



**September 13th Meeting
Speaker, Chester Allen**

September 2018

Leader Line | Greg Shimek

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am very weary of all the forest fire smoke. The smoke has settled over a number of streams that I like to fish, making it very unpleasant to try and fish them. I'm hoping for a change in wind direction to clear things out. The beaches are not much better. Hopefully things there will improve as it is about time for some very good Coho fishing off the local beaches to start up. If you have not tried fishing off the beach for Coho you are missing out on some exciting fishing. I would recommend a 7wt or 8wt rod, a saltwater reel with plenty of backing and either a floating or intermediate line. These fish are not leader shy so a 7½ 15 lb. tapered leader is just fine. Maybe a bit longer for a floating line. Most baitfish patterns work very well. Clousers, Shock and Awes, and Deceivers are good underwater patterns. For top water patterns, the Miyawaki Popper, Gurglers and a Titanic are good choices. If you do not tie your own flies, your local fly shop can help you with many great patterns. I hope many of you will give this fishery a try this year.

For those of you who did not attend the annual PSFF picnic, you missed a wonderful day. Thanks to Steve Seville for his generosity of allowing us to use his beautiful property overlooking Puget Sound. It was set up beautifully for our enjoyment. Thanks also to Mike Seville who served as "Chef Extraordinaire" who prepared all the delicious barbecued meats. One last thanks to Alan Yamashita who helped with the picnic setup and teardown. Those of us who were there had a wonderful time, dining, casting, laughing, exchanging fishing information and just sharing in the camaraderie of fellow fly fishers and their families enjoying each other. I believe that is a big part of being a member of PSFF. All who attended just wished more members would have joined us.



Outings Update

by Mike Koslosky

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At the July meeting it was encouraging to see that so many of you members have been fishing with your buddies, family, or just heading out there all on your own. As a result, and based on your feedback, Walter and I have chosen to focus our efforts on four major multi-day outings as we move into the future instead of the four outings per month that we previously scheduled.

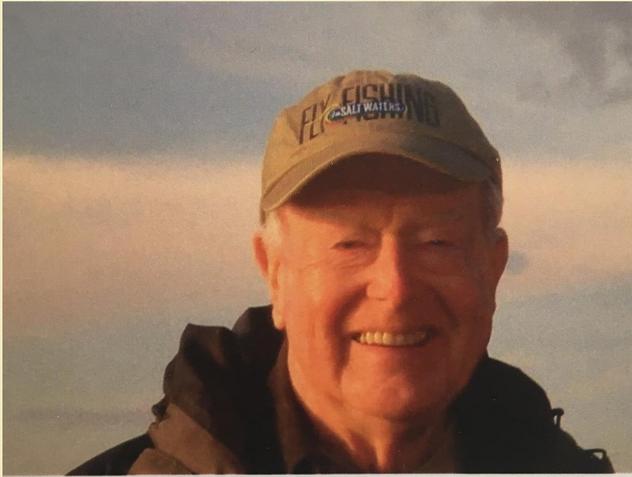
We already have Park Lake locked down for next May and John and Cathy Clark have offered us their ranch and a Cowlitz River float for next summer. That trip also includes an outing to Coldwater Lake at the foot of Mount St. Helens.

We are soliciting your input for two additional multi-day outings that will round out the schedule for the year. All options are worth consideration so put on your thinking cap and let us know what you are interested in. Great fisheries await us in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and even B.C.

Email either Walter or me with your suggestions. In the meantime, it's Fall so get out there and tackle some SRC's in the salt, hit your favorite lake while the residents fatten themselves for the winter, or try a new fishery for a change of pace.



Club Member Mike Koslosky
and his Alaskan Humpy



Bruce Ferguson

NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY 2018

The Bruce Ferguson Fund - Who was Bruce Ferguson? To all new members of PSFF Club, Bruce Ferguson was a member of The Puget Sound Fly Fishers and was President in 1970-1971. He was very active with our Club with many Conservation projects, led by Bruce. He was a leader in the sport of fly-fishing in saltwater, co-authoring *Fly Fishing for Pacific Salmon I and II*. He received numerous awards and was a representative at the U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty organization.

Before Bruce's passing on January 10, 2011, it was his wish that all his fly fishing equipment be sold to members of the fly clubs in the NW. Joe Uhlman and Bill Ludwig would load up Joe's van and visit clubs in Western Washington to sell Bruce's possessions. It was a good opportunity, occasionally for me to join them to promote The Academy. The Fund was established in 2011 to sponsor 2 youth each year attending The Academy in the amount of \$1000.00 (2 @ \$500) each year until the funds were depleted. The total amount raised by Joe and Bill amounted to an amazing amount of \$8966.00. The PSFF Board accepted the responsibility of distributing the Funds each year. We will have one more year for The Ferguson Fund before it's depleted.

The awards criteria for The Bruce Ferguson Award: "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."

There is another fund "The Alan Harger Fund" maintained by the South Sound Fly Fishers in Olympia.

Hi – I'm Mike Clancy along with Jim Brosio, we're co-directors of The Academy, Jim has been on the Board since the beginning, I celebrated my 10th year this past year. Jim and I assumed the responsibility of The Academy in 2008 after Dick Nye, the Founder retired. Dick deserves all the credit for founding The Academy. If it wasn't for the support we receive from Clubs like SSFF, PSFF, TU Chapters, and FFI, individuals and local businesses, it would not happen. Mike

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September 13th Speaker
Chester Allen

Most of Western Washington is dotted with little lakes. They're everywhere. Just about all of them have large populations of largemouth or smallmouth bass. Yeah, Washington is steelhead country, but these lakes are fishable before work, after work and even on your lunch break. The best news of all is that many of these lakes get very little fishing pressure. Look at a map of the Northwest. Yeah, you see lots of lakes all over the place, and, yeah, those lakes usually have bass. There is no better way to have an hour or so of fun almost every day than to fly fish your local bass lake. You'll need some special flies and tactics, but your heavy trout rod -- a 6 weight or 7 weight will work. And all that casting practice will set you up nicely for the weekend trips to the Yakima River or your favorite steelhead run.

Chester Allen has been fly fishing for 49 of his 57 years on this watery planet. He was outdoor columnist for The Olympian for seven years -- you may also remember seeing some of his writing in the Tacoma News Tribune. Chester is addicted to angling, so he has to do it daily. That means haunting sea-run cutthroat beaches for more than a decade. His book, "Fly Fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat," came from all those stolen hours on Puget Sound. He has fished Yellowstone National Park since the 1980s, and his newest book, "Yellowstone Runners," explores the fly fishing for the big rainbow and brown trout that swim up the Madison River in Yellowstone Park each fall. Chester is currently executive editor of Sports Car Market magazine, and he also contributes columns to <http://www.midcurrent.com>. Chester splits his time between Portland, OR and Hood River, OR, but he makes frequent trips to South Puget Sound to pester the sea-run cutthroat.

PSFF Member Anniversaries

Member	Years	Member	Years
Michael A Costanza	7	Joseph Riordan	7
Ben Dennis	3	John Shouse	7
Jim Dillon	2	Robert St. Cyr	2
Dan Drake	10	Curt Stoner	1
Connor Erickson	4	Gary Urban	11
Keith Erickson	4	Catherine Walters	1
Walter Hodges	6	Bob Weinberger	6
Greg Lease	4	William Wheeler	7
Allan Moore	2	Quentin Yeager	4
Nick Rajacich	28	Tawna Yeager	4



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL - REPORT FOR PSFF – BOISE 2018:

The FFI Fly Fishing Fair was held August 6-11 in Boise, ID. The fair was well organized, well attended and overall a very fun event. One of the pleasures of attending these FFI events is visiting with friends that I have made over the years. The fair was held, at the Boise Centre in downtown Boise ID, a wonderful facility with an amazing casting pond. The vendors were happy with their sales and the fly tying demonstrations were presented well. Overall, I think it was a successful fair.

Again this year I participated in the Youth Camp. It was a little different this year because of the poor weather. The weather conditions did not allow us to do any activity outdoors, on the river or casting. Temps were over 100 degrees during our event, no way could we take the kids outside. So we conducted our casting in one of the ballrooms, which worked quite well, no wind. One caster hooked their fly line on the sprinkler faucet in the ceiling. We had to call hotel operations to release it. Didn't want to pull on it and set off the system. I want to thank all of the volunteers, all of the casting and fly tying equipment were supplied by the academy and our academy has now enjoyed national recognition with the Fly Fishers International.

My friend Robert Gerlach, did an amazing job instructing the kids with casting. Robert also helps Jim and I at the Academy. Robert's cell phone casting routine is amazing. Additionally, Mike Koslosky did his wonderful "Match The Hatch" program. The other instructors were from all over the USA.

At the FFI event, I was honored to receive "The President's Award" metal for my contribution to the FFI over the years. But, there was another award I humbly received, the "Lew Jewett Memorial Life Award". The award is presented to an individual who, but not necessarily, is a non-professional who has promoted the sport through youth education. I want to share this award with all the volunteers that participated with me in the youth programs. Such as, Jim Brosio, he also deserves to receive this award.

The youth programs are 'over' for this year; we will start again in January with meetings, letters and conversations. Thank you all for your support for our youth to our sport of fly fishing. See you in 2019. Mike

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Ahhhh . . . September!

By Bob Triggs

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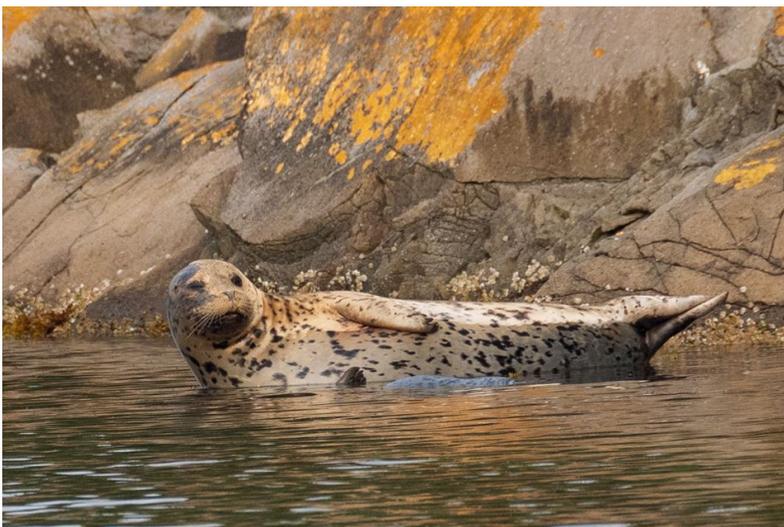


A late summer sea-run coastal cutthroat trout. Just under 20 inches. Photo credit: Mauro Regio

As I write this, we are in the last week of August, enjoying a respite from the heat and smoke filled air that has plagued us for many weeks. Currently, there are forest fires burning in every corner of the Pacific Northwest. Luckily, there are none burning near us. As the end of summer approaches, we are beginning to get some cooler days, and shifting breezes bringing cooler onshore airflow. The air and water are cooling. The Coho and Chum salmon are running. And the Sea-run trout are on the feed. I am focusing on fishing the Saltchuck River for now. We see some of the biggest sea-runs of the year, from right about now, through October. I expect to see a few big bruisers on any day of fishing. Last Friday, was no exception, sunny blue skies and cool breezes all day as we fished our way along the shoreline, rowing the dory, and casting to the shallows, hitting and catching some nice trout everywhere we fished. That's a harbinger of autumn to hang onto.

Marine Area 9 will remain open through September. There are a few fish being caught daily from area beaches. The Coho are not seemingly plentiful this season, but they are robust. It's been a few years since we have seen them this fat and healthy. Ocean conditions are improving.

September and October may well be my favorite time of year here on Olympic Peninsula waters. As the waters cool, and the rains return, and the fish begin feeding more, and the big October Caddis hatches begin around the autumn Solstice, providing more fishing options. It is also time to return to the rivers. Summer run Steelhead and Sea-run cutthroat will be active in the rivers. Autumn dry line fishing at its best!



A mother seal with her newborn pup. Photo credit: Mauro Regio

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9	10	11	12	13 PSFF Monthly Meeting 6-9pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 PSFF Board Meeting 6-9pm	21	22
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Puget Sound Fly Fishers

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 fly fishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage fly fishing 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 fly fishers, 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.

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 \$45 per household per year plus a one time (\$15 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

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