



Puget Sound Fly Fishers

September 2016



***Don't miss the Annual Meeting
this month, not to mention the
toothy critter outing!***



September Program - Bob Triggs on Searun Cutts

**The Leader Line
By Paul Fournier**

Falling in Love



It was bound to happen
A day would come when I would fall in love
with a fly rod (fiberglass 3wt 6ft 9in masterpiece)
Absurd some may say

Light as a feather yet accurate
Every step of the cast is pronounced and feels alive
Leaving behind an intense desire for more

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As the line lands on the water
the rod dances with interested fish
As the fly disappears under a tail splash the real dance begins
Every part of the fish, the current, and the breeze speaks through the cork in my hand

For a moment the rod ties me to my surroundings
I want more

The heat of Summer is nearing its end; a thick morning blanket of marine air has taken its place. By mid-day only traces of summer linger. This is my favorite time of the year. Mountain streams are running gin clear and cold. Fish know change is in the air. Soon they will become less shy and more eager to get in a last few meals before the snow flies in the high country. Down here in the lowlands fat Cutthroat line tide rips, just waiting to gobble up bait alongside returning salmon. If the heat of summer had you running for shade it's time to get back out to the water. As Bob Trigg's has been known to say, "things are happening!"

The 60th Anniversary Celebration Banquet is quickly approaching on November 5th. The evening will be filled with good food, friends and a look back at the last 60 years of Puget Sound Fly Fishers. **This is an event you do not want to miss.** The Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Emerald Queen Casino Conference Center in Fife. Presale tickets will be available at the September meeting for special presale price of \$35 per person. Space is limited so be sure to get your tickets early.

If you missed the annual picnic you missed a great time. The BBQ was good, conversation enjoyable and some of us either fished or swam in the lake. Thank you to Joe Johnston for putting this event together. We are already looking forward to next year's picnic.

We will have a vote for 1st Year Director, Vice President and Secretary at the September (9/8) meeting. At this time we need nominations for VP and Secretary. Please email me Paul Fournier (pfournier@gmail.com) or Mike Koslosky (mikek1801@gmail.com) with recommendations.

Tight Lines!
-Paul Fournier



PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, September 8th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

September 2016 Program

Bob Triggs, PSFF club member and owner of Little Stone Flyfisher Guide Service in Port Townsend will be our September program speaker. His topic will be fly fishing for sea-run coastal cutthroat trout. As was the case in December of 2014 when he presented "Playing and Landing Big Fish" we are in for a very informative and motivational program.

FFF EVENTS



Regional FFF Events in 2016

No more regional events scheduled this year.

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Outings News and Updates
By Larry Vaughn

**Mayfield Lake
September 9th-11th**

Come on out and us for a fun outing on one of Washington's premier Tiger Muskie and Rainbow fisheries. The outing lasts for 3 days but if you cannot get away for that long it is also possible to just make a day trip down to Mayfield Lake (the lake is only 1 ½ hours from Tacoma). The Outing's headquarters will be Mayfield Lake Resort for now.

**Dosewallips State Park
September 30th-October 2nd**

This will be our last family oriented opportunity to campout, enjoy a beautiful natural park, and get in some SRC fishing from the beach. Dosewallips State Park is a 1011 acre, year-round camping park with 5 miles of shoreline on Hood Canal and the Dosewallips River. The park is unique in that it offers both freshwater and salt-water activities. All camp areas are grassy and located in scenic, rustic settings.

Joe has reserved Site G1 (the Meadow Group Area 1) for those of us planning to campout in RV's or Tents. There are also numerous cabins available for reasonable rates.

Check out <https://washington.goingtocamp.com/DosewallipsStatePark> to reserve a cabin.

September Door Prize

By Steve Saville

What's the value in wearing your nametag at our regular meetings?

Normally, I'd say that it was to show your pride in membership as well as allowing those who don't know you or have forgotten your name to remind them of who you are. It's helpful to new members as well, when attempting to identify those who have had reference made to them throughout the meeting.

It has another hidden value too. Each month a door prize is drawn for with those wearing their nametags as the eligible folks for that prize. Normally the prize is nominal; a box of flies, a fly fishing tool, a hat or something small to show appreciation for those who wear their name tag. But in September, at our annual meeting, a very special prize will be given. September's door prize is a new fly rod, namely a Ross Essence FC. This is an 8'6" 5 wt. 4 piece rod. The tags are still on it. It has never been lined. The rod comes complete with sock and cordura covered Ross tube, as well.

Don't miss out on this drawing. Show your pride. One lucky member wearing their name tag will go home with a new rod.

New for 2017 - Early Membership Renewal Promotion!

By Bob Jimerson

We are going to try something new this year to encourage members to renew their memberships before the new year. Each year we spend a fair amount of time and money reminding our members to get their renewals in. This year we want to offer a reward to the members that renew before the end of the year.

Every member that renews their membership before the end of the year will have their name entered into a drawing for \$100. The drawing will be held at the January meeting and you do not have to be present to win.

Here are the details:

- Only renewing members are eligible for the drawing for \$100
- Members that renew in September will get four tickets for the drawing
- October renewals will get three tickets
- November renewals will get two tickets
- December renewals will get one ticket.
- Drawing will be held at the January meeting
- You do not need to be present to win.

We hope that this bit of encouragement will increase the percentage of members renewing before the end of the year and decrease the time and expense we have to expend next year rounding up membership renewals.

So bring you checkbooks to the September meeting and put yourself in the best possible position to win the \$100 by having your name drawn from the jar.

Raffle News
By Thomas Lamphere

Item #1. The first item on the table is a box of October caddis nymphs. With this massive caddis coming into season its time to get a few of the flies in your box.



Item #2. The second item on the table will be the adult version of the October caddis. This is a new pattern that we have found that works extremely well. Also passes for a termite in the salt for those of us that like to fish the dries for the SRC.



Item #3. With fall fishing coming and many of us hitting the rivers for steelhead and cutthroat such as the Cowlitz and the Yakima. Its good to have a few good streamers in your box. Some egg sucking and some not. So this one will be a mix of both. Yes its buggers but this version works extremely well for fall trout fishing.



Item #4. This is a donated fly rod and a line combo. I do not have a pic of this so I guess you will just have to come over to the table and take a gander at what it is.. ;)

Item #5 is the top secret item bought at the local fly shop. This item is from our local fly shop that I know is something that will peak interest in many of you. But the only way to know what it is is by stopping by the table.

Tickets. They are \$1 each or if your feeling lucky 6 for \$5..... or if your feeling really lucky you can stack the deck with a 12 for \$10 deal.

Library

We are looking to spice up the library a little bit. We are looking for new book and video that you think should be in the library. We will have a sheet of paper there for you to write down the title and if it's a book or video. So keep your eyes open for something that might peak your interest and let us know.

In the mean time, the next time you swing by the library look into books that are geared towards fall steelhead and maybe even winter fishing. Keep you mind open also for if you plan of making a trip next year to see if there is a book that can fit your needs.

Looking for help?

Are you trying to learn a new technique?

Looking for a fishing partner?

Do you need help with anything having to do with Fly Fishing?

Look no further!

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers has a group of knowledgeable folks who want to share their skills and are looking for folks who need help with everything having to do with Fly Fishing. If you are looking for someone to assist you we will make sure that a person with the specific skill you need help with gets in touch with you.

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HOT SCOOP

EDUCATION CORNER

I've had several requests for a class in introductory fly tying intended to help members become comfortable in that part of our hobby. Rueben Lamphere, a professional fisherman, guide and fly tier for many years, has volunteered to share his expertise with all interested members. You are invited to attend this very informative session where we can benefit from Rueben's skills in the art of fly tying.

The big meeting room has been reserved for September 17th where many of the questions you may have about tying your own flies will be addressed. The club has several instructors for fly tying and others who have tied professionally for fly fishing shops and still more who have tied several years for their own enjoyment of the sport. All of these backgrounds will be represented at the meeting and the intent is to provide a well-rounded education for the beginner as well as the seasoned tier. The program will include discussions of the tools used, the characteristics of the different materials used, a good "show and tell" of the various tying techniques and how they are used with the different materials. That is a very ambitious teaching goal but that isn't the true finish line.

Success will be when every new tier, including all who may have never previously tied a single fly, will end the program with at least two completely different kinds of flies that they have tied and can use them the next time they are on the water. Because this is intended as an introductory session, new tiers do not need to supply any tools, materials or pay for anything except their lunch. Each new tier will be matched with an experienced tier to help the learning and reduce the number of false starts and frustrations. It should be an easy education opportunity providing a different window to view the sport of fly fishing.

Date: Saturday, January 16th
Time: 9:00 to 12:00
Lunch: 12:00 in the Tower Lanes Restaurant

Members who are experienced in tying, bring your kit and a good variety of materials. Everyone interested should put this date on your calendar and anticipate having a new and different kind of fun.

If you would like to attend but missed signing up at the July meeting, please call:

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PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

The pen... a mighty tool

\$25.00 for a set of three 'Half Hitch' tools? A bit pricey, right? You know, the little brass round or hexagon rods with a couple different size holes in the ends! You'll only ever use two of them so....

Old plastic retractable ball point pen barrels work just as well and are free. Couple different sizes can be made by cutting down the pointy end.

60th Anniversary News

60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION

After much research of various venues, the Board approved the selection of The Emerald Queen Convention Center in Fife for our 60th Anniversary Dinner celebration. Please save the date of November 5, 2016 for this great event. Not many clubs can celebrate 60 years. We are still in the planning stage, but the venue is very good as a “one-stop-shop”. The folks are very nice to work with and their program will work for our needs.

I welcome one and all to join myself, and the Board to help plan this event, there is a planning meeting August 30, 2016 @ 6-7pm @ Tower Lanes. Please feel free to join us. We have a lot of talent in our Club, and we welcome any of your ideas to make this a memorial event.

More to come.

Mike Clancy

Hook, line and sinker

(but don't forget rods, reels, flies, vests, waders, slings, tippet, nippers, sunscreen, hats...)

Save your surplus gear for the Buy/Sell/Trade Swap Meet at the Puget Sound Fly Fishing Fair, July 29, 2017. Your garage will thank you, your wallet may expand a little and you could find that one item you've searched for years to find.

We're celebrating our 60th year as a club by hosting a fair to introduce fly fishing to the general community, and to support our fellow anglers with new tips, tricks and information. The event will be held at Pierce County's Environmental Services Building in Chambers Creek Regional Park right next door to Chambers Bay Golf Course. There will be a variety of demonstrations, guest speakers, vendors, displays, and special presentations for all levels of experience. Mark your calendar today for July 29, 2017.

Mike Koslosky

Fly Fishing Academy News

2016 NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy Closing Ceremonies

The 2016 Academy is in the record books as another great event for 20 Boys and girls. It's fun to watch them improve in their fly tying and especially their casting. Some have never had a rod in their hands before. Two years ago, we had a young lad, he had never touched a fly rod, and he won the casting contest. We had over 40 volunteers, 15 came from PSFF, thank you folks. The last thing we do is present the kids with "Certificate of Completion" for completing the event and we have a couple special awards.

The Bruce Ferguson Award – Presented to the individual who, during their week at The Academy, demonstrates the highest dedication to developing their fly fishing and conservation skills and who has demonstrated the most improvement in the practice of these skills. They are hereby highly commended for their efforts and are encouraged to continue their study and contribution to the sport. The award was presented by Bob Young (a friend of Bruce) to Hayden Williams, a truly delightful young man, with a smile on his face all the time.



Then it came time to call it complete. Rosendo Guerrero, Chairman of WCTU, presented to Tom, Jim and myself certificates from TU National in recognition of our participation in The Academy, and we three received recognition from The WCTU. We were very pleased to receive this recognition, but it's the volunteers, sponsors and instructors that make The Academy what it is today.

Thank you everyone – from Tom, Jim & Mike



“THE RED HUMPY”

Its that time of year where school is getting ready to start, preseason football is on TV, the evenings are a lot cooler and some of the trees are starting their run of fall colors. This is something that the dry fly fisherman thinks about (at least I do), we are past the summer peak and fall is knocking on the door. If I had dry patterns that I wanted to try for the first time, I know my time is limited. Hence “The Red Humpy”, I recently went fishing with a fellow club member (Mike Koslosky) a couple of weeks ago and it was perfect conditions for using a dry fly. I typically will tie on an Elk Hair Caddis or a Stimulator pattern. I did some research on this particular river prior to fishing it and read that this particular river that this pattern works well....come to find out it was true. Cutthroat Trout really like to leap out of the water for this fly. If you get a chance to fish this fly I recommend it, I have often overlooked it. The only downfall, keep a handful in your fly box, after one fish, they tend to destroy the fly beyond reuse.

Jason Bordash

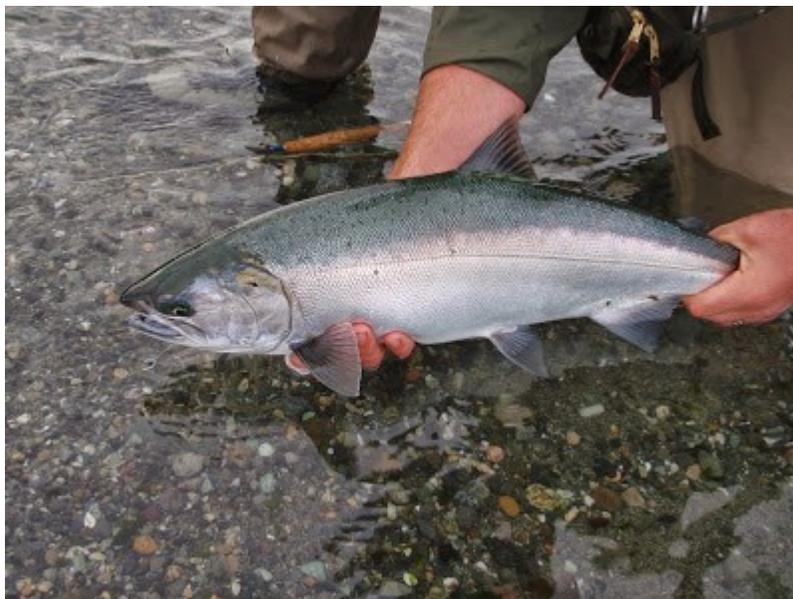


"Saltchuck September"

By Bob Triggs
www.searuns.com



Despite some pretty extreme heat days this summer, these late summer nights are growing ever longer and cooler. Stepping out into the evening darkness, under the starlight, I can smell the deep scent of the cooling air and falling leaves already. Much of this is due to the recent drought that has caused some of the leaves to fall early. But it's also true that autumn is taking hold now. Without looking at the calendar you could feel it. And the fruit and vegetable crops have been way ahead all year. Some of the insect hatches here, like the termites, have been a little ahead of the normal times as well. The Autumn Equinox is less than a month away now. So even though we may get some more hot days ahead, it won't last long. That new moon coming on for the 1st of September will set the stage for some great tides and fishing this month too.



We have missed the coho fishing this year.

Ordinarily I would be haunting the beaches from dawn to dusk at this time of year, fly fishing for the ocean-run coho that have provided me with so much good fishing for years here.

But perhaps no one else I know is as passionate about fly fishing for coho in Puget Sound waters as Jimmy Lemert, owner of the famous Patricks Fly Shop in Seattle. Last year he set out to catch 51 coho in the weeks leading up to his 51st birthday. And he did it!



Jimmy Lemert's 51st Birthday

This year they closed the Puget Sound region coho runs to fishing before the runs even showed up. And last fall they closed all of the runs early, once it was obvious that the runs had collapsed. I appreciate the effort. But I have to wonder if it couldn't have been avoided by instituting some more conservative measures to begin with, *years ago*. Yes, we know that poor ocean conditions, and the persistent *El Nino* we had for a few years, have played a major role in the diminished runs here. But a big problem is also that we don't have great enough numbers of fish to survive these events to begin with. It is axiomatic that if you want a lot of fish, you need a lot of fish to begin with. And once you lose them, it is very slow going to get them back. I am really missing the beach fishing for coho. There have been enough optimistic fishing reports in other areas around the region this year to give me the impression that these fish can rebound, given time. I don't think that we should be fishing for them right now at all. Think of it as an investment in the future, rather than as a sacrifice.



***Coho on a Miyawaki Beach Popper.
This is something worth protecting***

We can be grateful for the cooling weather ahead, as it will improve the fishing on the lakes and streams, and even on the saltchuck. Most of our rivers are still running low and warm, but this autumn cooling will help all of that too. Even so, we need that first good autumn rain to get things moving on the rivers again. Check the [fishing regulations](#) before you head to the coastal rivers this year, as some of the waters will close early to protect returning coho salmon. Even with the closures, you will find coastal cutthroat trout and summer-run steelhead out here on the Olympic Peninsula rivers.

One thing that I am grateful for is our wonderful, wild sea-run coastal cutthroat trout. And autumn is prime-time for these truly tough fish.



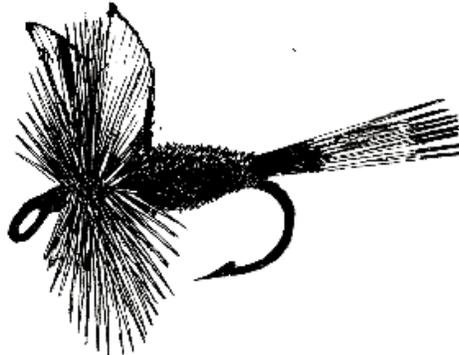
At over 24 inches this is the biggest autumn sea-run cutthroat I have ever caught here. But I have seen two others caught, also in the fall, that were bigger.

The next two months of fishing here are what we look forward to all year!

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month
September, 2000 – Coachman



SEPTEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH
The Coachman: 200 years of success

By Jim Abbs

Perhaps one of the oldest fly patterns still in use is the lowly Coachman, claimed by some to be an offering from a real-life coachman (caretaker and driver of horses on a coach in the 1800's) for his fly fishing English lord. While it was originally a wet fly (a class of flies not currently in favor), the original coachman appears to be the ancestor of many modern patterns.

If we adopt the perspective of Gary LaFontaine, a successful fly must meet elicit certain reactions from the fish. For a fly to work, it must first get the fish's attention. Secondly, it obviously is important that there be an illusion of a multi-faceted insect's body and living undulations of functioning segments to seal the deal and elicit a strike. These illusions are achieved in various ways in successful fly patterns. In the last ten years a number of materials have emerged via the modern miracle of chemistry to assist fly tiers in making their flies attention-getters and life-like. These include Krystal Flash, Flashabou, Sparkle yarn(s), Flash Chenille, Mylar Flash, Holographic Flashabou, Light Bright, etc. However, certain natural materials have been used for almost two centuries to do the same thing.

The original Coachman is a rather unspectacular pattern (to human eyes), but it has an essential feature, a body of wrapped peacock herl. Peacock herl seems to possess its own wizardry, seemingly because it has an iridescent quality that reflects light like many of the modern attention-getting synthetics... only better. Many fly fishing experts consider peacock to be a magic material, with a spectacular display of color and especially effective on bright days and bright water. From the coachman came the Royal Coachman, perhaps the most famous of all flies-at least to the lay public. And of course there are other coachman variations, like the Leadwing Coachman, the California Coachman, Hairwing Coachman

The effectiveness of peacock herl as a body material for flies is seen in the number of famous and still very popular patterns that use this material: These include the Royal Wulff, Renegade, Tellico nymph, Prince Nymph, Carey Special, Half Back, Coch-Y-Bondhu, Griffith's Gnat, Sureshot, Cluster Midge, Royal Trude, Lime Trude, and more.

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While it is outside the scope of this short article to describe how to tie all of these patterns, we will focus on the coachman in its dry fly form (apparently adopted from the wet pattern by Theodore Gordon - before 1875). The dry coachman provides the basic idea for the many other related patterns.

MATERIALS

Hook: Mustad 94840, Partridge L3A, or Tiemco 100 (sizes 8-20)

Thread: Black

Wing: White duck quill sections (a more durable wing is white calf tail)

Tail: Golden pheasant tippet feathers (original wet coachman was without a tail)

Body: Peacock herl (Royal Coachman has a center band of red floss - see Royal Trude)

Hackle: Brown or dark brown

TYING STEPS

1. Choose two white wing quill segments from the right and left wings of a mallard duck
2. (generally from the middle section of the feather).
3. Align the wing segments with the tips pointing away from one another. Lay the two segments toward the eye of the hook horizontally over the hook shank. The length of the wing from the tie-in point (2/3s the distance from the bend to the eye) to the tip should be equivalent to the length of the hook shank.
4. Tie the wings in place with no more than two turns of thread. Pull wings upward and wrap thread in front of them so they are vertical.
5. Wrap thread to the rear of the hook and tie in pheasant feathers for tail so they extend one hook shank length beyond the bend.
6. Tie in 1-3 strands of peacock herl with the ridge facing forward. Some suggest tying in a thin strand of wire to strengthen the body. Wrap peacock (and wire) forward to just in behind the wings. If you want to create a Royal Coachman, take a look at the body instructions for the Royal Trude, which include a red floss waist.
7. Tie in 1-2 brown hackles (with barbules of proper dry fly length) behind the wing and wrap both behind and in front of the wing. Tie off and trim excess.
8. Half-hitch or whip finish to complete the fly. Cement head and go fishing.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.
You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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				September 1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	8 PSFF General Meeting 6 PM	9 Outing - Mayfield Lake for Tiger Muskie	10 Outing - Mayfield Lake for Tiger Muskie
11 Outing - Mayfield Lake for Tiger Muskie	12	13	14 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	15 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	16	17
18	19	20	21 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24
25	26	27	28 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	29	30 Outing - Dosewallips State Park	

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2 Outing - Dosewallips State Park	3	4	5 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	13 PSFF General Meeting 6 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	20 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	21	22
23/30	24/31 Newsletter (24th) Deadline 5 PM	25	26 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	27	28	29

**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 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.