



## **Leader Line** **Steve Saville** **President**

### **Odds, Ends, and Stuff**

It occurred to me as I am writing this that there have been several important happenings since last month. The first and most important thing I found out while doing some recent historical research is that in years past this was known as the "Leader's Line." It is a monthly submission to the newsletter written by the President about happenings, trips, thoughts, memories, etc. Whatever pops into the President's mind is fair game for the column. As I researched, I found months where the column was very short and then often there were lengthy paragraphs relating to the above choices. The writing styles changed from President to President as the years progressed. Mind you, I have information dating back only to 1983 and before that the club's history is a little bit sketchy. Forty years of

history is quite a bit, but before that, there are few records. I also found that upcoming events were called "Upstream" and past events and happenings were titled "Downstream." All columns had specific names. Fascinating! I'm a history buff of sorts and the more I read, the more interesting is the history of our club.

January brought on a new year for me as I begin serving my second year as President. It has been rewarding, for the most part, but I feel there is still work to be done. Our outings are in full swing and the January trip to Munn Lake was attended by a very large number of members. Kudos to David Frazier for his work as Outings Chairman. It's a bit early to say how the rescheduled Rocky Ford Spring trip will fare March 15-16. Hopefully those attending will have had a successful if not cold experience. And, I am looking forward to the March outing on the Yakima River for the Skwala stonefly hatch. I have plans for two days on the river and am busily tying some flies. The Skwala fly will be the subject of the March fly-tying session prior to the trip.

**Next Meeting**  
**March 9, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Tower Lanes**

**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Program 7:15 p.m.**

Membership remains strong and the previous three meetings have been outstanding. We do need to begin filling some board positions for next year. We do not have a President Elect and there will be one board member whose term will end in December. If you have a desire to fill a board position, please review the duties and responsibilities on our web site and give it some serious thought. We need folks to fill positions yearly.



## **Education**

**Mike Koslosky**

## **Fly-Tying**

The outing to the Yakima River ranks as one of the best times of the year for the Skwala stonefly hatch. The fish here are wary and have learned to be selective, but these big fat stoneflies can't and won't be passed up. Join us to tie the Skwala Stonefly Adult on Saturday March 4 from 9:30 to 11:30 at Tower Lanes. This is the Big Mac, Double Whopper with Cheese, or the Super Burrito for trout in this system. Bring your fly-tying equipment. Materials will be provided. Small meeting room. Contact Steve Saville if you will be joining us: [stevesaville@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## **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. Anyone needing casting help, a refresher, or just want to work out the winter kinks can contact PSFF member and CCI in training Mike Merringer at; [mmerringer21@gmail.com](mailto:mmerringer21@gmail.com) for personal help. Send him a note, arrange a meetup and cast your troubles to the wind.

## **Fly-Fishing 101**

Originally scheduled for April 22 and 29 has been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for more news on this special program.



## **Outings**

**David Frazier**

## **Yakima River Outing Monday-Wednesday, March 6-8**

We return to the fabulous Yak, Washington's only Blue Ribbon river. I've scheduled this outing around a guide's tip that Skwala stonefly activity can be at its peak around the full moon (March 7). The river level should be low enough for good wading and high enough for smooth drifting. The water is also starting to warm, signaling bugs to burst out and the wild trout to chow down. Take the opportunity to drift Skwala adults and nymphs, small Blue Wing Olives and



Skwala stone fly

midges or swing small olive Sculpzillas on a singled-handed or two-handed trout spey. Although the lower Yak is a known for its drift-boat angling, there is an abundance of walk 'n' wade access.



Penny Mabie fishes the edges on a Yakima Channel

**Meeting up:** This may be a challenge, given that so many members have their favorite drifts and preferences for overnight accommodations. The Ellensburg KOA Journey campground

offers tent sites, full hookups and a couple of cabins (the Yakima River RV Park isn't open in March). There are also a half-dozen Kittitas County campgrounds throughout the popular canyon section. Personally, I'll select a cozy Airbnb in Ellensburg! True, part of the fun is exploring. But if you're new to the river, let me know in advance so we can arrange to meet and get you to one of my favorite spots.

**Directions:** Ellensburg is about two hours from Tower Lanes in Tacoma. The most popular spots along the lower Yakima for launching watercraft and wading access are Ellensburg KOA Journey, Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park, Ringer Loop Road and Bighorn Campground.

**Please RSVP if you plan to attend:**  
**David Frazier** [dfrazier@wavecable.com](mailto:dfrazier@wavecable.com),  
**(360) 265-6963**

**NW Fly-Tyer & Fishing Expo**  
**Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany OR,**  
**9 a.m.-5 p.m, Friday-Saturday,**  
**March 10-11**

This premier expo is all about fly-tying education, attracting top tyers with instructional classes, sessions and vendors carrying all the old school and most recent materials under one roof. Be sure to bring your checkbook!

This event is open to the public as a total package to learn about fly-fishing. The social, educational and networking aspect of this event caters to families and individuals interested in the sport. Two-day event tickets are \$15 per person. Banquet tickets can reserved online for \$25 at [nwexpo.com](http://nwexpo.com) . There are also two levels of discounted packages (\$75 and \$150) that include two banquet tickets and various raffle tickets.

The fairground is a 3.5 hours drive south on I-5 from Tower Lanes in Tacoma. For more information, call (541) 420-5532.

Sponsored by The Oregon Council of Fly Fishers International, Inc. a non-profit Organization.

## Rocky Ford Rescheduled for March 15-16

The forecast of unusually cold temperatures and high winds in the area of Rocky Ford, part of an historic winter storm system sweeping across the nation, led me to call off our much-anticipated trip Feb. 22-23 and reschedule it for March 15-16. I'll bring a revised sign-up sheet to the next meeting. If you were on the original outings list and are interested in the new dates, or you are now able to go with these new dates, please contact me and I'll sign you up.

## 2023 Outings

### MARCH

- a) Yakima River, Monday-Wednesday, **March 6-8** (full moon March 7)
- b) NW Fly-Tyer & 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

### March Program: The Mayfly Project – Mentoring Foster Children Through Fly-Fishing with Eileen Petralia

The Mayfly Project (TMP) is a national, non-profit, on a mission to support children in foster care with the sport of fly fishing. Their goal is to not only teach children in foster care how to fly-fish, but to also introduce them to their local water ecosystems, knowing that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for them to: have fun, build self-esteem, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

Eileen will describe what the kids learn and where they get to fish. She will also describe the service area of the Seattle Chapter of TMP, mentor activities and needs of the Chapter.

Our **Kris Macy** is an active TMP mentor.

## FYI

### Mark Malone

As you drive east on I-90 towards the small town of Ephrata WA, you're looking forward to fishing at Dry Falls Lake and Lake Lenore the following morning. As you make a mental check of the items you packed for the trip, you realize that you have forgotten to pack tippet and you're not sure you have the right flies for the local lakes. The local fly shop is probably closed, so in the morning you will have to drive 25 miles back from your camp at Dry Falls Lake to the fly shop, missing the early morning fishing. As you reach Ephrata, you stop at the Desert Fly Shop to see what time the shop opens in the morning. Wait what? A vending machine located right in front of the store filled with essential fly-fishing goodies! Quickly you select the tippet and some flies selected for the local lakes and you're on your way. Relieved that you can now fish in the morning. Grateful for this option, you wonder what the back story is regarding this vending machine.

**Darc Knobel**, owner of the **Desert Fly Shop and Guide** service in Ephrata WA, opened the Desert Fly Shop 18 years ago in 2004. Darc envisioned a vending machine in the original business plan. He installed one in 2013. It provides fishing supplies 24 hours a day to customers and during the hours the shop is closed, and when Darc is out guiding some of the fantastic regional fishing. So, when fishing this area, be sure to stop at the Desert Fly Shop, check out the vending machine, visit Darc and the shop's selection of fly angling and tying materials. Darc is a well-respected guide in the area, so consider booking him for a successful fishing trip. Contact: **(509) 754-4070**, [www.desertflyangler.com](http://www.desertflyangler.com).

## The President's Award

### A Brief History - Steve Saville

As I alluded to in the Leader Line, Dennis Beardsley is the most recent recipient of the award for outstanding service to the club.



Dennis Beardsley 2023 Presidents Award Recipient

It occurred to me that many of our membership may not be aware of the award or how it came about. As I have been researching the club's history, I have come upon several brief passages in newsletters from past years relating to the award.

The President's Award was conceived in 1993 by then President Paul Elsberry. Some of you may remember Paul from years past as an active member for many years. Paul has since moved on to California to be with his children, but he is still in the memory of many. The Award was originally titled the "Al Allard Award," and

was conceived to be a traveling award “to be awarded by the outgoing President each year.”

Somewhere along the way, someone had taken a picture of Al holding a sea run Cutthroat and it was to be presented to Al at an upcoming meeting. Unfortunately, Al passed away in September of 1992, before the picture could be awarded. He was a long time member of the club, filling numerous board positions, including President. Al was known to be an avid fly-fisher as well as a capable mentor. This from the October 1993 club newsletter:

“Paul Elsberry, our President, explained that the picture of Al that we had intended to award him will be retained by the club. It will be awarded by the outgoing President each September to a member that has contributed in some way to the club. For the interim, Paul asked Bob Haskins, who had been supportive of the club and knew Al well, to be the first interim recipient of the President’s Award.”

The President’s Award is now done by the outgoing President in January or February of each year. It should be noted that during the Covid Pandemic when we did not meet in person, the award was not given. The first actual award or original award was given to Vern Young who was at the time, the club’s newsletter editor. Over the years there have been numerous recipients, the latest being Dennis. I know Vern and he was certainly a worthy recipient.

During the year 2017, long time member of forty years, Dick Matthaei passed away after battling lung cancer for many years. Dick had had numerous surgeries during that time but whenever possible, he returned to the club with a smiling face. He was a former President and Treasurer through many of those years. He was a Certified Casting Instructor, mentor, and friend to all who knew him. I had the honor of knowing Dick for many years and his loss weighed heavily on many.

In 2018, it was suggested that we rename the President’s Award honoring Dick and so now the award is known as the Dick Matthaei President’s Award. His picture has replaced that of Al Allard, but Al’s picture, along with a list of yearly recipients and a brief history, is neatly tucked behind the picture of Dick and remains a part of the club’s history. Hopefully the tradition of the President’s award will continue for many years. I view it as an important “perk” of the outgoing President, and I was honored to be able to present it.



## **Membership Tess Frazier**

Good golly it’s been cold, with temps at night in the mid to high 20s. We’ve had family visiting from Truckee, CA where it’s been in the single digits to mid teens. I’ve been trying to keep up with grandkids from ages 3 to 16; what a challenge! Wimps they are not. They were playing and walking outdoors in their BARE FEET. It hurt to watch them even though they were screaming with joy at being able to be outdoors.

Unfortunately, for us Pacific Northwesterners, this kind of weather, when accompanied by gale force winds, doesn’t make for good fishing conditions. Due to these type of conditions, the Rocky Ford outing in February had to be rescheduled for March 15-16. If you had access to the FORUM under Members Only on our [psff.org](https://psff.org) website, you were informed of the rescheduling. Sign up to access the Forum. Don’t miss out on last-minute information regarding outings, fishing reports and stories by club members, which flies and gear are working on certain waters, fishing related items for sale, freebies, etc. You can also have discussions

with other members. Don't be left out of the loop. Here and on Page 7 of the Newsletter are some directions, for easy access to the Forum:

- \* go to [psff.org](http://psff.org) website
- \* click on the Log-In link; this takes you to the Sign-up or Log-in form
- \* if you are registering as a new Forum member, you need to Sign-up, first by clicking on the Log-in link. You then enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done that and you've received notice that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access, then Log-in and click on the Members Only link. I encourage all members to visit the Forum and have a look.

**Business**

We now have 103 members — 13 who are new to PSFF this year. In case you didn't know, prospective members and those who have not yet renewed, can do so online:

- \* go to [psff.org](http://psff.org) website
- \* scroll down to Join the Club
- \* click on Join Now
- \* scroll down to Membership Application
- \* select an option (New Member, Renewing Member, Replacement Badge)
- \* fill out all the information
- \* lastly, click on Submit Application

**New Members**

Marcelo Alaniz	Charles Lee.
Stephanie Schildt	Rich Skopin
David Pettit	Brad Buerstatte
J.Michelle Swope	

**Anniversaries/Years**

Tom Case	20	Dennis Ehlers	11
Bob Jimerson	17	Brian Knutson	1
Mike Koslosky	12	Bob Ostericher	9
Barb Przasnyski	9	Mike Trask	14

By the way, those grandkids were with us for five days. It was a crowded house — chaotic and noisy. We loved every minute of it — big meals together, deciding which movie to stream, trying to herd everyone for a day trip, unique discussions with a 3-year-old, a 10-year-old and a teenager; laughing, quiet time talking parenthood with our son, their dad. We were sad to see them leave.



**FFI/WSCFFI**  
**Mike Clancy**

**WSCFFI** - The Washington Council will be conducting a Casting Expo on April 29, 2023 at Lake Ballinger Park north of Seattle in Mountlake Terrace. Come, join the fun, there is plenty good parking. CCI Casting instructors will be conducting the casting instruction.

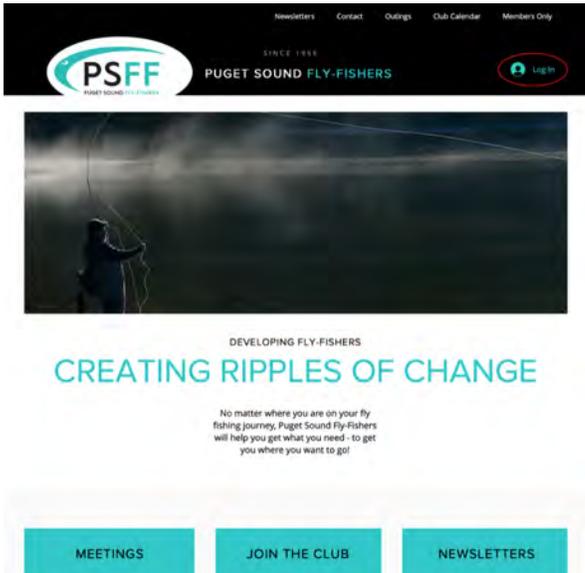
**OSCFFI** – The Oregon Council is conducting the NW Fly-Tyer Expo & Fly-Fishing Expo on March 10 & 11, 2023 in Albany, Oregon. Initially, this event was conducted in Eugene. RV parking is available, contact the Linn County Fairgrounds @ 541-926-4314 to reserve a site. Also, the website publishes info on local motels. Cost for RV's is \$30 for power and water, with various costs for different electric. Great event.

**NWYFFA** – The Academy will be conducted for the first time at Panhandle 4H Camp on Panhandle Lake west of Shelton on the last full week of June, 18-24, 2023. Registration is open with all the information on the new website – [WWW.flyfish.academy](http://WWW.flyfish.academy). The website has all the necessary forms listed. Three new Academy Directors – John Gravendyk, 425-615-0356, Bruce Merighi, 509-679-2274, Carol Anderson, 360-298-2999 and Matt Tuttle, Camp Director, will be conducting The Academy this year. For more formation: [www.Panhandlecamp.com](http://www.Panhandlecamp.com) The facilities are incredible.

# How to Access the Forum

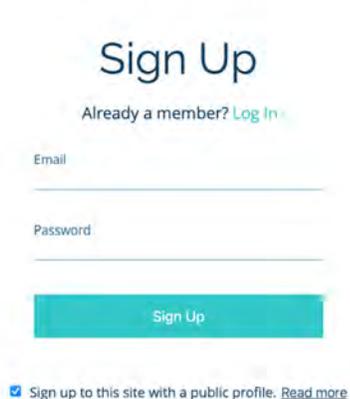
1) Launch the new [PSFF.org](http://PSFF.org) webpage as shown in Figure 1 and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Log in and Sign Up form in Figure 2. Expand the Figure below to see the Log-in circled in red.

Figure 1



2) Log in and sign up

Figure 2

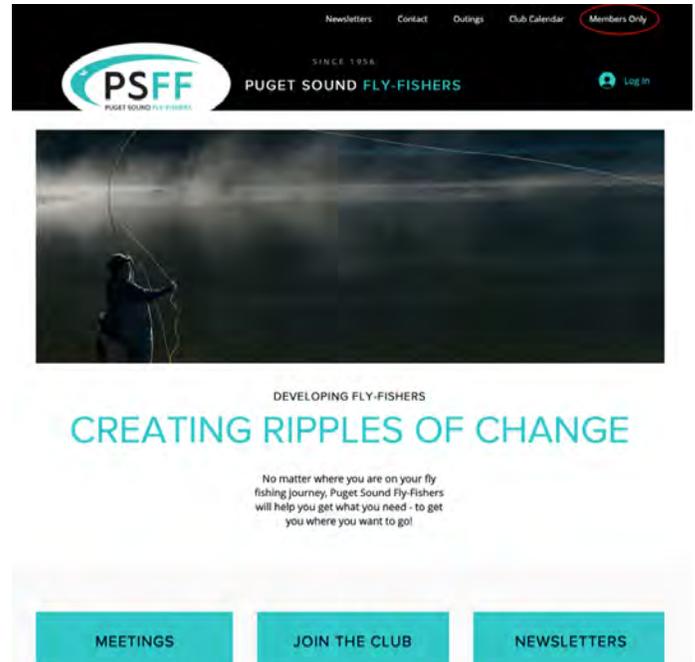


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a member and now have access, then log in and click on the Members Only link as shown is figure 3

3) Members Only is now available to you

Figure 3



4) The Forum Page

Figure 4



# **PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs**

## **Club Officers**

President: Steve Saville

President-elect: Vacant

Vice President: Rob Jensen

Past President: Greg Shimek

Secretary: Amy Weller

Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley

Director, 1st year: Richard Stone

Director, 2nd year: Dennis Ehlers

Director, 3rd year: Bryan Habeck

## **Committee Chairs**

Membership Chair: Tess Frazier

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