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## Leader Line

Steve Saville  
President

Spring is here...finally! The weather is warming and with the warmer weather we can expect the waters to warm and fish to become more lively. I have no remorse in letting winter fall into the rear-view mirror. Several of our members have made the trek to the Yakima River in the last couple of weeks and the fish are beginning to come to the fly. I have it on good authority from one guide that as the weather has warmed, the insects are hatching, and the fish are bigger this year. All day hatches of Blue Winged Olive Mayflies have been prolific, and the stone flies are hatching in the earlier morning. Fisherman are finding good luck with a dry/dropper rig with very small nymphs below a larger floating imitation. That sounds pretty good to me. Read more about the club outing on our web site.

Speaking of web sites, ours in particular, a new site is being built and in the near future will make its debut. I understand it will have several new features, so I am eagerly awaiting the launch. That being said, now would be a good time for folks to

sign up for the web site forum. There are fishing reports, information, and a new classified section if you have items for sale. It's easy to sign up and is a good way to post ad hoc fishing excursions and get together. Try it. You might enjoy it.

I am very pleased to announce that our April meeting is set for the second Thursday of April. There is a bit of a schedule change though the format follows previous years. Social time will be from 6:00 to 6:30, dinner at 6:30. Yes, dinner will be served for those wishing to partake in the catered meal. Buying from the bowling alley's restaurant may be difficult due to staffing shortages so be aware of that and if the catered meal is not to your liking, some may wish to eat prior to the meeting. The meeting will get under way near the end of dinner with any brief announcements. Our speaker presentation will begin at 7:15 with raffle and door prize drawings following the presentation. This should get us out a bit earlier than in past years. Hopefully everything will go smoothly for all in attendance.

I look forward to seeing all of you again this month. It's been a long time coming. Tight Lines

Next Meeting  
April 14, 2022  
6:00 PM

Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 PM

Program 7:15 PM



## Education

Mike Koslosky

### Get Ready for Opening Day

Yes, I now it's been rainy, and yes, it's been cold. As a result many of us have been nestled by the fire and snuggling on the couch. BUT, opening day is coming soon and we need casting practice to clear off the cobwebs and tighten that loop.

NOTE: Carl Zarelli will replace Les Rosenthal who is still enjoying Hawaii's weather

✓ Mark your calendars for Sunday April 10, 10:30 to 12:30 at Titlow Park in Tacoma when Certified Casting Instructors Robert Gerlach and Carl Zarelli will be on hand to help us out with the basics and maybe a few specialty casts. Group size is limited for safety and efficiency so if you are interested let me know at [mikek1801@gmail.com](mailto:mikek1801@gmail.com) and I'll put you on the list. There is a nominal \$20 cost which is a donation to PSFF. Nibbles and grog to follow at the nearby Beach Tavern.

✓ Another casting workshop is scheduled for Saturday May 14 but this is a **Ladies Only** event. Held also at Titlow Park, the instructor is Molly Seminick, a CCI, MCCI, DHCCI, (Master and Double-handed...), FFI Casting board of Governors Emeritus, and member Ballistic Spey Lines Pro Team. The class is currently filled but if any PSFF members who have a wife, daughter, sister, girlfriend, aunt, grandmother interested, we may be able to add an other class. PSFF extends membership to anyone living under the roof of a paid member so keep that in mind. Contact me if you have interested ladies learning to cast.

### Tip of the Month

Confused about the ever changing lineup of lines? Watch this You Tube video "Modern Fly Lines Explained with Kelly Galloup";

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=kelly+galloup+fly+lines](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=kelly+galloup+fly+lines)



## Outings

David Frazier

### Going with the Flow on the Yakima River

Spring has sprung, the flowers riz, wonder where all the fishies is? Here's a hint: Some very nice wild rainbows (and whitefish) were caught and released on our latest outing in Ellensburg. Thanks to advice from our February club speaker, Ryan White, [yakimariverguide.com](http://yakimariverguide.com), members confidently focused their angling on the canyon section (the flow on Sunday was about 2,100 cfs). Pat's Rubber Legs Stonefly Nymphs, small Beatis nymphs and worm patterns under indicators worked intermittently for most of the day. As water warmed slightly in the mostly sunny afternoons, we watched for rising fish and switched over to Skwala adults. Nothing like watching the smash & grab!

Got to say it was really gratifying to gather with fishing buddies old and new. Hanging out in our trailer in the evenings was food for the soul — catching up and generally doing the Yak-Yak. Thanks to all of the club members who made this such a success: Bryan Habeck and Teri Tomatich, Michael Lillie, Penny Mabie, Mike Koslosky, Julie Kelner, Steve Hammer, Beth Mason, Doug Post and Tess Frazier.

And just to whet your appetite





as the season is just beginning.



### Up Next: Lake St. Clair

**Date:** 9 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2022

Lake St. Clair in Thurston County is open year-round, covers 223 surface acres and reaches depths of about 70 feet on the eastern arm (up to 110 feet in the western section). The lake, traditionally stocked with rainbow and cutthroat trout in April, also supports naturally reproducing populations of bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie and stocked channel catfish. Bring along the usual flies for lakes: baitfish, leech

and insect patterns, trolled slowly; 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.

**Meet Up:** There are two WDFW access sites on opposite sides of Rehklau Road SE, off Yelm Highway. One of the sites is improved with a boat launch and vault toilets. Let's meet at the smaller launch site on the right (east) side of the street.

**Directions:** Lake St. Clair is about 30 miles (37 minutes) SSW from Tower Lanes in Tacoma.

**Please text or email me if you are interested in attending.**

**Contact:** David Frazier, [dfrazier@wavecable.com](mailto:dfrazier@wavecable.com) (360) 265-6963

### Make Reservations Now for Overnight Outings

It's not too early to make reservations for our overnight outings. I've already reserved my own spot at the following locations:

May 20-22: The annual PSFF Gathering at Park Lake; Sun Village Resort  
<https://www.sunvillageresort.com/>

June 11-13: Columbia River shad fishing; Lewis & Clark Campground & RV Park  
<https://www.lewisandclarkcampground.com/>

June 24-26: Leech Lake/White Pass. Condos near the lake at White Pass Village Inn Rentals, [Reservations@StayWhitePass.com](mailto:Reservations@StayWhitePass.com) ; Packwood RV Park (filling up fast; call 360-494-5145; RVs and trailers only), about 30 minutes from the lake down the west side of White Pass; and White Pass Lake (Leech Lake) Campground (tents and small trailers under 20 feet),  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recarea/?recid=58613>

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July 15-17: Naches River; Squaw Rock RV Resort & Campground  
<https://squawrockrvresortandcampground.com/>

### Single-Day Outings

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.

### And Finally ...

If you haven't already done so, remember to get your new Washington State fishing license (they expire at the end of March).

## Programs

Chic Sundahl

### April Speaker: Leland Miyawaki Describes How He Fishes for Searun Cutts and Coho Using Just One Fly: The Miyawaki Beach Popper

Almost 15 years ago, Leland tied up his first "Miyawaki Beach Popper." It is a surface fly that Leland casts off the Puget Sound and British Columbia beaches to catch wild coastal cutthroat and coho salmon on his 6wt rod. You will learn life cycles, food, timing and tides, techniques, flies, and methods.

Leland began fly fishing in 1968 when he sent away for a complete fly fishing outfit from LL Bean and a beginning fly tying kit from Orvis. After receiving his new rod and reel, he laid down his spinning rod forever and began to teach himself to cast and tie flies. Exactly one year later to the day,

he caught a small brook trout on his own fly. Since then, Leland has fished most of the streams and lakes of California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington; the well-known hotspots in New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana; the great steelhead rivers in British Columbia; and one well-guarded secret river in Idaho. Leland fishes and guides on the local Puget Sound beaches for searun coastal cutthroat and coho salmon with his surface fly exclusively – the "Miyawaki Beach Popper." He loves ditching his fleece and waders to fly south for bonefish, tarpon and permit. He is a fairly accomplished speycaster and without too much of a push, would chuck it all and chase steelhead. He currently works part-time at the Orvis store in Bellevue, Washington.



## Puget Sound Updates

Geoff Corso

### Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Permit Fees

The Washington State Department of Ecology uses Water Quality Permit fees to cover the cost of administering permits and ensuring permitted facilities (e.g., municipal wastewater treatment plants) are in compliance with their wastewater discharge limits. The fee is capped at \$0.18 per residence contributing to a municipality's wastewater system, but this fee rate no longer covers Ecology's costs of administering the water quality permit program.

On March 11th, the Washington State legislature sent SB 5585 to Governor Inslee for his signature, and he has yet to sign it as of March 26th. Assuming he signs the bill, the fee cap will be removed, and Ecology will form an advisory committee tasked with recommending a new fee system by the end of the year.

## Electron Hydro LLC

On March 3rd, Electron Hydro LLC and Thom Fischer, former President and current Chief Operating Officer, signed a consent decree with Communities for a Healthy Bay and Puget Soundkeeper Alliance agreeing to apply for a permit under the Clean Water Act. The agreement resolves alleged violations of the Clean Water Act associated with routine dam operations, specifically unpermitted discharges of pollutants including heat, dead and dying fish, sediments, oils, greases, and lubricants among other pollutants. If the Court approves the settlement, Electron Hydro will obtain a Water Quality Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology that will require it to monitor and manage the discharges of pollutants.

On March 25th, American Rivers, American Whitewater, and Western Environmental Law Center reached an agreement with Electron Hydro regarding the alleged illegal killing of fish threatened with extinction and protected under the Endangered Species Act including Puget Sound chinook (1999), steelhead (2007) and bull trout (1999). The agreement requires Electron Hydro to keep the water intake apparatus closed until the dam is reconfigured to protect the fish and the operators obtain all permits necessary to operate and maintain the dam.

Several additional lawsuits are pending including criminal and civil allegations brought by the Puyallup Tribe, the Washington State Attorney General, and the federal government.

## Anniversaries

Kristin Macy

Harley Bryant	3	Jim Collins	3
Steve Fulkerson	1	Tom Long	3
Les Rosenthal	16	Kevin Ryan	8
Tom Van Geier	9	Gary Velella	3
Lee Winegar	20	Ron Zarges	12



## WSCFFI and The Academy

Mike Clancy

**FFI** The FFI Livingston is planning an International Virtual Expo in November 2022. The 2021 event was a wonderful success with programs on fly tying, casting, education and conservation. To learn more, please go to the FFI website [www.FlyfishersInternational.org](http://www.FlyfishersInternational.org) to review events and view the Learning Center site.

### Washington State Council FFI

The Council will be conducting a casting and fly tying event August 13<sup>th</sup> at Lake Ballinger, north of Seattle in Mountlake Terrace. There is good parking and food trucks will be available.

The Council supports many Conservation organizations, i.e. Washington Wild located in Seattle. They successfully prevented a mining company, Imperial Metals, a Canadian organization, from pursuit of a mining permit at the source of the Skagit River. "The Skagit River is saved from Upstream Mining Threat"

**The Academy** The co-directors voted to conduct an Academy this year on the last full week of June. June 19-25, 2022 at Gwinwood Christian Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey. Registration is now through May 15<sup>th</sup>, applications are available on the Academy website or contact Mike Clancy at [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or Jim Brosio at [brosio@q.com](mailto:brosio@q.com) The Academy will be limited to 12 participants this year only.



## Having trouble accessing the FORUM?

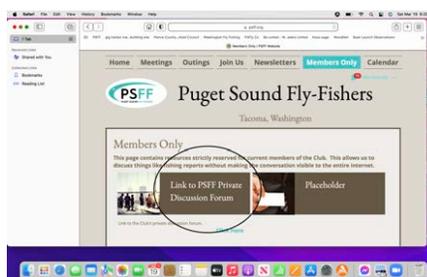
Launch the [PSFF.org](http://PSFF.org) webpage as shown in figure 1 and click on the Members Only tab. That takes you to figure 2 where you click on the circled button taking you to the Sign Up or Log in page.

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.

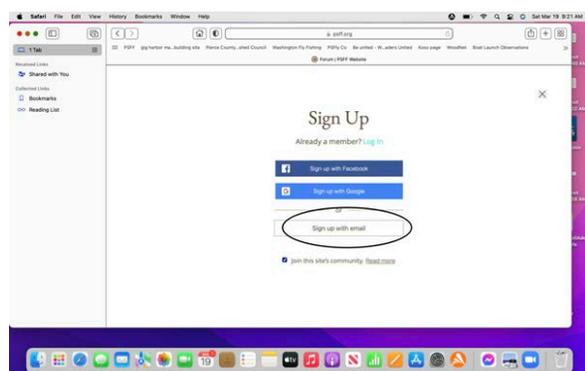
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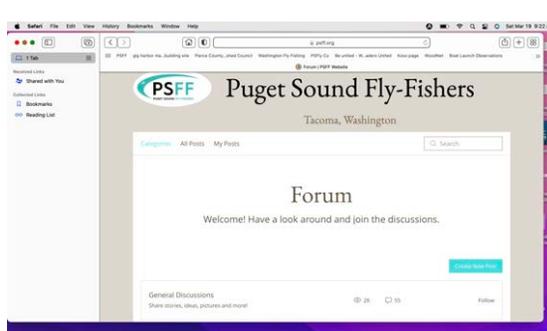
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