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Leader Line

Steve Saville

President

It's February!

That means the sea run cutthroat fishing should be getting better by the day. I can barely wait to get out on the beach. It's been a cold winter. Krill patterns are the norm this time of year but the chum fry should be showing in a few weeks. February also means Valentines Day is coming up so don't forget your significant other!

In case you missed the January meeting, you missed a good one. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chic Sundahl for his efforts in securing Chester Allen as our January speaker. Chester came all the way from Sisters, Oregon to speak to us about soft hackle flies. The meeting was outstanding and nearly fifty members showed up for what turned out to be an informative and entertaining evening. There were also six visitors who attended, some of whom joined the club on the spot. Our attendance has increased each month

over the last three meetings. It's good to see old faces and new ones as well.

Many thanks also go to Bryan Habeck for the launch of the new Club web site. It is a vast improvement over the old site due to Bryan's efforts. If you have not yet viewed the site you owe it to yourself to sit down and try out the various pull down tabs. The site is visually stunning with its color and new features. Take some time to explore the site. Thanks also to Bryan for the many e-mail blasts that are now coming to the membership. They are timely and informative.

It is February and if you have not yet renewed your membership, now is the time to do so. As of the January meeting nearly eighty members have renewed. New members are being added weekly with the option to do so on the new web site. Membership offers many benefits, one of which is the opportunity to add to personal libraries. The club library is downsizing so books and DVD's being culled are being distributed to club members. The remainder of the books and the DVD's will be available free of charge at the February meeting.

Next Meeting
February 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

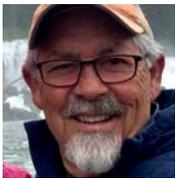
Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Program 7:15 p.m.

Finally, there have been several environmental issues popping up recently. The possible siting of a new regional airport, rezoning of residential properties in Tacoma, and a new Critical Areas Ordinance could have far-reaching implications for our local watersheds and future land use. If you need more information, you can contact me. I can forward the links that have been sent regarding these three issues. Stay tuned for more information.

Tight Lines, everybody. Get out and fish!



Education

Mike Koslosky

Fly-Tying

The Outing to Rocky Ford will test your patience and your skill. The fish here are wary and have learned to be selective. Join us to tie the Scud on Saturday February 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 at Tower Lanes. This is a staple for trout in this spring fed system. Bring your fly-tying equipment. Materials will be provided in the small meeting room. If you are interested contact Steve Saville, stevesaville@comcast.net

How to Sell Your Fly-Fishing Gear

Overwhelmed by the tons of gear in your garage? Kids and grandkids threatening to donate it to Goodwill after you pass? Given up on finding a steelhead anywhere in the state? You're in good company and we can help you navigate the world of online sales, auction sites, community sales events, or charitable causes to reduce your inventory. Join us in this informative discussion and sharing session on Saturday, March 18, 9:30-11:30, Tower Lanes.

Fly-Fishing 101, April 22, 29

New to the sport or interested in what it's all about? Join us for a thorough overview of the basics to get you into fly-fishing for life. Learn about gear and all its parts, practice a number of essential knots, learn about the foods fish eat; where to find them, how to identify them and what fly to use as to hopefully trick them into choosing your fly. Also get an overview of conservation, ethics, licensing issues and more. Top it off with fly-casting sessions to get the feel of the rhythm, techniques and practices to get your fly to a waiting fish. Free to PSFF members, all others \$50.

And a reminder...

Most of us will be casting away the bad habits we started during the Holidays - too many sweets, too much drinking, overeating, sleeping late and watching way too much TV. But your fly-casting should never be avoided. If you would like some casting help, a refresher, or just want to work out the winter kinks contact PSFF member and CCI in training enthusiast Mike Merringer:

mmerringer21@gmail.com.

Send him a note, arrange a meetup and cast your troubles to the wind.



PSFF Zoom Fly-Tying Jim Baker



Fellow fly-tyers of all levels and those with an interest to get started. We just started Zoom fly-tying sessions in January.

This info has been posted on the Forum and I am sharing it here now: the first week of each month I will post details on the Forum > Fly-Tying. The post will be the pattern and the recipe or suggested materials you will need.

So, if interested and not signed up for the Forum yet I suggest you do so via the sign-up process. Plus, much more info is shared there for club members.

These Zoom meetings are scheduled the 3rd Wed of each month at 7:00 pm. If you are interested and would like to join the meeting a reply to the post is required. Then I will know who to share the Zoom meeting details with by e-mail before each meeting begins

These are an interactive sessions where we not only tie a fly or two but discuss pattern materials, tying techniques, suggest ways to fish the pattern and general fishing tales between members.

I look forward to seeing you on February 15. The pattern will be Denny Rickard's Stillwater nymph. A pattern that suggests several bugs and can be very effective at times.



Outings David Frazier

Rocky Ford Outing: Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 22-23

Whether you've been wanting to experience one of the the state's few catch & release streams for the first time, or just want to revisit an old friend, this outing is for you. fly-fishing this renowned spring creek mid-week has its advantages, especially during the winter. You can expect no crowds, none of the summer weed growth, ticks or rattlesnakes. What you can count on are good numbers of scuds, midges, leeches and BWOs. Oh yeah, and plenty of big fish in small water. Because this is a spring creek, the water temperatures are consistent throughout the year, producing prodigious insect activity. Use stealth when casting; small white or green indicators are also recommended. Check the weather report and dress accordingly.

Rocky Ford is limited to catch & release fishing and barbless hooks. There is also no wading allowed in the creek. Casting must be completed from the bank. Even though wading and watercraft are prohibited, I find it useful to wear waders for damp kneeling and possible precipitation. I also bring along a long-handled net and a stripping basket to keep my fly-line from tangling in the stream-side vegetation.



No wading at Rocky Ford - No need

Overnighting, Etc: Rather than hauling my trailer over Snoqualmie Pass during the winter and parking in one of the gravel parking areas, I have reserved a room in at the Best Western hotel in Ephrata for the night of Feb. 22 . The town has lots of dining choices and groceries, as well as the Desert Fly Angler shop on the main drag at 1656 Basin St. Phone the shop for advice: (509) 754-4070.

Directions: Rocky Ford is about 3 hours and 15 minutes from Tower Lanes in Tacoma, or about 75 minutes northeast of Ellensburg. From Tacoma, take I-5 north to Highway 18, which leads to I-90. Continue east on I-80 through Ellensburg and over the Columbia River. Just past the town of George, exit onto Highway 283 and continue on to Ephrata, where you'll turn right onto Highway 282. After 5 miles, turn left onto Highway 17 and drive north 4 miles to Hatchery Road, which leads to Rocky Ford Creek. I plan on leaving home early and fishing the remainder of Wednesday; I'll fish Thursday and drive back home when I can't take anymore. If it's your first time on the water, please let me know in advance and we can arrange to fish together on either day.

Please RSVP me if you're planning on attending: contact me David Frazier
dfrazier@wavecable.com,
(360) 265-6963

Munn Lake Report

Super Turnout for Munn Lake Outing



A good start at Shari's in Olympia with Bryan Habeck, Robb jensen and Dennis Ehlers

The weather gods were treating us kindly for our Munn lake outing on Jan. 28. Manageable temps, no rain and even the wind was down — mostly. And what a great showing of support by club members. If I got the count right, we had 16 show up at the lake (six for breakfast at Shari's) and many caught fish. Hot flies were chartreuse chironomids, The Blob Fly, Boobies and Bop Flies. And there were probably others. Rainbows and cutthroat ran from about 15 to 20 inches.



Julie Kelner - likes Munn Lake



and so does Rob Jensen as he nets one more

2023 Outings

FEBRUARY

Rocky Ford, Wednesday-Thursday, **Feb. 22-23**

MARCH

a) Yakima River, Monday-Wednesday, **March 6-8**
(full moon March 7)

b) NW Fly-Tyer and Fishing Expo, Linn County
Fairgrounds, Albany, OR, Friday-Saturday, **March
10-11**

APRIL

Spencer Lake, Saturday, **April 22**, 9 a.m.

MAY

a) Annual PSFF Gathering: Park Lake, Sun Village
Resort, Friday-Sunday, **May 19-21** b) Mineral Lake,
Saturday, **May 27**, 9 a.m.

JUNE

a) Lake Kapowsin (bass), Saturday, **June 10**, 7
a.m.

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.

Programs

Chic Sundahl

Yakima River Fly-fishing in March With Joe Rotter

Joe Rotter is co-owner of Red's Fly-Fishing shop
near Ellensburg. You may know him as Fly-Fishing
guide or even as an instructor. In his Zoom
presentation he will discuss strategies, hatches,
access and more-perfect preparation for our March
Yakima River Outing.

Join us - 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time

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Meeting ID: 820 6539 0363

Passcode: 685936

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Membership Tess Frazier

Part of starting a new year means looking ahead,
making resolutions, getting the house in order. As
membership chair, I take pride in welcoming new
fly-fishers to our ranks. It's a treat to meet new
people who enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors
and it's always encouraging to see returning faces
at meetings and club events.

Since the start of 2023, PSFF has grown by seven new members. That's a very good way to begin the new year! Now, this is the part where I'd normally proudly report how many people now belong to our club — just to put my house in order. But at this time of year, it's not always easy to come up with that grand total, what with membership renewals still trickling in. We can only count as members, people who have renewed. As of Feb. 1, our deadline for re-upping, there are still members from 2022 that have not let us know their intentions.

So if you haven't already renewed your membership and want to continue as an active member of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers, please do so now. We are delighted to be able to give you more of the benefits you value — from outings and speakers to fly-tying, fishing and casting classes — all for the same low price of \$45 (for individuals *and* families). If you've already renewed, we thank you for your support and look forward to another year of getting to know you.

We now have *two* methods for payment:

- * Log into our newly redesigned website, [PSFF.org](https://www.psf.org) and scroll down to the Join Now button, where you have the option for renewing membership using a credit card.
- * Or you can mail your renewal form (sent to you Dec. 15) and a check for \$45 made out to PSFF to:

PSFF % Dennis Beardsley
4202 76th Ave. Ct. NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

New members:

Jim Covell	Rachel Dagovitz
Charles Queen	Joe Harrison
Eric Shry	Larry Minturn
Mike Trask	

Anniversaries:

James Brosio	9	Mike Clancy	22
Becci Curtis-Lillie	10	Dave Hackett	6
Michael Koerner	7	Roger Krause	1
Tom Krughoff	3	Michael Lillie	10
Ron McNeal	3		



**Conservation
Geoff Corso**

**The Home in Tacoma (HiT) Project:
City Requests Public Comment
Deadline: February 10, 2023**

On December 7, 2021, Tacoma City Council up-zoned approximately 85% of the land within city limits from single-family to multi-family land use by voting to approve the Home in Tacoma (HiT) Project (Ordinance #28793). The city states its goal for HiT in various ways including “to increase housing supply, affordability, and choice for current and future residents.” For more information, visit <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pageid=180033>. Since then, the city has been developing strategies, programs, and additional policies for implementing the new housing policy that will include updates to the City’s residential zoning and development standards. As part of the procedure, in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the city has determined that this proposal has the potential to result in significant adverse impacts on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030. On January 3, 2023, the city distributed a “Determination of Significance, Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

and Request for Comments on Scope of Environmental Impact Statement: SEPA File Number LRP22-003” requesting public comments concerning:

- Air Quality and Climate
- Water Resources
- Housing
- Environmental Justice, Equity and Displacement
- Aesthetics (Design and Scale)
- Parks, Open Space, and Recreation
- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- Transportation
- Plants and Animals
- Public Services and Utilities
- Other

At the time of drafting this article, it appears the city has no plans to schedule public EIS scoping meetings for HiT. If you want the city to hold public EIS scoping meetings, consider sending a request for public meetings along with your comments. While you’re at it, you might as well request public hearings during the subsequent “Draft EIS Review Period” when the city discusses the merits of the public’s concerns, recommended alternatives to the HiT proposal, and the adequacy of the environmental analysis.

Everyone, regardless of where you live, is invited to submit one or more comments by February 10, 2023, and there’s a reason PSFF members who live in other Washington State cities might want to give this some thought. Tacoma City Council is the first to use this strategy in an attempt to comply with the state’s Growth Management Act (GMA), and municipalities across the state subject to the GMA are paying close attention to Tacoma. Your city employees and elected representatives are likely discussing whether to follow Tacoma’s lead, and HiT may become a state-wide model for increasing urban density. Tacoma is accepting comments by:

- Email: homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org.

- USPS: City of Tacoma, Planning and Development Services Department, 747 Market Street, Room 345, Tacoma, WA 98402

If you want help writing a comment, here are some tips.

- The primary purpose of a comment is to ensure the decision-makers are aware of probable, significant environmental adverse impacts of HiT that they may not have considered yet. Most good comments will be short, perhaps a 3-sentence paragraph, with one or more citations to tell the decision-makers where to look for more details about your concern.
- Consider improving your comment(s) with one or more recommendations describing how you envision the city meeting its goals of increasing housing inventory, affordability, and the variety of housing-types at a lower environmental cost (or higher environmental benefit) than their current proposal.
- If you want more information about the:
 - Purpose of an EIS, visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11-400>
 - EIS process, visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Guide-for-lead-agencies/Environmental-impact-statements>
 - SEPA rules, visit <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11>.
 - SEPA Handbook, visit <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/98114.html>

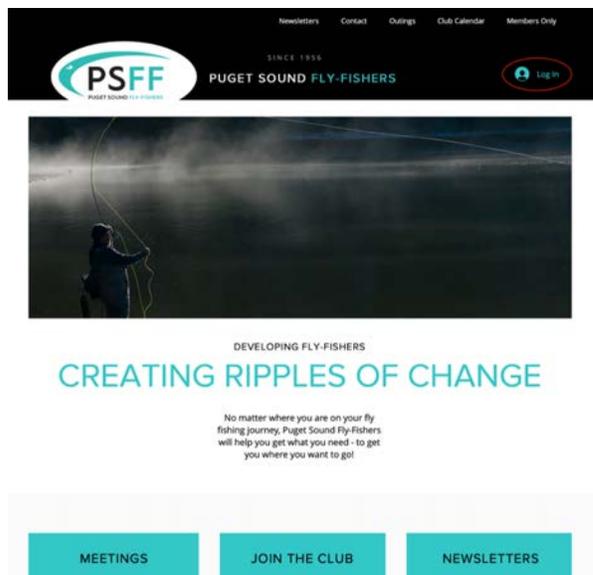
If you have questions, contact:

- Elliott Barnett, Long Range Planning - City of Tacoma at ebarnett@cityoftacoma.org
- Department of Ecology SEPA Help at (360) 407-6922 or sepahelp@ecy.wa.gov

Having Trouble Accessing The Forum

1) Launch the new [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

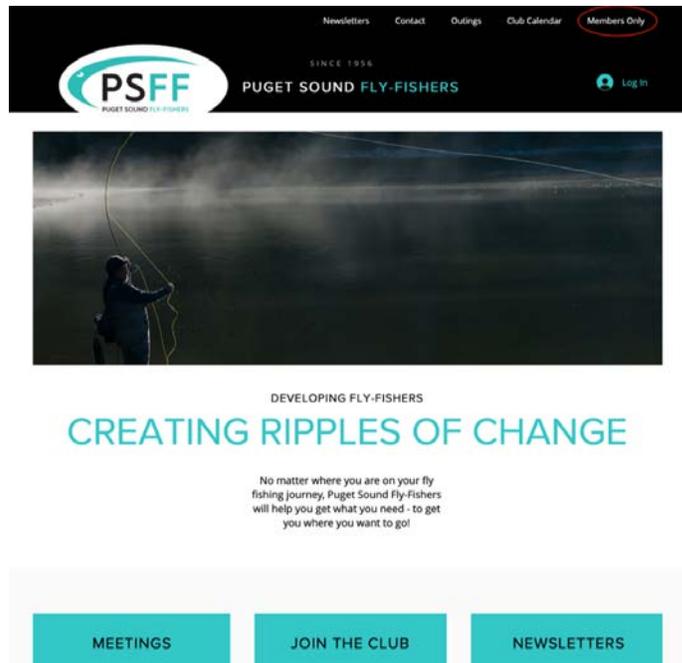
Figure 2

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** you 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

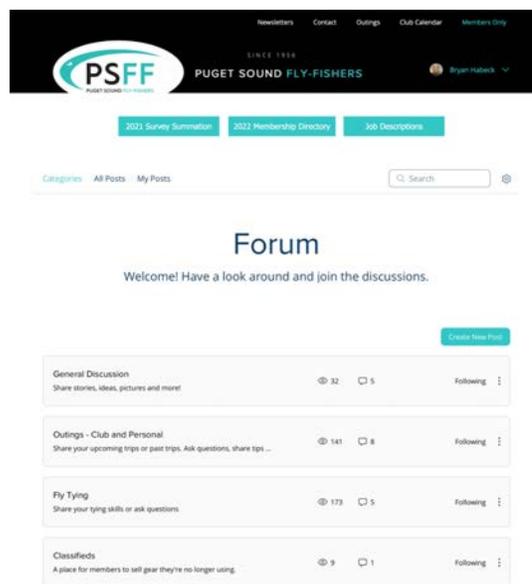
3) Members Only is now available to you

Figure 3



4) The Forum Page

Figure 4



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