



Leader Line

Steve Saville
President

PSFF proud...

Wow! Are we finally getting a glimpse of summer? May it be so. These past months have been depressing. Despite the weather we have had great outings as a club and there are many of us that are making our own outings as well. As of this writing, I personally, am leaving in a couple of days to fish the Yakima River in Eastern Washington. If you have not fished this great river, you owe it to yourself to make the trip of under two hours from Tacoma. The Yakima, for all intents and purposes, is our "home river." At our last meeting, I queried the membership to find out how many had fished the Yakima and not surprisingly, nearly all in attendance have done so in the past.

Speaking of the Yakima, I am very pleased to announce that the club has donated \$2000 to the Western Rivers Conservancy for the purchase of the Yakima River Ranch. The property is 812 acres that spans both sides of the river upstream a way from Red's Fly Shop. The Conservancy is the same organization that saved and purchased a portion of the Grande Ronde River a few years

back. The ranch property purchase was in the works since 2015 and has now been completed. The property will eventually be turned over to the Bureau of Land Management and from that day forward will allow access for those who want to use it. This will prevent further development along the river that is apparent in so many places. We are proud to support this major endeavor.

I am looking forward to our annual picnic in August. The picnic allows us to rub elbows with our fellow club members once again considering we have no August meeting. Plan on attending on August 13th. I am sure there will be more details to follow in the coming weeks

Finally, and not for the last time, I want to urge you to get involved with the management of the club. We are half-way through 2022 and the end of the year will mark a change in leadership. We have numerous positions on the Board of Directors that must be filled as well as several committee positions that either will need new leadership or secondary people to help out. I have stated before that it takes a village to keep this organization running. Very few of the positions require more than that a

Next Meeting
July 14, 2022
6:00 PM

Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 PM

Program 7:15 PM

couple of hours a month and we need folks to step up and help with the decision-making process.

Stay safe, fish often, and tight lines to all of you!



Outings

David Frazier

Naches River, July 15-17

Summer fly-fishing is soul-filling fun, no doubt about it. Moving water pulls the strings of imagination and tests our abilities. Time stands still.

But July on the Naches can be unpredictable. Everything depends on flow conditions from snowmelt. There's often a sweet spot in July when whitewater subsides and walk-and-wade dry-fly fishing can be bang-on great. We're hoping for the latter. This so-called "little sister" tributary to the Yakima River is home to westslope cutthroat, rainbows and whitefish in the 10- to 16-inch range, as well as larger bull trout. The Naches River has numerous access points for bank and wade fishing.



Formed by the convergence of the Little Naches, Bumping and American rivers, the Upper Naches is a clear, cold and underutilized freestone gem with tons of access. Nymphing can also be great. Rods 3- to 5-wt and floating lines should do it.

Plan on sharing a potluck dinner (and hopefully a campfire) on Saturday night. We'll provide the main course. You bring a side dish or dessert and your

beverage of choice. We will be up at Squaw Rock RV Resort & Campground, 15070 WA-410, Naches, WA. Phone: (509) 658-2800. squawrockrvresortandcampground.com/ Tess and I will have our trailer at site 16. Squaw Rock campground is on the Naches River, about 3 hours southeast of Tower Lanes in Tacoma.



Please text or email me if you're interested in attending, contact dfrazier@wavecable.com, 360-265-6963

Shad in the Combat Zone

Our recent club trip to the Columbia River was a ton of fun. It was also a reminder of how many people enjoy fishing with spinning rods. When the shad run hits its peak, as it did during our outing June 11-13, it seems the whole world knows it.



So many anglers, in fact, that finding a decent opening along the bank to swing a fly was more than half the battle. Add to that the rain, higher-than-usual river level, a “free fishing weekend” and hatchery chinook also on the menu, you feel happy to land just a few of the hard-charging herring. But a good time was had by all. More than once did I hear something like, “Boy, those fish can really fight!” It was good to spend time with club members Dennis Ehlers, Bryon Habeck and wife Teri, Doug Post and Paul and Suzanne Frye.

Outings: August-December

August: Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, Monday, Aug. 15, 8 a.m.

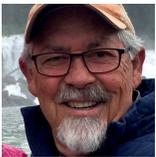
September: Puget Sound, Coastal Cutthroat/Coho, Saturday, Sept 10, 9 a.m.-noon

October: Cady Lake, Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.

November: American Lake, Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.

December: Nahwatzel Lake, Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.

Watch for more information in the Forum



Education

Mike Koslosky

Fly Tying

As promised at the last PSFF membership meeting, here is the fly tying schedule for the remainder of the year. The flies selected correspond to the upcoming Outing for that month. Keep these dates on your calendar so you can plan your activities. All tying sessions will be held at Tower Lanes from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

July 9 Calf tail skating caddis (for Naches River 7/15)

August 13 Royal Wulff (for Snoqualmie River 8/15)

September 3 Sand lance (for Searun Cutthroat 9/10)

October 8 Elk hair caddis for Cady Lake 10/15)

November 19 Caddis pupa (for American Lake 11/26)

December 3 Balanced leech (for Nahwatzel Lake 12/10)

Sign-up sheets will be at available every meeting, except August (maybe bring your fly tying gear to the club BBQ). If you can't make the meeting let our tyer President Steve Saville know by email at stevesaville@comcast.net.

Tip of the Month

This is the time of the year when many of us get out often to try our luck outsmarting animals that swim in their own toilet. Regardless, they often humble us by refusing the best of our flies, casts, sneaky approaches to holding water, cautious surveying of structure, or detecting their presence from feeding activity marking te surface with ever expanding rings.

Returning home triumphant or rejected one thing to remember to preserve the effectiveness of your reel is to clean your line - that's number one. The second important task is to back off your drag setting to its minimum setting. Having a drag knob continuously compressing the mechanism of your particular reel causes that drag to lose effectiveness over time. So loosen up people, or at least loosen your drag.

Are you missing the top section of a 4 piece rod which was left behind at the May meeting? Contact Steve 253-927-4401.

PSFF Programs

Chic Sundahl

Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River

Since we have an outing on the Middle Fork on August 15th, we might benefit from some fresh perspective on the river. Our Steve Saville set us up with just the guy to tell us all about it. **Bill Zytkowicz** has been fishing the forks of the Snoqualmie since he got into fly fishing almost 25 years ago. He will present a program on the Middle Fork which has great access and nice fish in the summer months after the runoff has ended. Speaking of great access, he lives in Issaquah, just down the road a bit from his favorite fishing grounds. He's excited to share his experience there and on other small streams on the west side of the state!

Bill has been fly fishing for almost 25 years, for trout, salmon, steelhead and searun cutthroat trout. He's worked in the industry with Orvis for 6 years and built rods commercially for a year. Bill's been a fly casting instructor for both single and two handed rods for about 12 years and loves all aspects of fly fishing. He's fished all over Washington and Montana since 2000 and he especially enjoys the chase for trout, steelhead and salmon around the Pacific Northwest!

Tower Lanes 6:00 p.m. July 14, 2002 - Come join us!

Anniversaries

Kristin Macy

JT Pikul	3
Allen Poobus	6
Michael Spuck	2
Bob Young	5



Membership

Tess Frazier

PSFF Club Picnic

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Titlow Picnic Shelter (behind the Titlow Lodge)

8425 Sixth Ave., Tacoma

Setup 11 a.m.

Eating starts at Noon

Cleanup starts 3 p.m.

We are bringing back our Annual Club Picnic this year to Titlow Park in Tacoma. This has always been a great hit with families in the past. Come celebrate PSFF. We'll be outdoors enjoying friends, family, fishing, casting and other games, walking trails and food.

We need volunteers for the setup, please!

Everyone contributes to the Potluck Picnic with the following suggestions as what to bring, broken down by last name:

A - M ... salads, side dishes

N - Z ... desserts

The club will provide meat entrees, plates, utensils. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite beverage.

NOTE: Alcohol and smoking are prohibited in Metro Parks Tacoma picnic shelters and parks.

Attendance sign-up sheets will be available at the next two member meetings (or you can email me). This will give us an idea of how much meat to provide.

Members

We now have 113 members in PSFF. A warm welcome to our newest members:

Ms. Lesley Fleming
Paul Frye

Fly Fishers International

PSFF has long been an affiliate of Fly Fishers International. We encourage all our members to join FFI (flyfishersinternational.org) and take advantage of its many educational, instructional and informative benefits. The Washington State Council FFI represents members of Fly Fishers International in our state of Washington. PSFF partners with Washington State Council FFI on many projects involving local waters and organizations here in the Puget Sound area. Go to wscffi.org for more information.



Conservation Greg Shimek

Well summer seems to have finally decided to make an appearance at last. I'm not so sure I like 90-degree weather to start with, but anything is better than the cold wet spring we have had to deal with. I am sure we will start to see more normal temperatures as our summer continues which should make for some terrific fishing, with increasing insect hatches and good water levels.

As more of us take to the lakes and streams with the improving weather, let's lead the way in showing how conscientious anglers take care of

the environments we fish in. If you are at a popular fishing site, look around and see if there is any litter you can pick up. It only takes a few minutes to pick up someone else's carelessly tossed beer cans, wad of old mono line, food wrappers or whatever. I always carry plastic bags in my vehicle for this very reason. Maybe by setting a good example we might change the behavior of someone that might be watching. I know in this day and age that the odds are slim but give it a try. But as you all know I am a pretty optimistic guy. Even if we don't positively influence any bystanders, we will have left the area in better shape than we found it.

I hope you all have a safe 4th of July and can get out for some warm weather fishing.

WSCFFI and The Academy Mike Clancy



The Academy – The Academy for 2022 is over. We originally had applications for 12 students, after some folks read the requirement that all of the students and staff had to be vaccinated, we lost 3. Then we needed another ghilly and we chose one of the enrolled students to be a ghilly. So now, we're down to 8 students. And the staff was very pleased that there were only 8. Days into the event, one staff member tested positive for Covid and went home. That started a totally new concern for the staff. We called all the parents for the students to learn if they wanted their kids to come home. They all said no, we want them to stay. They live with this every day in school. Then the cook quit and a new cook was hired, but she wouldn't use the china and silver ware, so we went and purchased paper plates and plastic utensils.

We had some wonderful instructors, casting, fly tying etc. The kids actually caught fish on the flies they tied. They fished at Longs Pond in Lacey and

on The Little Deschutes River. We all survived the challenges, the kids had fun, and they are ready to fly fish with all the equipment they got to take home. The kids were well behaved and a delight to be around.

This is Jim and my last year with The Academy. Jim started in 2004 with Dick Nye the founder, and I came along in 2007. It's been a wonderful experience for me, and I know Jim feels the same way. We have 3 incredible co-directors taking over, and Jim and I will continue to help John Gravendyk, WFFC, Bruce Merighi, WVFF, and Carol Anderson, WSCFFI. The 2023 Academy will be the last full week of June in 2023.

Washington State Council FFI (WSCFFI) - The Council is planning a casting and fly tying event at Lake Ballinger, north of Seattle, on August 13th. Come and get casting instruction and watch fly tying. There will be some vendors. There is a charge for the casting instruction, but free admission. There will be a food truck.

FFI – The FFI is planning another International Virtual Expo on November 3-6, 2022. The 2021 international event was very successful. Check out the FFI web site at www.flyfisherinternational.org

Alaska – Things are still progressing to prevent open pit mines that could do serious damage to Bristol Bay, one of the largest fishery in the world. TU announced recently, a revised Proposed Determination that, if finalized, would prohibit mine waste from being released into streams, rivers and wetlands in Bristol Bay.

A who's who of month?



Having trouble accessing the FORUM?

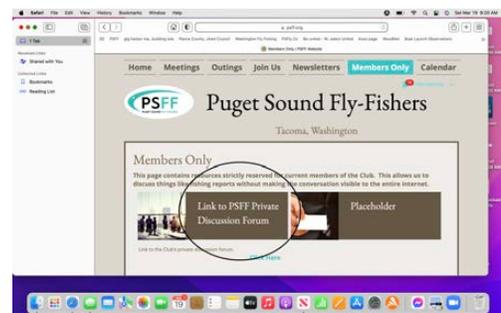
Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in figure 1 and click on the Members Only tab. That takes you to figure 2 where you click on the circled button taking you to the Sign Up or Log in page.

As a new FORUM member, you need to Sign Up first as shown in figure 3. You enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done that you are set and it will take you to the FORUM home page shown in figure 4. Explore the FORUM a bit to see what members have posted.

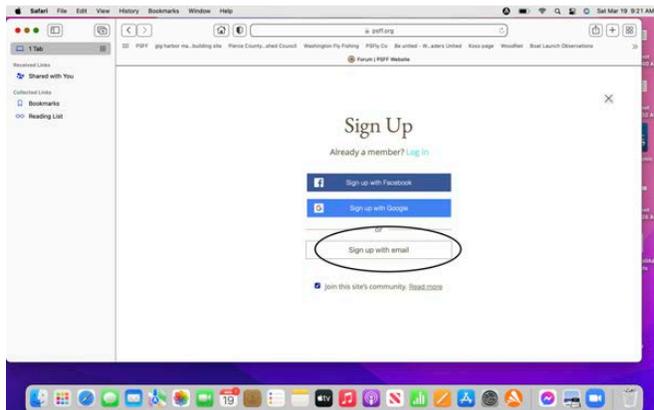
Once you have done the initial set up you will receive an email anytime someone on the FORUM posts something. Now you just have to Log In instead of Signing Up.



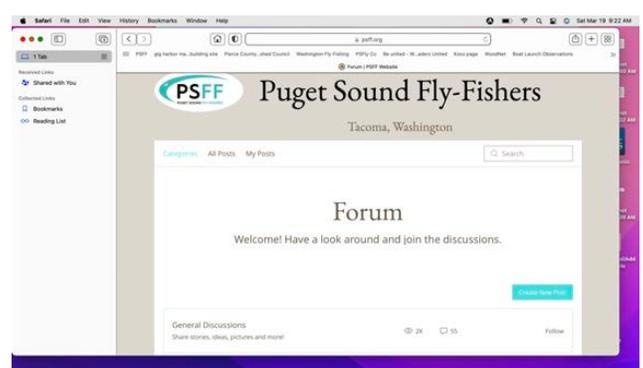
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