



## Leader Line

# Reality Check

My introduction to fly-fishing came in my late 40s, no spring chicken, but very able to bushwhack through terrain to reach a pristine creek or river or hike 3 miles with a float tube on my back to fish an alpine lake. My approach to fly-fishing and to life in general, has always been — keep moving, striving to stay upright and mobile. Well, things have changed as I've aged. My approach is now to ensure safety, comfort and continued success on the water.

In moving water I always use a wading staff which helps my stability and lessens my risk of falls. If I slip, that can be dangerous so I make sure to wear a wading belt to prevent water from filling my waders. Areas with strong

currents or slippery rocks are way out of my comfort level. Did I mention I don't swim! Ergo, my constant companion on the water is my life vest with a loud whistle attached. I remain a minimalist, even when fishing, so I make sure I haven't overloaded myself with too many fly boxes or equipment.

All my gear, including eyewear has been adapted to make things easier for me to fish. I also fish more from boats, float tubes and easily accessible shorelines; all this to reduce physical strain and to accommodate mobility issues. Meanwhile I (try) to maintain a fitness regime to support my fly-fishing adventures. These changes seem like a lot, but in my "mature years" I still appreciate the tranquility of being in nature and the beauty of fly-fishing. I intend to continue fly-fishing, prioritizing safety and comfort and focusing on the joy it brings me, rather than just on the catch.

**Next Meeting**  
**June 12**

**Dinner** 6:30 PM  
**Program** 7:30 PM

**Tower Lanes**  
6323 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

## Cady Lake

Have you been to Cady Lake? If not, you're missing out on a pristine, fly-fishing lake experience. If you've not been before, ask someone who's been there for specific directions. You might, like me, pass up the dirt access road to the lake. I can attest to lots of fish to catch.

Part of an agreement we have with the property owner is to retrieve a couple of wayward paddle boats that have floated away from his dock and filled with rain water. The boats need to be bailed out and returned to the dock or shore. Paul Fournier has generously volunteered to do this on **July 14**, but needs some helping hands and perhaps another boat to help tow. His info. is on our online membership directory. Please give him a call.

We will add more gravel to the parking area near the launch and to the road sometime in

September (right before the rainy season starts). Be prepared to lend a hand with landscape rakes to help spread the gravel.

Summer is just around the corner. Get outside and enjoy your Pacific Northwest beauty. Fit some fishing in, too (I know you will). See you on the water.



*Tess Frazier  
President*

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## Programs

### Giancarlo Lawrence

This month we welcome Giancarlo Lawrence also known as "The Blackstonefly". Giancarlo guides in the Southwest Corner of the state and works at Puget Sound Fly Shop in Tacoma.



Born and raised here in Washington state, he's been a Tacoma local for the past 20 years. He

began fly fishing around the age of 19. Captivated by the sport he began to fish every body of water he could in this state and many others. He's traveled all over the world to chase after different species on the fly. He's gained a love for sharing his passion with others and began guiding shortly after Covid.

He enjoys working with underserved communities on making the outdoors more approachable and accessible. In his words "I feel it's important share the outdoors and fly fishing with all."

Giancarlo will be talking to us about fishing the Southwest portion of Washington and the Centralia area.



*Mark Paul  
Programs*

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## Raffles

This month we will have a wide assortment of flies for all types of fishing. In addition, there will be a handmade 8 wt. rod and reel to get some lucky angler started on an inexpensive outfit for our semi-annual run of pinks. This will be made available by silent auction on the raffle table. More information about the builder and additional parts needed will be available during the social hour. Minimum bid will be \$50.

The Pink run usually starts in mid-July and runs into September. No need to bring a checkbook - Dennis accepts plastic!

Thanks to everyone for my first successful squares drawing. Great fun!

*Fred Olin  
Raffles*



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## Outings

## Greetings Members!

Fish are jumping, sipping and eating bugs this spring just in time for our next club outing at Lake Kokanee in Mason County on Tuesday **June 10**. This 103 acre lake has one boat launch for public use.

[Directions to Lake Kokanee boat launch from Tower Lanes, Tacoma](#)

I will be there by **8 AM**, please come when you can, the wind can kick up in the afternoon.

Shore fishing is limited so you will need a floatation device to access the lake. I have never fished it before, however, the word from club members indicates the fishing is pretty good for rainbows and kokanees.

What flies? I'm learning to bring a variety, you just never know what the trout will key into. Some new ones for me in my fly box to try: pumpkin head, ***magic*** brown balanced leech and a vampire leech.

What lines? If you can bring different types, like intermediate, floating and full sink (or more) you should be covered! It seems like that has been the case the last 2 lake outings I have attended!

### [LAKE KOKANEE INFO](#)

I hope to see you there!  
Warm regards,

Warm Regards,

*Julie Kelner  
Outings*



# Outings



## JANUARY

Watch the Forum for a FLASH outing  
(weather permitting)

## FEBRUARY

### The Fly-Fishing Show

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue  
Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16

## MARCH

### Sea Run Cutthroat

Oakland Bay, Shelton  
Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> Noon  
Oakland Bay Rec Area, WDFW Parking

## APRIL

### Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River: Whispering Pines Campground  
Cle Elum Friday-Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

## MAY

### Rattlesnake Lake

King County  
Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

## JUNE

### Lake Kokanee

Hoodsport, Mason County  
Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

## JULY

### North Fork Skokomish River

Staircase Campground  
Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>

## AUGUST

### Annual Club Picnic

11 AM – 4 PM  
Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Outing for **Pinks**, **TBA**

## SEPTEMBER

### Puget Sound Beach Fishing

TBA  
Saturday Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

## OCTOBER

### Cady Lake

Mason County  
Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>

## NOVEMBER

### Black Friday - Get Outside and Fish

**TBA**  
Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>

## DECEMBER

TBA – Watch the forum for a FLASH outing.

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## Education

### June

#### Fly Tying



*Rob Jensen  
Education*



This month's fly tying session will be held **Saturday, June 14 at 9:30-11:30 a.m.** at Tower Lanes. Join us to tie the Elk Hair Caddis. Originally tied to imitate the Green Caddis hatch, the Elk Hair Caddis has since been tied in a variety of wing, hackle and body colors to simulate different caddis and small stoneflies.

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## Membership

### Welcome to June 2025

Join PSFF! Visit [HERE](#) to complete the Membership Application Form electronically.

Or print the Membership Application PDF. After completing the form, either:

- i. Send by mail following the instructions on the form (please include check/money order)
- ii. Bring form to Dennis Beardsley at the next PSFF meeting (cash, check, money order, credit/debit, or Zelle)

To renew your membership, go to [HERE](#) to submit your dues.

### Welcome to New Members

No bios are available for new members this month, but reach out and introduce yourself to unfamiliar faces at the monthly meeting or outings.

Paid membership has reached 130!



*Joe Harrison  
Membership*

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### June Anniversaries/Years

Tom Fergin	7	Phil Oliver	9	Alan Yamashita	13
Graham Owen	8	Gene Rivers	9	James Lindsey	16
Rick Hulscher	9	Chris Johnson	10	Steve Saville	19

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## Let's Get Social

PSFF has an educational mission, and the best way to learn is to do. Experienced anglers- consider posting your outings on the forum for others to join in the fun. New members- consider posting on the forum for activities you have specific interest in learning more about (lake nymphing? saltwater? spey casting?) Let's connect on the forum and enjoy this beautiful place together!

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## Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Governmental Affairs

### WSCFFI Casting Fairs

The Council is investigating potential locations throughout the state for casting/fly tying fairs. Possibilities include Eastern Washington. Our president, Steve Jones, is visiting different locations and FFI clubs across the state. We're exploring for a fall event. Stay tuned.

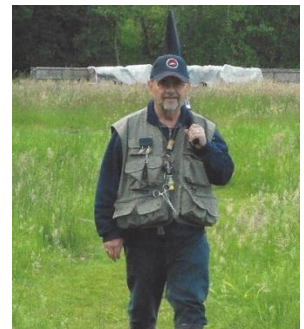
### NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

The Academy is ready to go. 18 boys and girls are enrolled for a wonderful, exciting event for a full week at Panhandle Lake 4H Camp West of Shelton June 21-28. The staff have done another incredible job in putting another program together. The participants are going to go home prepared to fly fish for the rest of their fly fishing years. I have been in contact with one of the past student and ghillie. He is now completing his doctorates and has been invited

to join the staff at Idaho State University. Believe me, that's just one story. I have received graduation announcements, marriage announcements and birth announcements. The majority of our young folks are absolutely amazing.

### The FFI website

I spent some time on reviewing the FFI website ([flyfishersinternational.org](http://flyfishersinternational.org)) and I was truly amazed on what I saw. Whoever is responsible for maintaining the website has done a wonder job. There's fly tying, casting, join FFI Woman Connect, become a casting instructor, join the fly tying group, get into FFI's conservation actions, view the FFI Learning Center and learn more. View casting instruction. Take some time to view the website, it's worth the time.



*Mike Clancy  
Legislation & FFI*

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## 2025 PSFF Officers & Committee Chairs

### Club Officers

President	Tess Frazier
Vice President	Rob Jensen
Past President	(vacant)
Secretary	Anne Stiffler
Treasurer	Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Mark Paul
Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	David Frazier
Director, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Richard Stone

### Committee Chairs

Conservation	Steve Knowles
Education	Rob Jensen
Email Editor	Merritt Kline
Facebook	Tim Bayliss
Legislation/FFI	Mike Clancy
Librarian	Tom Krugoff
Membership	Joe Harrison
Newsletter	Kara Jensen
Outings	Julie Kelner
Programs	Mark Paul
Raffles	Fred Olin
Website	Jason Hardt

# Having trouble accessing the Forum?

The forum offers current information for users on what to fish, where, and which patterns are hitting. Use the forum to post events, share resources, ask questions and organize outings around the area.

## Existing Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Select the Log In option (red box in figure 2), then enter your email and password
3. Once logged in, navigate to the 'PSFF Paid Members Only' tab on the upper right of your screen, which will take you to the forum

Figure 1

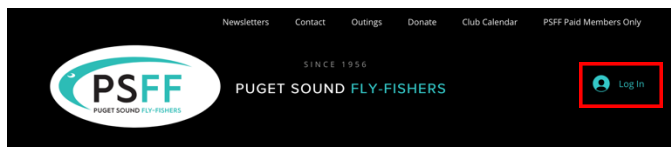


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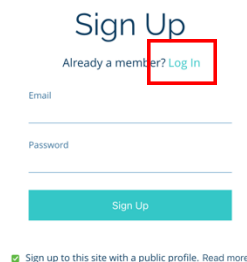


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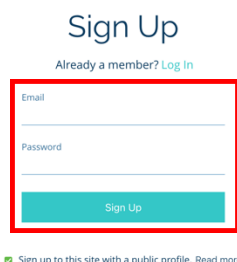
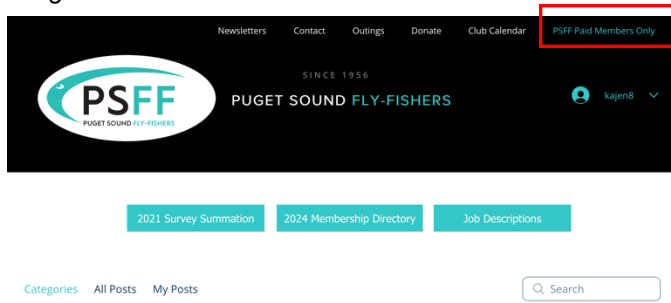


Figure 3



## Forum

Welcome! Have a look around and join the discussions.

## New Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Enter your email and a password, then click Sign Up (red box in figure 4)
3. You'll need to wait to be confirmed as a PSFF member. Check your email
4. Pay membership dues (see 'Membership', above)
5. Follow steps 1-3 (left) for existing members