



***Happy Valentines Day!***  
***Go catch a fish and give it a kiss!***



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**February Program - James Losee from WDFW**

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### **The Leader Line** **By Paul Fournier**

As holidays become a distant memory, my whole body is warmed at the thought of spring right around the corner and all the fishing trips to come. The longer days lead to getting my gear and flies in order. I look through my fly boxes and begin to prepare for "The Trip" as Walter Hodges would say.

This is a great time to brush up on fly tying and fishing skills. I highly recommend the many educational opportunities offered by the club. John Brett leads monthly classes and every week Thomas Lamphere holds a fly tying group alternating between Puget Sound Fly Company and Seven Seas in Gig Harbor. Don't miss out on these fun filled events for more information visit our website at [www.psff.org](http://www.psff.org)

This time of year is ideal to explore open uncrowded waters. Year round lakes are fishing well on nymphs, woolly buggers, leaches, and chironomids. Beaches are an excellent choice for Resident Coho along with Sea Run Cutthroat. Bring marine worms, shrimp, squid and sculpin patterns with you. Those SRC are bulking up before the spring spawn. If you're going steelhead, I hear the Olympic Peninsula is fishing really well (in between the rain storms.) Bring colorful flies with good size hooks. Get out there, enjoy the beauty and stillness of winter fishing.

There have been a couple changes to board positions since the last newsletter. The Board is pleased to announce Greg Shimek as our new Vice President. We are confident in his leadership and grateful for his passion around fly fishing. The Board is also pleased to announce Thomas Lamphere as 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director. His desire to share knowledge and promote fly fishing is what PSFF is all about. Join us in thanking both Greg and Thomas for volunteering their time and energy this coming year.

In 2016 we are continuing to celebrate where we have come from over the past 60 years. This year, we will also explore the future of fly fishing in our region. I believe our club has a role in the local fly fishing community to promote fly fishing through outreach and education. We do this in partnership with local fly clubs, local fly shops, guide services, conservation agencies and you, our members. We are excited to see what 2016 will bring.

~Paul

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*Feather in my Hand*

*By Paul Fournier*

I hold a feather in my hand  
A pure symbol of nature  
Forged by land, water and light  
Without human ambition or concern  
My heart captivated by stillness as nature creates  
Earth's gift

Feather and hook in my hand  
Simple things, uncomplicated  
Intersections of what has been and what will be  
Metal, thread and a feather  
Dreams of fooling nature again  
A foolish desire to be nature

Ambition and purpose replace the feather in my hand  
The fly, rays of warm sunlight washed in cold healing water  
Stillness I desire  
The gift earth provides  
The cast, the presentation, the take  
My heart races, with colors of nature in my palm  
We see each other

There is a feather in my hand



# PSFF NEWS

***Our Next Meeting***  
**Thursday, February 11th**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Tower Lanes Entertainment Center**  
**6323 6th Ave.**  
**Tacoma WA 98406**

## February 2016 Program

James Losee, South Puget Sound Fish Biologist for Washington Department of Fish and Game (WDFW) Inland Fish Program, will talk about his research focused on Coastal Cutthroat Trout in Puget Sound and associated management strategies.

James grew up in Yakima where he chased cutthroat trout and other species in his local waters. He received a B.S. in marine biology from Western Washington University and his masters in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University. James' career has been focused on anadromous salmon in the freshwater and marine environment. Prior to coming to WDFW in 2012 James worked for NOAA Fisheries researching salmon in the marine environment in an effort to better understand early marine survival. Since then James has been focused on managing fisheries in South Puget Sound. Outside of work James works hard to bal-

ance the pressures of fly-fishing Puget Sound, surfing on the coast and family!

## March Program Heads Up

March's program will deal with some very innovative creations that come from our own neck of the woods, kind of. Dean Childs and Jesse Scott of Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations out of Sequim, will tell us about two of their creations. The Casting Partner allows an individual to cast and fish with one arm or one hand. And the Evergreen Hand converts a traditional fly tying vise into a one-handed fly tying tool which has helped some regain mobility and dexterity as well as enjoying the art of crafting flies. These gentlemen will not only describe their operation but will demonstrate these creations.

# FFF EVENTS



## ***Regional FFF Events in 2016***

March 11 & 12th - Albany, OR / Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo  
<http://www.nwexpo.com>

April 29th & 30th - Ellensburg, WA / Washington State Council / Fly Fishing Fair  
[www.wsciff.org](http://www.wsciff.org)

June 3 - 5 - Renton, WA / The Atlantic Salmon Fly International  
[www.asfi-expo.com](http://www.asfi-expo.com)

August 2-6th - Livingston, MT / International Fly Fishing Fair  
[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

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## Outings News and Updates By Larry Vaughn

### Park Lake Outing May 13 thru 15

Traditionally, the Park Lake outing has been the annual spring kick-off outing for PSFF. If you are new to the club, or just haven't been to Park Lake, this is a must do trip! It is a family oriented outing, and kids and pets are definitely welcome! Attending this, and other organized club outings is the best way to get to know other club members and their families, as well as to learn more about our chosen sport. In years past, it has usually been the largest outing of the year and always a good time... even when the weather gods "occasionally" conspire against us!

Many great lakes in the area, including Dry Falls, Deep Lake, Blue Lake, Jamison Lake, Lake Lenore, and Banks Lake if you want big water. If you are a Rocky Ford fan, it's 30 minutes away. Fish species in these waters include trout, bass, carp and several species of perch. The most popular flies include, but are certainly not limited to, chironomids, and wooly buggers of all colors. Most fish are taken sub-surface, so intermediate and full sink lines are popular. These are not technical waters, so novice fishers should look forward to catching fish and having a good time. A pontoon boat or other flotation device is essential for fishing these lakes. If you don't have one, but want to go, let it be known... most likely someone has an open seat they would be happy to offer.

Laurent's Sun Valley Resort is the club headquarters for the weekend and it offers both Cabins and RV spots. Coulee Lodge Resort ([couleelodgeresort.com](http://couleelodgeresort.com)) is only about 10 minutes away from Laurent's and also offers RV camping and cabins (nicer ones than Laurents). If you are tenting or have an RV, space can be had at both Laurent's and at the Sun Lakes State Park. For tenter campers, there is usually room on Laurent's big lawn area at a nominal cost. For RV's, if you are staying at Laurent's, make sure you reserve a spot. Laurent's does have cabins available, but make sure you make reservations early. If you want motel type accommodations, they can be had in Ephrata and Soap Lake (Notaras Lodge, 236 Main Ave E, [\(509\) 246-0462](tel:5092460462)).

## Raffle News

By Thomas Lamphere

With all the great donations by Paul Elsberry we are making this month's raffle a thank you to him. All items in this raffle are from a box of items that Paul donated to the raffle. In the donation were two long handle nets, wool gloves, several fly boxes with flies, and a few very nice pictures of classic dry flies.

Item numbers one and two are a couple of the fly boxes that Paul gave us. These hold many older patterns that are sworn to work very well. I recommend looking into these. Each will go separately.



Next is item number three. One of the two long handled nets. If you fish from a boat I really recommend trying to get this if you can. This is a perfect size for the local lakes that we all fish out here.



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Item number four is something that I wish to start doing. This is a fantastic picture of a dry fly. These are a great decoration item for your tying area. These are a precious item to have for they add character to a room of a fly fisherman. It would be simple and elegant addition that all of us should cherish.



# HOT SCOOP

## An Unbelievable Offer

**Mike Koslosky**

At the February meeting there will be an auction for two separate collections of steelhead flies tied by member Mike Hardouin. These are exquisite flies tied with exacting detail. There are flies for both winter and summer steelhead so you will have a full compliment no matter when you hit the river. Each selection is valued at over \$175 but are priceless once you know many of these flies have brought shiny chrome to the boat or bank.

Bring your money, bring your enthusiasm, bring your steelhead mojo and make these flies your own. Good luck and bid often.



## Education Corner

**John Brett**

Hopefully you've got some great plans for fishing this year and the PSFF would like to help you in being prepared for the fun.

March 27, 9 AM, at the Narrows Lanes we have a trout small fly program scheduled for. Flies planned for this program include chironomids, larva, nymph and at least one fly notorious for early hatches along with other favored trout dinners. Techniques for tying still water flies will be discussed and practiced. If you have a box filled with your fly tying toys, bring them, and if you are a new tier or just interested in seeing this part of the hobby, we have extra tools and materials available. A great plan for the beginning of trout season, and you are invited.

For all of our education programs, remember to allow time for lunch at the café. The conversations are well worth the time and the lunch is always good.



## PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Easy on the eyes

A lot of tiers make their own fly eyes from mono line. It's sometimes hard to find small quantities of larger diameter mono without buying a whole spool. It's also a tedious process to melt the ends and then color those ends with paint or other colorant. Next time you're in the local Wally's (Edit. – plus Freddie's or the Dollar store) check out the 'Hair Care' aisle. Look for a cheap hair brush that has mono bristles with the ends melted into round bulbs and already colored. I've seen black, red, yellow, blue and other colors. There is several hundred of these 'eyes' on a brush. Usually \$7.00 or less.

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## Membership News

Bob Jimerson

### The 2016 Membership Renewal Season Is Winding Down Quickly

It's that time of year when we want to wrap up the remaining membership renewals for the year and start focusing on making the upcoming year a great one for our club. Renewals have been coming in at a good pace since the end of last year. If you still need to get your renewal in, please see me at the next meeting and we'll get your ticket punched for 2016.

Renewal season is a good time to reflect on the value that the club provides to us as members. It's pretty amazing when we step back and look at all the club delivers and makes available to the membership each year. Here is my quick (and probably incomplete) list:

- **Fellowship.** This is probably the biggie for most members. We have all made great friendships through the club and enjoy the chance to gather monthly and share our joy in fly fishing with other souls that enjoy fly fishing too.
- **Newsletter.** The newsletter that you are reading right now is produced each month and keeps you in touch with the club and the broader fly fishing community.
- **Meetings.** Each month the club arranges a meeting and gives us a chance to gather with friends, share a meal, and enjoy a presentation that inspires, educates or entertains us.
- **Outings.** Several times a month we have the opportunity to attend an outing organized by the club. These are a great way for new members to break the ice and get to know other club members better. They are also a wonderful opportunity for us to get out and explore new water with other club members to help.

- **Education.** The club regularly schedules classes that are free to members on fly tying, knots, making your own leaders, and casting (more on casting in a bit).
- **Library.** Club members have access to the Club's library to check out books and videos on almost any fly fishing topic you can imagine. The library has thousands of dollars (if not tens of thousands of dollars) of material for us to enjoy for free with our membership.
- **Casting.** One of the most important skills for a fly fisher to master to increase their success and enjoyment of the sport is fly casting. The Club is fortunate to have a number of Certified Casting Instructors that are willing to donate their time and expertise to help the rest of us.
- **Online Communities.** The PSFF Yahoo group, the PSFF Website and the Club's Facebook page provide a way for us to stay connected between meetings.

That's a lot of value for just \$40 per year (or \$3.33/month). All of this is made possible by the combination of membership dues and volunteers that make it all happen.

So please get your renewal taken care of while we still have some spaces available on the roster if you have not already renewed. 2016 is the year we will begin celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers.

You really want to be a part of the Club this year. Don't miss out on the great times and events being Membership planned for 2016.

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## **Al Allard Award**

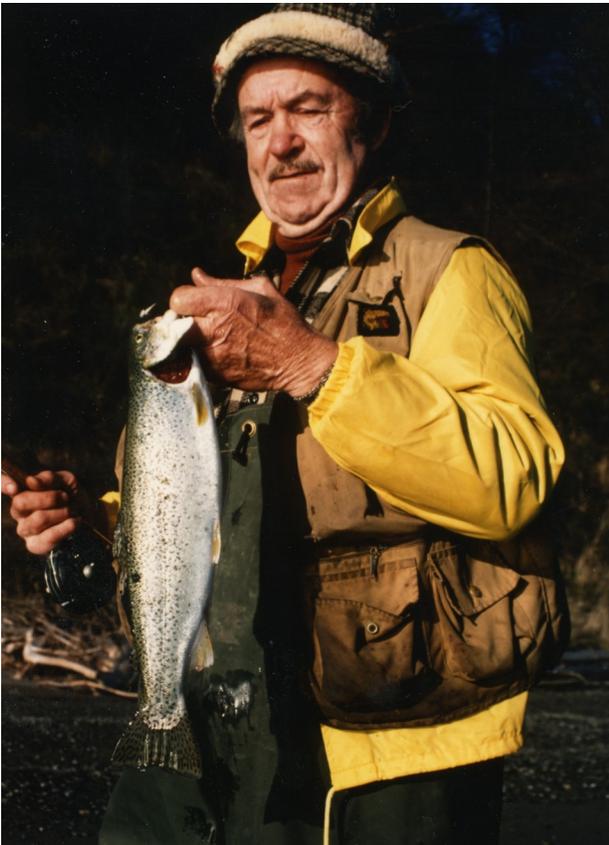
**Mike Koslosky**

### *A Little History*

The Al Allard award is named after Al Allard, a long-time and highly regarded member of the club. The award consists of a plaque and a framed picture of Al holding a large sea-run cutthroat trout. The picture travels with the award. The plaque is personalized and stays with the recipient. Former club President Paul Elsberry conceived the idea of this award when a fishing writer whom Al had taken out for an article on sea-run cutthroat fishing gave Paul a picture of Al holding a large sea-run cutthroat, a memento of their trip. Paul had the picture matted and framed and had intended to present it to Al at the next club meeting, but Al was seriously injured in an automobile accident and did not survive.

It was Paul Elsberry and the Board of Director's idea that the picture be presented to an outstanding member of the club in memory of Al.

The award for 2015 will be presented at the February meeting and I am sure you will agree with me that the recipient is deserving of this prestigious award.



## Fly Fishing Academy News

### **2016 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy –**

Once again I would like to remind folks of this incredible opportunity for our 12-16 year old boys and girls to learn about our great sport of fly fishing and conservation. Various Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters and individuals will sponsor youth. The Bruce Ferguson fund, established in 2011, will sponsor 2 youth along with the Al Harger fund which is managed by SSFF.

If you have a grandchild, neighbor, friend, son or daughter that would like to learn our sport, have them write an essay on why they would like to attend. They will also need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher.

The Academy next year is the last full week of June, the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Grinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey WA. We are on Facebook with lots of pictures and applications are on our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com).  
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Mike Clancy

## LITTLE STONE FLY FISHER



*Your Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Guide.  
Catch & Release, Fly Fishing Only!*

**"ADD 20 FEET TO YOU CAST!"**

I stood dumbfounded in front of the glass case at the fly shop, staring at the shiny new boxes of fly lines. I glanced up at Curly- the shop owner- he smiled back at me. He had that leering glint in his eyes again. Anytime they come out with something new in fly fishing, Curly makes sure to have a dozen of them in the front case. "You want to try one out, Triggssy? I have a six weight all rigged up with one. This is a super distance line!" I shrugged. Going out back with Curly, to try out a new line or rod, meant casting in front of him again. My ambivalence was rooted in experience. Curly was an exquisite fly caster, and an impatiently stern teacher. I had been there with him before. The next thing I know we are out in back of the shop, rod in hand. Curly had staked out some white painted marker pins in the narrow alley between the shop and the building next door. They were spaced at intervals of ten feet, out to seventy five feet. If you cast beyond that, your line would end up laying across the sidewalk and into the street. I didn't have much concern about casting that far. I tried a few false casts with the new line. He had it rigged on a very nice carbon graphite rod, one that I could never afford. It was the kind of rod that would make you a better caster, if you spent the extra few hundred dollars to begin with. Curly barked out: "Go ahead and shoot some line man". I got a few decent shots of line, out to around sixty five feet, with a fairly soft, open loop. That's about all I could do back then anyway. "Let me show you how to do that", he offered. Curly took the rod and set up a cast, and in three strokes he had it punching through the air in a tight loop, right out to the sidewalk. "Let's try that again.", and Curly then casts and shoots the line out, in a soft hiss, down the alley between the buildings, glistening brightly in the sky, out across the sidewalk and into the street. He turned and smiled thinly at me. It was easily a 100 foot cast. And a car runs over the end of the fly line lying in the road.

Curly blankly stared down the alley, He spooled in the line. The lesson is finished. "Can I get a discount on that line", I ask politely. Curly stares at the floor of the shop, nodding silently. I ask him how much. It was almost \$80 brand new. He gave it to me for \$50.00. It still took me a week to come up with the money. I was never able to cast that line any farther than 65 feet. No farther than any of the other lines I had bought in the preceding few years.

It took me a long time, almost fifteen years of fly fishing, before I surrendered to the fact that I would never really improve as a fly caster until I got coached by someone who knew what they were doing and knew how to teach it. I had reached my full potential in mediocrity as a fly caster. I had struggled for years with so many flaws in my casting technique, that I had developed my own hybridization of fly casting errors into a deeply personalized form of fly fishing survival. Some days I could get it out there, and some days I could not get the fly beyond the bushes behind me. I made the same mistakes- over and over for years- with no clue as to why it wasn't working. I went through dozens of expensive fly lines, miles of leaders, tippetts, and thousands of flies. And I had begun to experience pain in my wrist, arm and shoulder, whenever I went fly fishing. It rarely occurred to me that it didn't have to be that way. I was always disturbed by the sight of someone casting beautifully, long distance tight loops, or controlling a dry fly with pin-point accuracy.

Going to the shows was always humbling. Standing at the casting ponds, watching Lefty Kreh, Joan Wulff, Ed Jaworowski, Gary Borger . . . *But those people are the pros, of course they could cast better than anyone else!* So went the reasoning for too many years. I would read their books and articles, and view their video instructions, and then go out on the lawn to practice

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what I had learned. Apparently I hadn't learned much, because nothing about my fly casting ever really improved that way. I could get what the books and videos were saying, I just couldn't get my hand to "*do it*". My unconscious lexicon of bad casting skills was deeply buried. I could catch fish, it wasn't like I was not a fisherman. I had some good seasons, and some slow ones too. And overall I enjoyed fly fishing as much as anyone.

And then along came Joan Wulff. I was involved at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, joining in the activities there, and volunteering to help out at events. What a great bunch of folks. After a few years of being involved there I had also begun to guide fishermen, in New York state, and in New England, walking and wading along the rivers and streams and beaches, fly fishing for trout, steelhead and salmon and striped bass, bluefish, pike, bass, etc. After a few years I took a guiding job at a river camp in Alaska. In between seasons there were many opportunities to attend the Catskill Fly Fishing Center events, which usually included fly casting demonstrations by Joan Wulff, Floyd Franke and others. And they would give free coaching to anyone who wanted to line up for it. I always did. As a guide I should have been able to teach fly casting with clarity, and I couldn't. I didn't really understand the basic mechanics of the cast myself, and I was still struggling to undo years of deeply ingrained "muscle memory" in bad casting.

At some point Joan Wulff took me seriously, (or she took pity on me, I don't really know which), and she invited me to her Wulff School, Casting Instructors School class. That spring I attended her class, for several days. It was a combination of fly caster's boot camp and medieval torture. Well, for the ego anyway. By then I had been working hard for over a year to improve my casting, and I had indeed gotten past many of my limitations. Joan is one of the greatest casters and teachers that have ever graced our game. And when you are standing there with her, rod in hand, she's all business. She does not waste any time, nor any words. And, if you are willing to learn, there is no better position to be in.

In just a few seasons I had progressed from my long suffering struggles in casting, to a competent caster. And the funny thing is, after doing that work, it set me on a path of learning that has not stopped ever since.

Trust me when I tell you that *if I can do it, anyone can do it!* It's true. All it takes is some realistic humility and a willingness to learn, a good teacher, and practice, practice, practice! Today there are no excuses to stay in that kind of rut. You can improve at any age in fly casting. And there are many good teachers out there to help you do it. Fly shops, Fly clubs, Guides, Lodges, all have excellent instructors available. There are many options for finding classes, and group lessons, some of them free, some of them very affordable, and some of them more expensive. I never had the money to pay a personal casting instructor, much less pay someone of the caliber of Joan Wulff. But that's how it worked out, in a way I could afford. So don't let money stop you. Finding an FFF Certified Casting Instructor is a good way to go. (I was certified in 2000). You can look up instructors here:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Resources/Locate/CastingInstructors.aspx>

# *Fly of The Month (flashback)*

Credit to FFF Website

February, 2000

## THE SOFA PILLOW: A midwinter fantasy



### Sofa Pillows for Salmon Flies By Jim Abbs

Because we are in the dead of winter, much of our fly fishing must be imaginary. Not surprisingly, the most pleasant fly fishing I can imagine right now is being on a favorite Rocky Mountain river in early July ...just in time for the famous western salmon fly hatch. As it turns out, of course, the legendary salmon fly is really a giant stonefly. The salmon fly hatch, if fishing guides, fly shops and cowboy town chambers of commerce are to be believed, has fish almost jumping into your net. Actually, for a select time window, the fishing is spectacular. However, unless you live in the Rocky Mountains, the problem is trying to schedule your vacation for the particular week to 10 days when the big flies will be doing their out-of-water mating and flying thing. Because water conditions (temperature, level of spring run-off) determine the exact timing, the window of opportunity varies considerably from year to year. Moreover, there are claimed to be penalties to the fly angler who is early or late. If you go too early, most rivers are high and unfishable and if you go too late (after the alleged gluttony of this big-fly hatch), it is said the fish are sated (full), causing them to be disinterested feeders.

The real insect behind this legend is the *Pteronarcys californica*, a stonefly which requires a big fly to imitate it, often using a size 4 or even a size 2 hook! These big critters spend 3 years maturing in the stream, principally as nymphs. Because of their size and abundance, many western fly patterns, like the Bitch Creek Nymph, Montana Nymph and The Brooks Stone are all aimed at imitating this stonefly nymph during that prolonged aquatic period. However near the end of their lives, when the water temperature and condition are right they crawl up on the stream banks and mate. After mating the females take to the air and deposit their fertilized eggs back into the stream. It is during this last stage that fish are said to be particularly indiscreet. Moreover, due to the size of the stoneflies, big fish are claimed to be more commonly seen... it actually is true.

The flies used to match this hatch are almost as legendary as the insects themselves. The famous Bunyan Bug that reached the silver screen in Robert Redford's **A River Runs Through It** was an imitation of the so-called salmon fly. Another famous imitation of the giant western stonefly is the Sofa Pillow, apparently yet another product of West Yellowstone, Montana tyers. It is highly visible, floats well through the swiftest currents, matches the size of the naturals and is easy to tie. For this wintry February, so far away from July, the fly of the month is that Sofa Pillow, both in its original form and its improved version.

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**MATERIALS (materials for improved Sofa Pillow in parentheses)**

**Hook:** 3X long (Mustad 7980), sizes 4-10

**Thread:** Black monocord

**Tail:** Dyed red duck quill (Medium or light elk hair fibers)

**Body:** Laquered Red or orange floss (orange or red synthetic)

**Wing:** Fox squirrel tail (medium or light elk hair fibers)

**Hackle:** Four very good quality reddish brown saddle hackles

**Ribbing:** (only found on the Improved Sofa Pillow): Brown saddle hackle tied palmer style.

**TYING STEPS**

1. Tie on the red duck quill (or elk hair) for the tail at the bend of the hook with the curve of quill pointing up.
2. Tie in red or orange floss, wrap forward 2/3s of the hook shank forward from the bend and tie off.
3. ( Note: For the improved Sofa Pillow you would also tie in the brown saddle hackle for the palmered ribbing as well as the synthetic orange yarn instead of the red duck quill. The yarn would be wrapped forward and tied off and the saddle hackle ribbing wrapped forward on top of it ).
4. Tie in a small bunch (diameter of a wood pencil) of long red squirrel tail fibers with the tips not exceeding the end of the tail. Tie the squirrel tail down securely, trim the butts and secure with a little laquer.
5. Tie in the four reddish brown saddle hackles. Wrap your thread forward and laquer the thread covering the 1/3 of hook shank behind the hook eye.
6. Wrap two of the saddle hackles forward to just behind the eye (leaving room for a head) and tie off. Wrap the second set of two hackles, attempting to fill in open spots and create a uniform section of hackle over that 1/3 of the hook shank.
7. Tie up a bunch of these great old flies in several sizes and as you tie think about big rainbow trout, crystal clear cold water, bright high altitude sun, and majestic mountains.

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](mailto:flyofthemonth@fedflyfishers.org)

# PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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	February 1	2	3 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	11 PSFF Mtg 6:00	12	13 Lynnwood Fly Show
14 Lynnwood Fly Show	15	16	17 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	18 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	19	20 Bass Pro Out- reach
21 Bass Pro Out- reach	22 Newsletter Deadline 5PM	23	24 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	25	26	27
28	29					

		March 1	2 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	10 PSFF Mtg 6:00	11 Albany, Or Fair 9 - 5	12 Albany, Or Fair 9 - 5
13	14	15	16 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	17 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	18	19
20	21	22	23 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	24 Newsletter Deadline 5PM	25	26
27	28	29	30 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	31		

**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](http://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 as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing.
4. To promote both "Fellowship" and "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's mission and 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 gillies 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 per household per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

**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 though 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.