



Leader Line

The Numbers Game

When fly-fishers use this phrase, it's usually in reference to how big and how many fish are caught. It means something completely different to my slightly ADHD personality. I've always needed to organize my approaches to most things in my life, including fly-fishing. It helps me track "the process." A sample of this is (for still water):

1. Inflate float tube
2. Load it with flies, tippet, food, water, incidentals
3. Check for fins, net, float tube apron, oars
4. Assemble fly rods
5. Rig up desired fly lines

6. Determine tippet
7. Select a fly or flies
8. Put rods in float tube! (I've left them leaning on a tree)
THEN ...
9. Put on my waders
10. Check for nippers, hemostats, hat, gloves if needed
11. Put on belt, life vest, sunscreen, polarized sunglasses

Seems simple enough, right? It took many times of realizing some forgotten item ...always AFTER I got on the water.

Numbers do play a vital role in fly-fishing: ambient temperature, water temperature, different depths of the lake, length to cast, wait time for your line to sink, your retrieve, the size of fly you use, etc. These are things long-time fly-

Next Meeting
September 12

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30
Program 7:15

fishers have ingrained in their brains. Nowadays I seem to always forget something when I go fishing, so I've returned to my mental lists of things to remember before getting on the water. After nailing down those numbers, I can concentrate on the other important numbers: How big are the fish and how many got in the net!

The weather has cooled slightly and made it more pleasant for the fish and us to be on the water. Get out there and get your lines wet before the temps heat up again; and it will. See you on the water.

Potluck Picnic

Our annual club picnic will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Steve Saville's family property at Dash Point. Join the fun and games, casting, friends and lots of good food. In years past we have been treated to views of orcas, ospreys and eagles. Bring your own beverages and favorite potluck dish. If your last name starts with A-M bring a salad or side dish; N-Z, bring a dessert. We will provide the BBQ'd meat and bottled water. Please RSVP to me if you are planning to attend so we'll know how much meat to order. I'll send detailed directions to Steve's family property. Look for our PSFF sign at the head of the driveway and another in front of the house. Parking is limited, but directions

will show additional parking nearby. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Reminder: We don't have a meeting in August. Next meeting is September 12.

Project Healing Waters provides veterans and service members support through fly-fishing instruction, classes and trips. PSFF has contributed financially to their upcoming 2-Fly Event on the Yakima River, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 13-15. They are in need of volunteers with boats and oarsmen familiar with the Yakima River. Contact the boat coordinator Bruce Tyson at bctyso19@comcast.net. Other volunteers are needed to help manage and/or shuttle vehicles, serve meals and engage with the veterans. We have PSFF members who have served their country. Please help PHW by volunteering. Contact Rick Davidson at richard.davidson@projecthealingwaters.org

End of Year Celebration Committee lead is Jim Baker. Contact him if you have ideas or would like to help with any of the planning for this event.



Tess Frazier
Club President

Outings

Tying One On at Eglon Beach

7 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21

Eglon is one of my favorite beaches in North Kitsap County for both sea-run cutthroat and — especially this time of year — coho.

High tide on Aug. 21 is at sunrise. As soon as the Sound starts dropping and the current starts streaming, the fish perk up and get serious about chasing food.

This is an east-facing beach, so be prepared for some sun in your eyes (assuming we don't get overcast skies, which would be a blessing).

Gear is pretty simple: In addition to waders, boots and net, bring a stout 6- or 7-weight rod with floating line or an intermediate tip. Floating allows you to try surface poppers — the Miyawaki Beach Popper or any variation of the Gurgler. Subsurface patterns are all over the map but you can't go wrong with a Clouser Minnow or other patterns that imitate bait fish. There are a ton of other patterns. Bring your favorites.



And bring a stripping basket if you have one. They can be hugely helpful in keeping your line clear in a current and when weeds are present. Casts can be short and into the shallows or long when reaching farther out to coho. Some folks even use a 4 or 5-weight spey.

We will be starting the day early. High tide is 9.9 ft at 6 a.m. (sun-

rise). We'll be starting high on the beach at 7 a.m. and follow the outgoing tide. Low tide is -1.3 feet around noon.

Eglon is about 5 miles south of Hansville, or an hour and 10 minutes from Tower Lanes. From Hansville Road, turn right onto Eglon Road (there's a caution light at the intersection). Eglon Road eventually makes a right turn. From there, the parking lot is about a half mile on the left side of the road.

Remember: Our scheduled outings are for members only.

Cedar River Report

There was a good turnout for our July 9 outing — 13 members wet their toes in the cool waters of the Cedar River. We mostly avoided the high temps by fishing from 7 to about 11 a.m. Some caught fish, some did not.

I believe everyone experienced the trout smolts whacking at their dry flies.

I was a little surprised how everything seemed to fall into place despite the last-minute changes I made to the itinerary. Much thanks to Rick McCabe who did some important scouting for me while I was away. We moved the location to one proposed by a fly shop; I moved the time to meet up from 9 a.m. to 7 a.m. to sidestep some of the heat wave. All good.

Here's a list of those Tess and I ran into on the water: Penny Mabbie, Jim Pickett, Julie Kelner, Rick McCabe, Darin Rich, Mark Paul, Gary Jordan, Joe Harrison, David Peel, Bryan Habeck and Rob Jensen.



*David Frazier
Outings Chair*

2024 Outings Schedule

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Eglon
Coho, SRCs: 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 21

SEPTEMBER

Cowlitz River
Hosted at John & Kathy Clark,
near Toledo
Cutthroat, Steelhead, Coho, Kings:
Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 17-19

Lake Kokanee
Trout: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25

OCTOBER

Pass Lake
Deception Pass State Park
Trout: Tuesday-Thursday,
Oct. 15-17

NOVEMBER

Beaver Lake — Sammamish
Trout: 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15

DECEMBER

Purdy
SRCs: 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13

Membership

Welcome to New Members

You will find below a short bio and picture of a recent new member to help you get acquainted with him. Please reach out and welcome Jason at the next meeting or outing he attends.



Jason Hardt – I grew up in Federal Way, lived mostly in the Seattle area up until about 10 years ago. I started fly-fishing in my mid-twenties. We had a family friend who lived in a small house on the Columbia River near Lake Lenice, and Crab Creek, so that's where I learned. Over the next few years, I'd fish the Yakima, hike and fish the Alpine lakes area, and occasionally splurge on a guided trip or two on the Deschutes (OR) or the Flathead (MT). Since

moving to Tacoma, I've been going after Searun Cutthroat and Coho on the beaches and I'm making plans to hit the Olympic Peninsula for some Steelhead as well. I'm a pretty deft kayak and paddleboard fisher too. I like fishing for smallmouth on poppers and someday hope to see a pike. I live in North Tacoma near Pt Defiance, and work in Finance for the University of Puget Sound, I have an amazing wife and three great step kids, and when the stars align, they'll fish with me too. I'm a shameful gear junkie, tie my own flies when I can, and I'm currently refinishing an old fiberglass canoe.



Joe Harrison
Membership Chair

Raffle News

We have a monthly raffle which provides members with chances to win great prizes and support club activities. We welcome donations of new or gently used fishing, camping or other related items. If you have questions regarding raffle donations, please contact Raffle Coordinator, Rachel Dagovitz, racheldagovitz@hotmail.com.

Need a receipt for your club donation, no problem. Just let me know.



Rachel Dagovitz
Raffles Chair

Anniversaries/Years June:

Brad Bates 1 Stacy Bates 2
John Corso 6

Washington State Council – Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI)

The Council is planning another Fly Fishing Fair to be conducted September 21, 2024 in Vancouver, WA. at Clark College. The Program will be similar to the Lake Ballinger event. There will be casting testing for Bronze – Silver – Gold at this event, along with fly tying and various other classes. Tim Rajeff agreed to be

our featured demonstration caster at lunch at the event this year. He will also be conducting an afternoon class. The FFI conducted a survey of the FFI members to learn how the members thought about conducting an event in Montana next year. I have attended a number of events supported by the FFI in

Montana, and they are a lot of fun, not only the event, but fishing in the area is wonderful.



Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI



2024 PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President: Tess Frazier
Vice President: Rob Jensen
Past President: Steve Saville
Secretary: Anne Stiffler
Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1st year: David Frazier
Director, 2nd year: Richard Stone
Director, 3rd year: Dennis Ehlers

Committee Chairs

Membership: Joe Harrison
Librarian: Tom Krughoff
Raffles: Rachel Dogovitz
Programs: Mark Paul
Education: Rob Jensen
Outings: David Frazier
Web Site Editor: Bryan Habeck
Newsletter Editor: Bryan Habeck
Legislation/FFI: Mike Clancy
Conservation: Greg Shimek

Having Trouble Joining the Members Only Forum?

1) Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in **Figure 1** and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Sign-up or Log-In form in **Figure 2**.

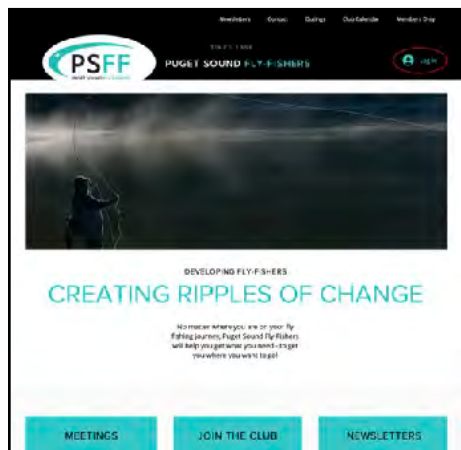


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

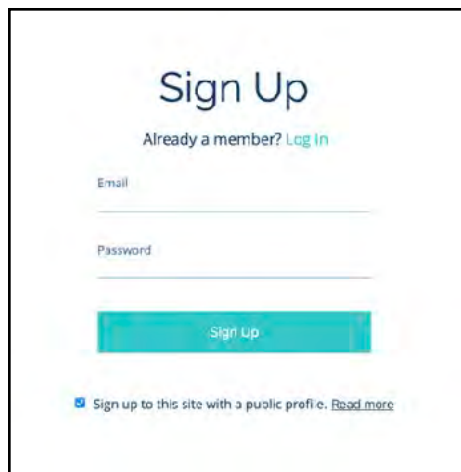


Figure 2

If you are registering as a new FORUM member, Sign Up first as shown in **Figure 2**. Enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done

that and have received confirmation that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access, then log in (clicking the teal type seen in **Figure 2**) and click on the Members Only link as shown in **Figure 3**.

3) Members Only will now be available to you

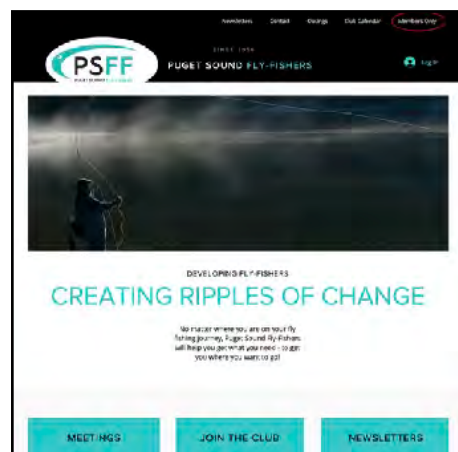


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

Explore the different categories of discussions and learn about where others are fishing, and what they're tying.



Figure 4