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*Time to give thanks for all the fishing opportunities we still have this year!*

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## November Program - ***Reading Steelhead Water***

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### **The Leader Line** **By Mike Koslosky**

By the time you read this many of the rivers and lakes in Washington have closed for the season. I'm sure the fish are breathing a sigh of relief. However, chum salmon are on the horizon, winter steelhead fishing is beginning to take shape, and the Sound is always open for business. Alternatively you can search for one of the many year 'round lakes in the area and hope that our abnormally hot summer hasn't par boiled all the trout. It's good to be in Washington. There are lots of waters to fish.

For those of you new to PSFF I encourage you to sign up to join the Yahoo Group site. We use this as a club centered message board to discuss outings, upcoming classes, tips on special flies for certain fisheries, photos of past outings to whet your appetite, and a place to ask questions of an audience having decades of collective experience. Instructions on joining are on the last page of the club newsletter.

November 7 is the last formal club outing for the year when we head to Allyn for sea run cutthroat and the chance to tie into any early arriving chum. Dan Carlton is gillie and he would love your participation. Contact him at [dbcarter@wavecable.com](mailto:dbcarter@wavecable.com). We start with breakfast in Belfair at 8am. If you have a boat and an open seat take along a new member or someone who wasn't been "offshore" yet.

Also this reminder - weekly fly tying is held at 7 Seas Brewery in Gig Harbor, and Puget Sound Fly Co. in Tacoma. Both start at 6pm with a specific pattern suggested each week. Ruben and Thomas Lamphere are the facilitators and you couldn't ask for better instructors. Tips and techniques are freely given and they are also reliable resources for where to fish, for what, and when. Beer is always present.

Another membership benefit to take advantage of is our extensive library of videos, and books. This free service gives you access to hundreds of titles and topics to improve your fly tying, enhance your fishing skills, learn a new technique, or research travel opportunities.

Membership renewals are beginning. Download the membership application from the website and fill it out so we have updated information on you. We know things change like email address, home phone numbers, personal addresses and some of your info may be years old and woefully out of date. Paul Fournier is handling Membership and will have applications for you at the November meeting. Still 40 bucks, still a deal.

## PSFF NEWS

*Our Next Meeting*  
Thursday, November 12th  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center  
6323 6th Ave.

### November Program

Aaron O'Leary, owner of Angler's Obsession, out of Forks, Washington, will describe his unique approach to reading water for steelhead, as well as talking about the how, when and where of fishing Olympic Peninsula (OP) rivers.

Aaron has guided for Steelhead, Salmon and trout for 7 years in Alaska and New Zealand and has spent the last eight years developing a successful business of his own. His program will cover his unique views on reading water (holding water, running lanes, fish traps, etc.) for half of the presentation, then will talk about flies, swinging techniques and strategies, nymphing and flies and finally the OP rivers. Aaron was a featured speaker at the Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show with a well-attended crowd that was quite pleased with what they saw and heard.

### December Program Teaser

In our December meeting Heather Hodson with Spokane Women on the Fly, will talk to the club about fly fishing from a women's point of view. She will also help us understand how we might recruit more women fly fishers into the PSFF membership.

**Remember to renew your membership!**

## FFF EVENTS

### FFF Events in 2015

Washington State Council  
International Federation Fly Fishers

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Outings News and Updates  
By Larry Vaughn

The last 3 of our scheduled outings for the year are coming up, with 2 Rivers and 1 Salt. Come join us for:

**Green River for Chum and Coho on Saturday, October 31.**

Gilly needed. If you'd like to volunteer or simply have knowledge of the Green please contact Larry Vaughn at [larrytvaughn@live.com](mailto:larrytvaughn@live.com).

**Our Annual Allyn Breakfast and search for Chum on Saturday, November 7 -**

For those not following PSFF's Yahoo Group mail, the venue has been changed to "JR's Hideaway Restaurant" in Belfair. HWY #3 near the Hood Canal turn for HWY#106. Coming from Belfair its on your left. Tell them you are with the PSFF group. Meet at 0800. For those wishing to try for Chum Salmon the Hoodspout Hatchery is the place to be. The last couple of yrs this has been a lot of fun.

**YES IT WILL BE CROWDED, and YES THERE WILL BE A LOT OF GEAR GUYS.**

But if you look around you can find a spot to cast a fly. The fish are right at your feet most of the time. PLEASE bring your 8 or 9wt rod. You want to get your fish in and not let it run all over other people's lines. If you can move away from other people and let them get back to fishing while you play your fish they will respect you more and everyone can catch fish.

If you go there with a boat look around and anchor up like all the other boats. Give everyone plenty of room. The fish swim in circle looking for the creek so just wait for them to come to you.

**Nisqually for Chum on Saturday, November 14.**

Gilly needed. If you'd like to volunteer or simply have knowledge of the Nisqually please contact Larry Vaughn at [larrytvaughn@live.com](mailto:larrytvaughn@live.com).

**Remember to renew your membership!**



## 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 worn very well. I recommend looking into these. Each will go separately.



Next is item number three. One of the two long-handle 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. A simple and elegant addition that all of us should cherish.

# HOT SCOOP

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## EDUCATION CORNER

**By John Brett**

Nobody has heard all the excuses for not landing a great fish, but everyone has heard this one at least once: "My knot failed." Sometimes there are more words in that sentence – usually adjectives describing the knot or our opinion of the usefulness of the particular knot. Our objective at the next education meeting will be to delete that excuse from our memory or at least seriously reduce the number of times we use it ourselves or hear it used by others.

There are less than ten knots that seriously affect our fishing successes. Some of these are used only once or twice a year and others are used several times whenever we are near productive waters. You may have used these knots and they have failed! Our Master Knot Instructor will show you how these knots may fail and how you can prevent this from happening in the future.

This meeting will be at the Tower Lanes meeting room and all you need to bring is an open mind, a desire to learn and some lunch money. The room is reserved for 14 November, with the fun starting at 9am and continuing till Noon. Don't forget to bring your lunch money.

## Membership News

### Renewals

Can you believe we are just about ready to wrap up another amazing year? We have fished, learned, traveled, been entertained and best of all made and enjoyed friendships. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers, thank you for choosing to be part of our club. Without members like you the club would not be the success it is.

The start of November brings membership renewal time. To make sure we have the most up to date information please visit [www.pff.org](http://www.pff.org) to

download the renewal form, print it and bring it to the November meeting. We will also have paper forms available. Renewal is just \$40. Our club is the strong because of you, our members. We can't thank you enough for being part of the club.

Next meeting is on November 12th at 6pm. See you there!

If you have any questions about membership or would like to join Puget Sound Fly Fishers contact me. Paul Fournier phone: 206-972-2513 or email: [pfournier@gmail.com](mailto:pfournier@gmail.com)



## PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Copper Wire

You hit the fly shop looking for copper wire. Holy moly, how can a couple yards of copper wire cost so much? Look around the garage and locate all the old lamp cords, extension cords, and electrical cords you have laying around. Here is your copper wire. One 8' extension cord has enough wire for more flies than you'll tie in a lifetime. Cut a 6" length and strip the insulation off all but about 1/2 inch near the center. This remains as a holder to keep it organized. Different cords have different size wires in them so check them all. No old wires lying around. Check out Home Depot or Lowes. Look at the ends of the wire they have and buy 6" of the ones with different internal wires. Lamp cord wire is especially good in it's different sizes.

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

by Mike Clancy, Co-Director

Twenty boys and girls enrolled in the Academy this year and 20 boys and girls graduated on June 27, 2015. We had another great group of kids. Of course, kids will be kids, and we had our moments, but we/they all survived. They all went home with books, flies, vest, hat, fly boxes, new rod and reel with backing, line and furled leaders. The furled leaders were purchased from The Fly Fisher at a very generous reduced price. The Fly Fisher in Lacey is a very good friend of the Academy. Bjorn goes out of his way to take care of these kids. These boys and girls now have the basics for their future in fly fishing.

Now it's time for Jim Brosio, Tom VanGelder and me to thank all the folks that made this event possible. The members of the South Sound Fly Fishers, the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and the Olympia Chapter of TU deserve all the credit for putting this event on. The casting instructors were there for 3 days, working with these kids. The fly tying instructors spent 2 whole days with the kids. Instructors lecturing on various conservation subjects spent hours, not only teaching, but preparing for their time in front of the kids. To me, this is genuine dedication to the future of our future fly fishers. All the guides that accompanied the kids for fishing at the pond and the river at bright AM and late PM. Thank you to the Gillies that were responsible for getting the kids to whatever/ wherever they were to be. And we need to thank all the TU Chapters, FF Clubs, business organizations and individuals for the financial support to make this event happen. Thanks to the staff for their dedicated service to make this work. I have purposely not mentioned any names, you know who you are and I don't think you're looking for any medals.

So now we prepare for 2016. We will no longer have a staff for The Academy, we now will have a Team, so please consider joining the Team next year in organizing 2016.

## **Gig Harbor Fly Shop Fishing Report**

**Puget Sound** - Plenty of Coho still milling around out there as of earlier this week, much larger fish are starting to show up indicating that this will probably be the last push of coho entering the south sound. We have started to see the early run of Chum salmon showing up and we are getting excited to start chasing them around the estuaries and in the rivers! Cutthroat fishing is as good as it gets and I personally think this is the best time of year to try to target the biggest cutthroat in the Puget Sound. We are still finding our larger Cutthroat in deeper water about 15-20 ft deep however we have been hitting plenty of big fish off the beach. I suspect the fishing will hold strong for Cutthroat till mid-late December.

### **Rivers -**

River fishing for salmon have been picking up in the last couple of weeks with some nice king and coho salmon hitting the net. There has been some closures in the Gray's Harbor area drainages so be aware of that. Watch those river flows, because with the amount of coho out in the salt, I have to imagine those rivers will reopen soon!

### **Yakima River -**

October Caddis are getting people excited on the Yakima River, but the report from Worley's is that we should keep Blue Wing Olives and Callibaetis dries and nymphs handy. The blue and silver Lightning Bugs have been working well in a size 20 and 18. When you feel like switching it up, an orange Stimulator is always a great pattern for October Caddis and has a familiar profile to when they were hitting hoppers and stones!

### **Lakes -**

Lake fishing has been hit or miss, some of our western Washington lakes have been getting hit with some "toxic algae" warnings however most of our bigger lakes with holdovers have been fishing fairly well throughout the fall. Admittedly, with all the saltwater and river fishing I have not been focusing on the lakes at all, however this is my favorite time of year to strip some big streamers and catch the elusive brown trout that hang in a select few lakes in Western Washington.

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# Photo Essay's

## Larry's trip to the Methow



Dawn breaks



Beauty!



On the water



A fish!



Where's the fish?  
I'm waiting here!



I'll get it!

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## Netting at Hoodsport



No sport fishing today!



Pull harder!



Time for the hard work to start.



Oh, yes!



Waiting their turn.



"Net" results.



There are fish!

My take on this is that they earn these fish! I got to see the whole process, and it's a LOT of work. Right now it's only 2 days a week (Tuesday & Thursday) so plan accordingly.

Dennis Ehlers

# *Fly of The Month (flashback)*

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month  
**November, 1999 –**  
**THE WONDER FLY---HUMPY, GOOFUS BUG OR HORNER'S DEER HAIR?**



## **Comments by Jim Abbs**

Quite a while back---about 60 years ago claimed the legendary Charlie Brooks---some California trout anglers ran out of their favorite clipped deer hair fly, the rat-faced McDougall while fishing California's Hat Creek-Rising River area. As many know, the Rat-faced McDougall has a body of clipped deer hair and it floats like a cork in big western water. These particular California anglers were described as having limited fly tying skill and were unable to duplicate the clipped deer hair body of the store-bought McDougalls. To get the desired floatability, they devised a way of folding the buoyant deer hair over the hook---fore to aft---creating what has now become called the Humpy.

Actually at one time or another, this fly was called the Goofus Bug by Dan Bailey of Livingston Montana and the Horner Deer Hair Fly in California---after famous California tier Jack Horner. This fly apparently was first called a Humpy---or Wonder Fly--- in the waters around Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Speaking from experience, the Humpy is simply is deadly on big western waters, seemingly due to its high profile and because it is virtually unsinkable. Anyone visiting fly shops in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho will find the Humpy available in many colors and sizes, from #10 down to #18. Its effectiveness also is demonstrated by the fact that it is given high marks in many serious books on western trout fishing, by Brooks, by Dennis, by Matthews, by Fong and others, and because there are a number of variations on the basic humpy theme, including Royal Humpy, Yellow Humpy, a Black Humpy, Humpy Trude, Poly Humpy, etc.

In addition, this fly is not limited in its use for big western trout, but also works well on both bass and panfish. Dave Whitlock in his book on Fly Fishing for Bass, specifically includes the Humpy in his fly box selection.

A final reason for adding the Humpy to the FFF Fly of the Month patterns is that it is relatively easy to tie and does not require super expensive materials.

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## **MATERIALS**

- **Hook:** Standard dry fly hook-Mustad 94840 (some suggest a heavier hook for bigger flies like the Mustad 7957B).
- **Thread:** Monocord, in red, yellow or green
- **Tail:** Natural deer hair, although a western version of the fly by Dennis uses elk leg or moose body hair
- **Body:** Deer hair or elk hair
- **Wing:** The tips of the hair used for the body are tied forward and back for the wing
- **Hackle:** Brown and grizzly mixed.

## **TYING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Lay a base of thread on the hook shank. Tie in the deer hair or moose body fibers for the tail, with the butt of the fibers extending to the mid-point from the eye to the hook bend and a tail length the same as the hook shank. End with your thread at the middle of the hook shank.
2. Select a clump of deer hair with a cross-sectional thickness of a wooden matchstick (for a #12 fly) and line up the tips with a hair stacker. The deer hair should be long enough to extend from the middle of the hook shank beyond the tail (remember that this clump of hair is both the body and the wings when folded back).
3. Trim the butts of the deer hair clump to make sure they are exactly at the center of the hook shank and tie them with increasing tension back and forth from the middle of the shank to the bend of the hook. Continue this back and forth wrapping until there is no remaining deer hair showing. End with your thread at the middle of the hook shank.
4. Grab the tips of the deer hair clump and bring it forward, yielding the hump of the humpy. Twist the clump of hair slightly to bring the fibers together and tie them down just beyond the point where the butts are secured. Take 2-3 turns to secure the hair well.
5. Fold the tips of the deer hair backward to a vertical position and wrap thread in front to keep them upright.
6. Using a figure eight criss-cross pattern with your tying thread, divide the hair tip wings.
7. Tie in two hackles, a brown and a grizzly of appropriate size and wrap them both in back of and in front of the wing. Tie off, cement and head toward some big water in Montana or Wyoming.

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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November 1	2	3	4 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	5	6	7 Outing: Allyn for Sea Runs
8	9	10	11 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	12 PSFF Mtg 6:00	13	14 Outing: Nisqually for Chum
15	16	17	18 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	19 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	20	21
22	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24	25 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00 (?)	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

		December 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	12
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20	21	22	23 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00 (?) Newsletter Dead- line 5 PM	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00 (?)	31 New Years Eve		

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.