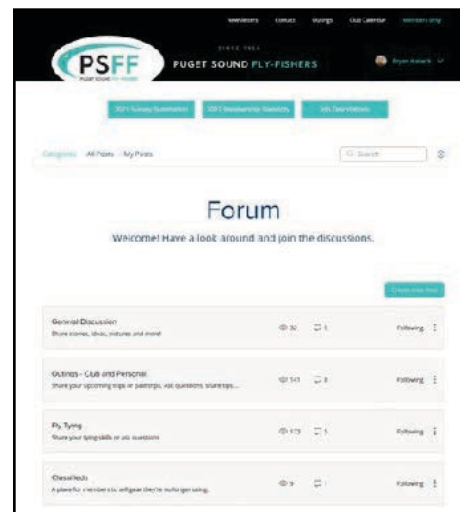


Figure 4