



Leader Line
Steve Saville
President

...May Flowers

I hate to talk about the weather all of the time, but it is a timely subject, always. As we are aware, temperature, barometric pressure, sunlight, and warmth have a profound influence on fishing in general and specifically when it comes to fly fishing. As we head into the warmer part of the year, insects generally become more active as do fish, so things are looking up. Opening day for lowland lakes has come and gone and from all I have heard, success was had by most everyone who braved the crowds to wet a line.

There are some club related items I would like to write about. First Mike Koslosky has relinquished his position as Education Chairperson. Thank you, Mike, for all of your hard work over the years. That being said, we need a new Education Chairperson. This is an important position in that we pride ourselves as a club for the education and instruction that is provided to the membership. If

you are willing to serve, please contact me and we can discuss the details. Mike will also assist the new Chair in the transition.

We also need someone who will assume the duties as Program Chair. Chic Sundahl has served in the capacity for many years and needs a break. Chic has many resources to share and will gladly help the transition for a new Program Chair, as well. This is also a vital part of our club as the Chairperson contacts and arranges the monthly programs for our meetings. If you are willing to assume this position, please contact me. See the job description in the members only section, PSFF.org

On another note, one of the highlights of my term as President was the club's involvement with The Western Rivers Conservancy. Most will remember that last year we donated money for the purchase of the Yakima River Ranch. That sale provides 620 acres of prime river access for campers and fishermen. The Conservancy has been very busy, and the latest purchase is significant. The McLoughlin Falls Ranch located on the Okanogan River has been permanently conserved. The ranch consists of 727 acres and will be co-managed by

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May 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Program 7:15 p.m.

the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. This piece of land will forever provide habitat for Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead, Canada lynx and Sharp-tailed grouse. The reservation will manage the northern portion while WDFW will manage the southern portion for conservation and public access.

Coming up mid-month is the yearly outing to Park Lake and later, Mineral Lake. If you haven't made plans yet, it's time. More information will be available at the May Meeting. Michael Paul Williams will be presenting a program on fishing for Carp. I am looking forward to that as I have always wanted to do some Carp fishing.

Tight Lines, everybody. I hope to see you at the May Club meeting.



Outings

David Frazier

Spencer Lake Frenzy

Well, apparently, there was a trout derby on "opening day" at Spencer Lake. I use the quote marks because Spencer is a year-round fishery and shouldn't be a crowd magnet on the third Saturday of April. So they have a fishing derby instead. I have to say, the event did bring in a lot of families and boats. The parking lot was overflowing to the point where I had to offer my apologies to arriving PSFF members pulling trailers. I suggested they try either nearby Phillips Lake or land Lake. I'd like to hear how they did.



For those of us who met for the 8 a.m. breakfast at Spencer Lake Bar & Grill, our arrival to the boat launch at 9 a.m. was a bit of a shock. Some members had gone directly to the launch without the breakfast meet-up and found parking.

Those of us without a trailer were able to squeeze in our rigs.

Still, I sensed those who made it onto the water were having a good — if challenging — time. Not exactly the quieting experience I had hoped for.

Looking from the boat launch out to the water, I was reminded of the scene in "Jaws" when all the local fishing boats took off at once to win the big reward for catching the killer shark.

Given that the state had stocked about 10,000 catchables in the past month, plus whatever larger fish were introduced for the derby, the catch rate was remarkably low. Could the fish been put off by all the commotion from above? Do you think??

I ended up landing six trout in the 10 to 12-inch range and had about three others spit the hook. I had three flies that seemed to work at different times: my Trusty Rusty wet fly (size 12), orange Blob flies (thanks to Jim Baker for alerting me of its effectiveness) and my little Kush Mop (which substitutes a Kush Ball finger for the mop). I was on hand too, when Mario Maichel landed one using a balanced leech under an indicator.



Thanks to those who showed up (these are the folks I actually saw): Mike Koslosky, Jim Baker, Mark Paul, Bryan Habeck, Rick McCabe, Tom Krughoff, Brenda Bacon, Vern Kissner, Paul Fournier, Phil Oliver and Mario Maichel.

Annual Park Lake Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, Sun Village Resort

If there's only one club outing you can make this year, make sure it's this one. It has become a tradition of PSFF to gather here a laid-back few days of fly-fishing frolic. Among the attractions of fishing the **Sun Lakes region** — aside from the chemistry our club brings to it — is the variety of angling options close at hand.

Our gathering spot at Sun Village Resort is situated literally right between Park and Blue lakes. A 5-minute drive south on Highway 17 takes you to **Lake Lenore**, known for its population of Lahontan cutthroat trout (especially this time of year). A 25-minute drive south takes you to the famous **Rocky Ford Spring Creek**. The geologically awesome **Dry Falls Lake** is just 20 minutes north on 17.

Park Lake is in the heart of the Grand Coulee area of Eastern Washington, about 3 hours and 35 minutes from Tower Lanes, Tacoma. The lake covers 338 acres, reaches depths of 85 feet and supports mostly rainbow trout, but also has some brown trout, tiger trout and perch.



Jim Baker at a previous Park Lake outing

Bring along the usual flies for lakes: baitfish, leech and insect patterns; chironomid patterns under an indicator. Rods 4- to 6-weight; be prepared to fish a variety of water depths with floating, intermediate and full-sink

lines. Float tubes, pontoon boats, small boats, canoes or similar watercraft all work well.

Saturday evening potluck dinner: Bring your appetites and fish stories to trailer site 32 at 6 p.m., along with a side dish (salad, dessert, etc.), campfire chairs, firewood and beverage of choice. We will provide a spaghetti and meatballs entree. Plates and utensils will be included.

Location: Sun Village Resort, 33575 Park Lake Rd NE, Coulee City, WA, 18 minutes north of the City of Soap Lake along the east side of State Route 17. The resort has rustic cabins and sites for tents and RVs. Reserve your spot at sunvillageresort.com

Mineral Lake

Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m

Fishing Mineral will be a first for me. According to Eric Apalategui of bestfishinginamerica.com, "**Mineral Lake** is generally considered one of the best lakes in Washington for trout fishing." Which also makes it very popular with anglers. It's said the boat launch can get busy.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's typically stocks 100,000 fry or fingerling rainbow trout each year, so I'm immediately thinking about tying on a Sparkle Minnow. There are usually more than 30,000 catchable rainbows planted — along with some jumbos — plus several thousand brown trout. In addition, expect to find resident Coastal Cutthroat and Largemouth bass.

At 277-acres, Mineral Lake sits at 1,770 feet elevation. On clear days, Mt. Rainier provides a scenic backdrop. Looking at a contour map, the drop-offs along the edges appear exceptionally steep, landing rather abruptly at vast areas from 25 to 38 feet. Drop-offs are great fish magnets. There are good amenities at the lake, including restrooms and parking. The lake itself is just north of the small community of Mineral, which has food, drink and lodging nearby.

Mineral Lake is about 1 hour and 15 minutes south-southeast of Tower Lanes, Tacoma, and about 7 minutes south of Elbe. A Discover Pass is required, unless you already have a Vehicle Access Pass issued with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license.

As always, please RSVP me if you're planning on attending (or have signed up but cannot attend): David Frazier dfrazier@wavecable.com, or phone (360) 265-6963

Upcoming Outings

JUNE

a) **Ohop Lake** (spiny rays and trout), Saturday, June 10, 7 a.m. (this outing was changed from Lake Kapowsin)

b) **Leech Lake**, Friday-Monday, June 23-26

JULY

Merrill Lake (Hexagenia hatch), Friday-Sunday, July 14-16

AUGUST

Little Deschutes River, Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

a) **Dash Point Pier** (Coho & pinks), Saturday, Sept. 2, 6 a.m.

b) **Cowlitz River** (Coho, cutthroat, steelhead), Saturday-Monday, Sept. 16-18

OCTOBER

Island Lake (Mason County), Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER

Johns Creek (chum salmon), Friday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

DECEMBER

Cady Lake, Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.

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This
could be
you

Education Fly-Fishing Tips

Mike Koslosky created and made magic with this column. He has been a mentor to me, an exceptional editor and contributed to this Club in so many ways as a past President and as an active Board member. I am sure there is much more that I don't know. Thanks and a tip of rod to you Mike.

But now we are in need of another fly-fisher who has fly-fishing tips and Washington wisdom to share or even something different. Let the Board know and we would be happy to post your picture right here. Make it your own and come give us a hand. (TL ed)



PSFF Programs Chic Sundahl

Carp - How to Catch a Freight Train - David Paul Williams

They call them Golden Bones, Mississippi Steelhead or Queen of the Waters. Local fly-fishing dignitary, David Paul Williams, reveals all about carp on the fly with his discussion of the fish, their behavior, what to use, and how to catch these finny freight trains.

Our speaker is the author of "Flyfishing for Western Smallmouth," a program about which he had presented to our club. He has written articles for over a dozen regional and national publications, serving on the editorial staff in some cases. And in his spare time, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fly Fishers International and Editor-in-Chief of the Flyfisher magazine. Many of

us will recognize him having attended his presentations in sporting shows and in past programs for our club. He is also known for his simple, yet effective fly patterns, developed during his fly-fishing life since the age of ten.



Membership

Tess Frazier

Congratulations to PSFF. Our membership keeps growing each month and our meetings have been very well attended thanks to Chic Sundahl, our Programs Chair, for arranging to have interesting, entertaining and well known speakers.

Don't Miss This

Our annual gathering at Park Lake, Sun Village Resort will take place on Friday-Sunday, May 19-21 in Eastern Washington. This has become a tradition of our club. Save the dates and join the fun. We'll have a Saturday evening potluck where PSFF provides the main course (this year spaghetti and meatballs) and all attendees contribute a side dish. Plates and utensils will be provided. Share a meal, visit with other members and friends, take advantage of the many fishing options or just hang out and relax. See the Outings portion of our newsletter for information regarding the angling opportunities in the area.

New Members

Brenda Bacon	Curt Dorn
Anne Stiffler	Dave Stiffler
Vern Kissner	

Anniversaries/Years

Dennis Beardsley	11
Robert Gerlach	16
Stuart Schwartz	10



FFI/WSCFFI

Mike Clancy

Support The 2023 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy at Panhandle Lake, Shelton WA June 18 through 25.

After 20+ years, funding for the 2023 Academy will be extremely challenging. We have raised the per student tuition to \$500 for the all inclusive (including room and board) week long program but tuition only covers a small percentage of the \$2200 the program costs per student.

We need your help and request that your organization budget a contribution to the Academy as soon as possible and help to make the 2023 Academy a success. Donations in any amount to help run the program are most appreciated. You may also earmark your contribution of \$500 toward providing tuition to a deserving young person (named or un-named) or a specific scholarship amount if less than full tuition. Please remit your contribution by check to :

**NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy
% John Gravendyk
818 291st Ave NE Carnation, WA 98014**

The Academy can be a life changing experience for young people as they develop an enlightened understanding of stewardship, conservation and fly fishing. Please help us preserve this program!

Thanks to Greg Shimek.

To Volunteer copy pnwsalmoncenter.org in your browser



HCSEG NEWS:
Volunteers Needed!

Union River Estuary Cleanup

May 6th
10am-1pm
The Salmon Center
600 NE Roessel RD. Belfair WA 98528

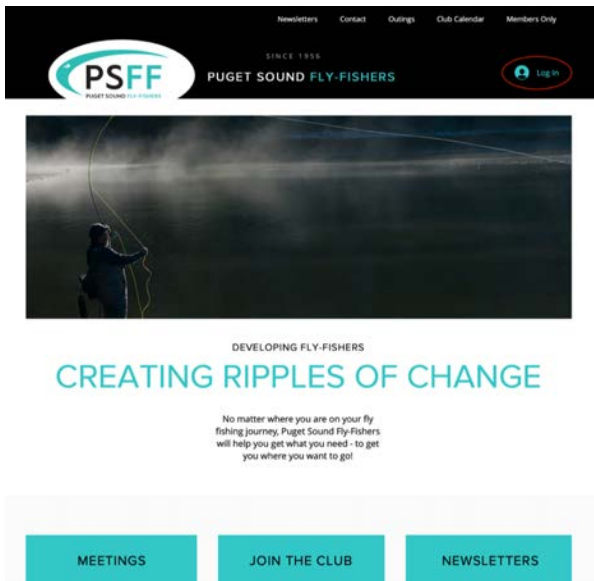
Join us for a clean-up on the Union River Estuary! This estuary provides critical habitat for several species of salmon, including ESA listed Hood Canal Summer Chum. Volunteers will be helping HCSEG remove debris and garbage that has floated into the estuary during high-tide.

Please bring your own gloves if you have them, wear boots you don't mind getting a little dirty, and dress for the weather!

Having Trouble Joining the Forum

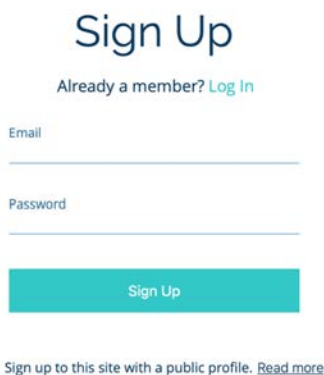
1) Launch the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) webpage as shown in Figure 1 and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Sign-up or Log-In form in Figure 2.

Figure 1



2) Log in or sign up

Figure 2

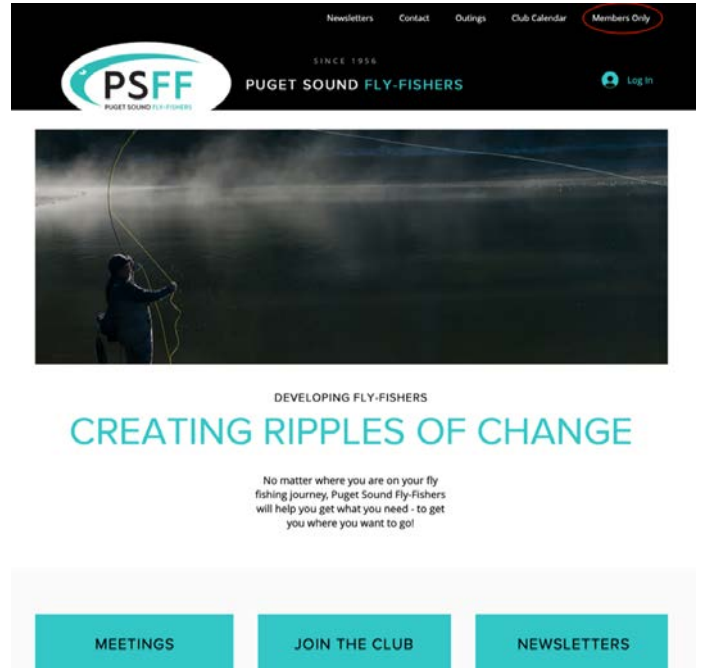


If you are registering as a new FORUM member, you need to Sign Up first as shown in Figure 2 by clicking on the Log In Link shown in Figure 1. You enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done that **and** have received confirmation that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access,

then log in and click on the Members Only link as shown in figure 3

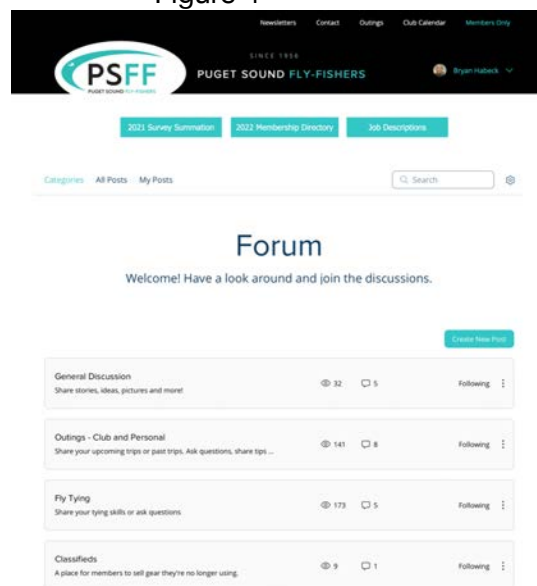
3) Members Only will now available to you

Figure 3



4) The Forum Page

Figure 4





Got a new PSFF Club cap?

Come and get one at the next Fly Club meeting, only \$20!

May 11, Tower Lanes



PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

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