

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

Mar 2013



March Winds



March

"John Smeraglio - Steelhead on the Deschutes"

Program

The Leader Line

by
Mike Trask



Fly fishing in March can be very productive both in freshwater and saltwater. For the most part, you do not have to worry about your guides on your fly rod freezing up, because spring is just around the corner. As soon as Pink and Chum salmon lose their yoke sack, they leave their "redds" (spawning beds) and head down river to Puget Sound estuaries or directly into the Pacific Ocean. As they migrate to the saltwater they are easy prey for birds and other hungry fish in the river system. Once these "Parr" stage salmon are in the estuaries they are at the mercy of the tides. They attempt to stay close to shore; however, sometimes they are swept away in the current to be eaten quickly by hungry Cutthroat trout and resident salmon. Walking down the beach you can watch the Coho salmon and Cutthroat trout charge the shoreline like killer whales gorging themselves, and the fry jumping into the air to escape the hungry mouths. Washington State has about 28,000 miles of shoreline; however, most of it is privately owned. One of my first \$3.00 book investments about Washington State was "Walks & Hikes on the Beaches Around Puget Sound" by Harvey & Penny Manning. This book paid for itself on my first trip to Fort Flagler State Park, where I hooked and landed a nice four pound resident Coho. In late March, Sand Lance, a slender baitfish with coloring of gray or green with iridescent sides and silver belly, start to show up in plentiful numbers in the Puget Sound. When under attack, they will dive at a 45 degree angle and bury themselves in the sand. Match the hatch and you will be rewarded with a nice fish.

Parr Stage Salmon



Sand Lance



March is also the time of the first large mayfly hatch of the New Year. After a winter of tiny blue-winged olives and even tinier midges...March browns announce the coming bounty. They can be early or late depending on the weather. As members of the clinger group of mayflies, March brown nymphs live in fast and rocky runs. Nymphs are so well adapted to their habitat that they are seldom found in the drift until emergence time. As the nymphs near maturity, they migrate to slower water. Hatches usually start in the early afternoon. Just prior to the hatch, nymphs are often found drifting in the current, so it makes sense to present a nymph patterns drifting near the bottom beginning a couple of hours before the hatch. As the nymphs hatch, they often drift a long distance before reaching the surface, so you find drifting nymphs anywhere from just below a riffle to runs that are well below them. Duns usually emerge on the surface. As trout switch their focus to the duns and you see surface rises,

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting

Thursday, Mar 14, 2013

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tower Lanes Entertainment Center

6323 6th Ave.

Tacoma WA 98406

March 2013 Program

John Smeraglio

A native Oregonian, born and raised in Portland, remembers catching his first Red Side Trout on the Deschutes River when he was six years old. Seems like it was just yesterday to him.

At age ten, a friend of the family introduced John to fly fishing when he showed him a Fly Rod he was building. With an instant spark of interest, John bought the components to build his own fly rod. After completing the project, he spent most of the remaining Spring learning to cast. By late summer, he caught his first Trout on the rod he built, on a leader he hand tapered, and on a fly that he tied.

From that day forward his passion grew rapidly as he

pored himself into building better rods, tying better flies, and designing better hand tied tapered leaders. All of these elements gave him positive results by allowing John to achieve the best presentation possible.

A few years later, late summer 1973, John landed his first Deschutes summer steelhead on a down stream swung Muddler Minnow. With eyes wide open, heart ready to pound out of his chest, he said to himself, "this opens up a whole new dimension to this sport, and I want to learn as much as possible about steelhead fishing with flies."

In 1985, John moved from Portland to Maupin Oregon to open a Fly Shop and Guide Service, which is of course is on the Deschutes River. He has operated the business for 26 years. Through the years, he has been quoted in books, featured in magazine articles, and has teamed up with Rick Hafele to produce a series of fly fishing DVD's.

John has truly enjoyed teaching others to fly fish on this beautiful river, and enjoys the benefits of living in a small community in the sun drenched climate of the Deschutes river canyon.

If you have any Q's please call (541) 395-2565

Fishing Report Provided by *The Gig Harbor Fly Shop*

The Olympic Peninsula rivers were flowing at excessively low levels for most of the month but should benefit from a much needed shot of rain. The remainder of returning steelhead should nearly all be wild fish and thus released.

Cutthroat fishing from the beaches will begin to pick up considerably throughout the month of March. Chum fry should start migrating any day now and cutthroat will begin to key in on them as primary forage. Any number of popular chum fry patterns will work as will any simpler and sparser baitfish patterns. If you encounter cutthroat feeding actively on chum fry but they do not seem willing to take your chum fry imitation, consider switching to something in an entirely different color and shape/size. When there are massive amounts of chum fry in the water, it can be hard to make your one little imitation stand out. Early on, the fry will be relatively close to creek

and stream mouths but as the season progresses they will spread out over vast ranges. It is not uncommon to see a school of chum fry miles from the nearest stream.

Many eastside lakes will be opening March 1st which provide an alternate albeit often frigid option for trout angling.

-James Harrington

Raffle News

THIS MAY BE IT! The Sage One raffle is nearing completion and we may give this incredible outfit away this month. Get your final squares before they are all gone.

On top of that we have an assortment of flies, line care products, and a Buck knife and sharpener in the regular monthly raffle.

Remember; bring money, buy tickets, win stuff, go home happy.

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Ladies Corner

By
Beth Mason



Sorry readers but I had a family crisis and was unable to prepare my monthly article. I'll be back next month so please stay tuned.

Conservation Corner

Dennis Beardsley

Here are some great ways to help out with important programs and projects in the Puget Sound area:

- Puget Sound Alliance - program to prevent pollution at the source. 1-800-42Puget.
- International Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept. 21, 2013. Locations to be announced
- Park Appreciation Day – April 20, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Here are few locations where help is needed -
 - Donkey Creek Park – park/creek clean up, litter removal
 - Titlow Park- park/shoreline tasks of all types
 - Swan Creek Park- invasive plant removal, pulling ivy from trees.
 - Puget Creek/Gulch- 66 acre natural area with lots to do.
- If those do not get your line spinning, then maybe joining the Puget Creek Restoration Society for one of their monthly work days held the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (pugetcreek@yahoo.com)

Consider yourself invited to any of the above. If you do attend, please let me know your feedback. If you have other suggestions and/or ideas, let me know.

Washington Lakes According to Grandpa Bass



VOGLER LAKE

Skagit County' Vogler Lake is located about 2 ½ miles north from Concrete. It is a small lake covering only 3.5 surface acres; reaches depths of about 10 feet and lies at an elevation of 1060. It is a very pretty little lake with natural surroundings. Public access is provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The lake is open to fishing from the last Saturday in April through October 31st. It is now "catch and release" and fly fishing only. Fish species are listed as eastern brook trout. I tried it for bass but was not successful. It has lily pads – should have bass – right?

Green Canoe at Vogler Lake



Editors Note:

For the last 15 months my good friend and neighbor has contributed his knowledge about the lakes of Washington with PSFF. Though not a flyfisherman, he has a wealth of knowledge gained through years of actual time spent on the lakes he wrote about. When I first moved to my present home he invited me to return to fishing. With his help I became an active fresh and salt water fisherman. He was with me when I landed my first King Salmon and first Steehead. He introduced me to bass fishing in Western Washington. It is with a great deal of gratitude and sorrow that this column comes to an end.



Thank you Bob Johansen, fisherman, outdoorsman and writer extraordinaire for all that you have done for sport fishing and especially for your gift to the Puget Sound Fly Fishers Club.

switch to a dry fly. However, sometimes emergence happens underwater and the dun floats to the surface. When this happens, soft-hackle wet flies will work and should bring a fish to your hand. Most of the small creeks and rivers in Washington are closed to fishing this time of year, leaving us with the Yakama, Stillaguamish, and Oregon's watershed to catch trout on March browns.

March is also the prime time to catch native steelhead in rivers like the Hoh, Bogachiel, Calawah, and Sol Duc. These rivers can become crowded in March because of the closure of Western Cascade Rivers, such as the Green, Nisqually, Puyallup, Samish, Skagit, and Skykomish. Thus, a lot of anglers head to the coast in search of steelhead.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in the "Maytown" Rest Stop Fund Raiser. It's people like Dan & Pat Drake, Jerry Fremonet, Bev Simpson, Carol & Ralph Fry, Mary & Brian Knutson, Dave Alberts, PJ Hicks, Ordy Nilsen, Ned Krilich, Bill Fox, Dennis Beardsley, Paul Forunier, and Kath & John Clark that make the club great.

Dinner for the March 14th general meeting will be meatloaf. The guest speaker is John Smeraglio, who owns and operates a Fly Shop and Guide Service in Maupin Oregon.

Library Report By Galen Hansen

As of the close of last meeting, we have 3 items 1 month overdue and 10 items over 2 months overdue. Of these, only 2 are held by members that are currently paid up on their dues. Please return all overdue library materials. I have emailed or called all those that have overdue materials and let you know what they are, so you can search your libraries and return those items that belong to the PSFF.

If there is something that you would like to see added to our inventory, please drop me a line or let me know at the meetings what you think would be a good addition to the library. My email addresses are galen1943@gmail.com and galen1943@yahoo.com. Gordon Myers email address is gemyers50@msn.com.

Reports From The Beach

by
erin roach



Another day at the beach, or perhaps a lake or pond.

"what a fly fisher thinks about during his 2 ½ hour commute"

I have been mulling over branching out and entering the lake territory this spring. After all it seems like a pretty simple task to change ones fly fishing pursuits.

Let's start with water craft, not having a boat budget I have been looking at float tubes. The dilemma I have is that most of the least expensive ones have weight capacities of 250 lbs. I have been hovering around 255#'s for almost 3 years now and keep promising myself I will be at 225 before my next Dr visit. Now I have my incentive, about 100\$ incentive on average, depending upon the model .

Then there is the endless variety of float tubes, not to mention U boat and, kick boats, by Native, Fish Cat, Togiak, Creekside ect. So great, you get your float tube and you have to sit in cold water for several hours in early May, so you look at fleece liners, thermals, boot insulators ect. Next comes fins only about 12 different kinds from \$30 to \$100 +. (PS don't forget your air pump.)

Now if you really want to go insane, lets look at floating lines, indicators, , sinking lines, intermediate sinking lines. We are not even going to discuss flies. By the way how do you know if you are going strip flies or do Chironomids fishing and how does one do hand twist retrieves anyway? If your confused just look at multiple Utube videos and books and fly shop websites magazines and published articles there are only dozens to choose from

By the way make sure you pick out lakes that are less than 100 acres big within 40 miles of your house to save on gas. Also make sure you have everything ready to go for your June 1st to October 31st time window, on weekends that your wife works, when the weather is decent and the lakes are stocked with the species that can only be targeted by 5 wts, unless you are going after bass with your 6 wt, or crappie with your 4 wt.

To make things more entertaining you have to get your reel with spare spool, and or combo from a website or Blakes or Anils shop.

Lets simplify things by looking at Orvis, Cabelas LL bean

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Hot Scoop

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NEW MEMBERS

None Reported

Education:

We've had only a few good days of fishing this month and the weatherman hasn't looked kindly on us during the last couple of days. So ... now is the time to be filling your boxes, tins and other assorted gathering places with the things you want to use when the weather improves. Gregg Crawford has kindly volunteered to show us some salt water flies that are "guaranteed" to improve your fun and bragging rites for the following meetings. The class date isn't firm yet but it will be on a Saturday during the last few weekends of March. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting or you can contact me to add your name to the list. John Brett - jmbrett99@yahoo.com

I know many of you tie bead head flies. One thing that always annoyed me when doing so was that the bead was 'loose' and wobbled on the shank. I tried stuffing body materials up inside the enlarged space as I tied and tried balling up thread and pushing it up inside with some success but it was not what I wanted. I recently tied some #8 saltwater flies and hit upon a solution that works well for me. I put the bead on the hook and suspend the hook vertically from the vice. I can then fill the cavity in the bead with UV Knot Sence. I found that if, after I dab in the knot sence, I lift the bead a half diameter and give it a couple turns around the shank that the knot sence will fill the cavity, expell any trapped air, and settle in with no protrusion above the bead rim. Then I hold it in alignment with the shank and hit it with my UV light for 10 or 15 seconds. Easy, neat, and secure. Try it!

Hey members, do you have a memorable fishing experience you want memorialized? Check out University Place artist Jason Bordash on this website; <http://jason-bordash.fineartamerica.com>. He can turn your epic day into a trophy you'll never forget.

Spring is in the Air

Today I saw the best sign of all that Spring has RETURNED.

A WDFW FISH PLANTING TRUCK GOING DOWN THE HWY. YES A FISH TRUCK RETURNING AFTER PLANTING A LOCAL LAKE.

Now I'll be on the computer every 15-20 Minutes searching for a lake WDFW recently planted with fat trout. Talking about 25+ fish days here folks and it's not rocket science. Give these fish a couple of days to get hungry and they hit everything you throw at them. If you're new to

fly fishing this is a great time to get out and enjoy some great fishing. If you're not new then just get out there and take a kid, new guy or gal and do it. Do I need to say more?

Time to drag out those Pontoon/float boats and gear up for some good Spring fishing.

Dan Carlton

PS: Last year one of my best Spring days I fished a lake West of Shelton on Feb 24th. I must have netted 15 fat 14 inch fish in 2 hrs. It was 29F and Snowing. Yes Spring is a great time to fish and yes I froze my fingers...But fishing was great.

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

It's just around the corner, June 23-29, 2013, The Academy. Up to 25 lucky boys and girls will attend the 2013 Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. We have had numerous inquiries which look very promising. The applicant must submit an essay, explaining why he/she would like to attend The Academy and a letter or recommendation is to be submitted by their school counselor or science teacher. Both items may be emailed to me. Tuition is \$275, however there are sponsorships available. So no applicant will be turned away because of money. Again we are very fortunate to receive financial support from the fly fishing clubs, the TU chapters, individuals and corporate organizations. The applications can be obtained by contacting me or go to our website and download the apps. at www.nwycffa.com. We now have a Facebook site with loads of pictures from last year's Academy. Just put in NW Youth and it will pop right up. If you have any questions, please contact me @ nwycffa@comcast.net. Phone: 253-278-0061 for the next 2 months. Looking forward to another great year – Mike Clancy, Co-Director & Jim Brosio, Co-Director

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catalogs that are only 100 pages each. No let's really nail things down by going to the Northwest Sportsman show and and looking at TFO, ST Croix and Echo booths.

No, I changed my mind, I will look at Ebay, Amazon, Craigslist, Sierra trading post, private party classifieds. No, I changed my mind again, I will look at Sportco in Fife and Sportsmans Warehouse in Silverdale, but lets make sure its on sale, so I will sign up for their email list. But please don't forget to subtract out the bridge toll, gas, and your gift cards you got for Christmas after you put your purchases on your Costco American Express, to get your 1 % back.

Ok, now I really know what I will do , I will go on the Washington fly fishing forum and ask everyone's opinion on every piece of clothing and equipment from sunglasses, to hook sizes. Those usually cap out at about 35 to 50 replies. You see it is really simple.

Aha !!! maybe I will get lucky again and have another deer wipe out my car on Highway 16 in the fog at 5.30 am and I won't be able to afford to do any of this stuff until next year !!!

To heck with it. In 2 weeks the chum fry will be out around hood canal. Time to hit the beaches

This month's tip. Use a bigger test leader 6 lbs and up along with thicker tippet when tossing polychaete worms, they will turn over easier and you wind up with better accuracy especially in winding conditons which you often find at the beach.

Late Winter Fly Swap

Spring is still coming :-). This is a great time to fill up our fly boxes for the spring and summer fishing ahead. This fly swap will focus on "Terrestrials". Hoppers, beetles, ants..... are some examples. This swap is open to fly tiers and non-fly tiers alike (if you do not wish to tie flies, go out and buy some.)

The objective of the fly swap is to encourage club members to tie and/or share their favorite flies with others. I'm sure a few stories will come along with those great looking flies.

There will be a signup sheet at the March meeting. The rules of this fly swap will be communicated shortly after. This swap will be limited to 12 seats so be sure to sign up quickly.



Guess Who and Where?



Salt Water Outings 2013

Dan Carlton

President Ned has asked me to put together a few more Salt Water outings for 2013. I know our SRC outings at Case Inlet have been well attended. The 2012 SRC Extravaganza outing at Purdy was also well attended in Oct. So I'm asking for input from members that would be attending these outings. I will have a suggestion sheet at the December meeting for your input, or just email me. Please keep it short. We can work out the details later. 1. I'm thinking a few more SRC outings. Depending on the weather we can get out almost every month. We can do beach or boat fishing. 2. Summer/Fall Salmon fishing in Puget Sound. 3. August - Pink Salmon Outing.

I've posted on yahoo awhile back on this subject and ask for your suggestions for more Salt water outings if interested. I got one reply. Right now the only outings we have are for SRC at Case Inlet. There's a ton of Salt water opportunity all around Puget Sound if we get out and take advantage of it. Maybe you're thinking you need a boat for this. Not true. I believe Puget Sound has more beaches then we could ever fish in a life time. A boat would help but is not critical. This is great time to buy a boat if you're thinking of going that way. Right now I'm asking you for your thoughts on this. I need to put something on the Calendar and go from there. Right now I'm thinking of a Pink, King outing in Aug. Slivers in Sept. and SRC in the spring & fall.

Outing on Nehalem River

The first weekend of February, 4 members of the PSFF (Ted Werner, Mike Koslosky, Bob Weinberger, Beth Mason), 1 member of OFFC (John Silvey), 1 member of both (myself), set out for Oregon. We got in 2 full days of fishing, with the weather being 50 degrees and one day of sunshine and 1 cloudy/ misty day. We had such a great time, the cabin was cozy, the food was great (I had to join Wt Watchers), and everyone had a lot of opportunity for Steelhead.



The third weekend of February, 3 members of the PSFF (Ted Werner, Curtis Stoner, myself), the other 3 were family members, Todd, Brooks and Travis. Again 2 full days of fishing, with a potpourri of weather. Once again, we had a lot of fun, with opportunities to catch fish, perfect our Spey casting, eat and drink a lot of food and wine, and get to know each other better. So if I were to sum it up, wonderful memories of...fish caught, fish hooked, good laughs with friends, and taking time to smell the flowers. Thanks for the great nursing home memories!



Let's go throw some feathers....

Terry. <'(((>|

Fly of The Month

RAGHEAD SCULPIN



Published by Bob Bates
Federation of Fly Fishers - Washington Council

Opening Comments

Stories about the Raghead Sculpin and fish would fill a book if they were all brought together. Since I live in the Northwest most of them are about the north Idaho cutthroat streams, but there are many others. If you search the internet you will find it used by Ozark anglers, also.

Mike Mercer developed it a few years ago. Steve Moran a local guide, rod builder, wood inlay artist and all around good guy found out about it and started spreading the word. Now if you know anything about guides they can tell you some great stories. There is no way to verify the voracity of them. However, there has to be a lot of truth in what he says or his repeat business would drop off. Steve is also a great tier, and I have tried for years to get him to the Washington Fly Fishing Fair, in Ellensburg, Washington. However, he always has guide trips scheduled during that time.

Fortunately, Janet Schimpf, a professional tier, was at the 2012 Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA and she was tying the Raghead Sculpin among other patterns.

Any kind of line can be used with this pattern. It all depends on the depth of water you are fishing and how fast the water is moving. People use full sink, sink tip and floating lines. In one story I was told, the angler knew that fish sometimes stay in relative safety under overhanging branches. In this case the branches touched the water but didn't penetrate. He was using a floating line and cast nearly to the bank up stream of the branches. He knew that the fly would sink just enough to miss the branches. A nice cutthroat thought it was a meal. Sometimes to fish this pattern you will go to the bottom where the real sculpins live. Most of the time I fish on or near the bottom.

Materials list

Hook: Daichi 2421 size 4

Thread: Uni thread 8/0 Camel (Brown, tan or olive)

Eyes: Eye balls, brass, pre-painted

Body and tail: EZE Bug yarn, a very bulky material. Also called Raghead in yarn shops. Janet buys it in tan and marks it with yellow and brown marking pens to give it a mottled look.

Pectoral fins: Swiss straw from fly shops or craft stores, olive or olive-brown

Tying steps



Step 1

Attach the thread near the back and spiral it to the front. Leave thread near the hook eye.



Step 2

Start with the eyes parallel to the hook shank. Put a few thread winds over the eyes, twist eyes perpendicular to the shank, put a few figure eights thread winds then thread winds behind and in front of the eyes. Make sure the eyes are secure.



Step 3

Secure yarn to shank just in front of the bend to give a shank length tail.



Step 4

Wrap yarn forward in close wraps to make it buggy. Secure it under the hook leaving a little space behind eyes.



Step 5

Open up a piece of Swiss Straw and tear off a ¼-inch wide strip. Hold on side of hook, bind it to shank, pass it under the shank and secure again. Have a good length of Swiss Straw for each side it will be trimmed later.



Step 6

Move the thread forward to near hook eye. Wrap yarn forward to one wrap behind the eyes, one wrap in front of the eyes. Then make one wrap from front to back between the eyes, one wrap from back to front between the eyes and tie off yarn in front of the eyes of the fly and the eye of the hook.



Step 7

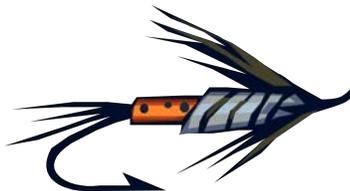
Secure yarn trim and whip finish. Take fly out of vise to trim pectoral fins at about mid shank. (Some instructions say to trim the bottom wool at the front to make a flat head.)

Closing Comments

OK you probably cannot see the pectoral fins in the last picture, but remember the fish can see things we can't. Some tiers use tan Rag wool for the tail and back part of the pattern which they wrap up to where the pectoral fins will be and tie it off there (Step 4). After attaching the pectoral fins they switch to olive Rag Wool for the front part of the pattern around the eyes. It is also called Mercer's Rag Sculpin and Rag Wool Sculpin

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.

You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org.



FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2013

Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers
Northwest Fly Tyers Expo

Next year this great show, the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo, will be held again in Albany, Oregon. Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, 2013. Plan to attend.

Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers
Washington Fly Fishing Fair

Also next year, the Washington State Council will bring you the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2013. Don't miss this one, it is a great event!!!!

The Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair will be held in West Yellowstone, MT. This will be a FALL gathering, September 24 - 28, 2013.



PSFF CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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28	29	30				



**Check for Newsletter Article Deadline Date.
Remember articles can always be submitted early.**



Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced ghillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

To receive and post to the PSFF Yahoo group you must first sign up as a member of Yahoo if you're not already signed up.

In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name, and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities. Scroll down through the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

You will need to select whether you receive individual messages or a Daily Digest. I suggest a daily digest but you can change this selection at any time later. At the bottom of the page you will have to enter, repeat, a displayed code of mixed letters and numbers. When you have done this go down to the bottom right and select 'Join'. You are done.

All new members are on a moderated basis and unable to post until approved by a moderator to help prevent SPAM and malicious posting. One of the moderators will handle your status usually within 24 hours.