

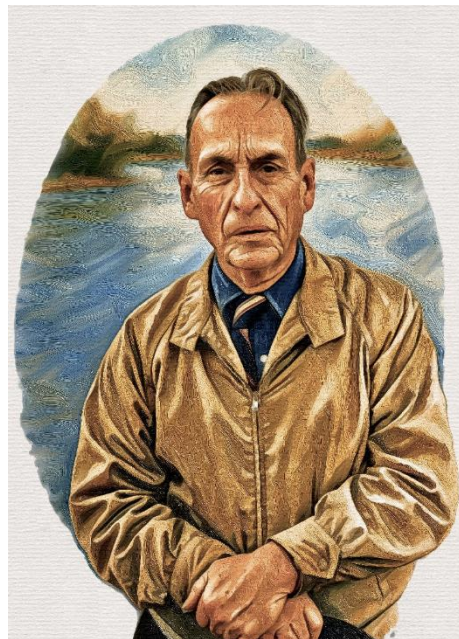


LEADER LINE

A River Still Runs Through Us

Fifty years ago this year, a retired English professor from the University of Chicago published his first novel, a slim semi-autobiographical story about his brother Paul and fly-fishing. The undercurrent was about our inability to save the people we love from their own worst instincts, no matter how hard we try. Set in and around Missoula in the 1930s, the Depression — whether upper or lowercase — was implied.

You may have read Norman MacLean's novella. More likely, you've seen the Oscar-winning film from 1992, directed and narrated by Robert Redford, eventually known as "that damn movie." We loved having a cinematic love story about our niche sport.



Next Meeting
JUNE 11

Dinner
Program

6:30 PM
7:30 PM

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

LEADER LINE (continued)

But seemingly overnight our humble little sport exploded from the cultural shadows like a demented rainbow trout hitting a Bunyan Bug Stonefly Number Two. In Montana alone, annual sales of non-resident fishing licenses sky-rocketed from 160,000 before the film to over 350,000. Culturally, the film led to a welcome demographic spread. At the same time, the sport came to be less a recreational pastime than an aspirational lifestyle. Conservation awareness spread. Clean water and stream access laws finally gained traction. And homey fur-and-feather fly shops everywhere transformed into gentrified purveyors of new materials that would have been laughed off the water in days gone by. Fly-fishing businesses began using the word “industry.”

For many, the book is an elegy for a lost outdoors, at a time and place that continues to strike a nerve. We are still entranced by two of the best opening and closing lines in literature: *“In our family, there is no clear line between religion and fly fishing”* and *“I am haunted by waters.”*

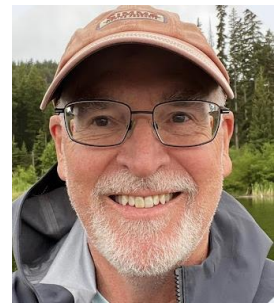
Between those literary bookends is enough wisdom to last a lifetime:

“It is not fly fishing if you are not looking for answers to questions.” Such perspective — active meditation in the natural world —

defines our sport. Today it’s hard to believe that finding a publisher for “River” was an uphill battle. The book was too short. The new 73-year-old author was an academic. It was a tragedy about men. And just what the hell is fly-fishing, anyway?

“A River Runs Through It and Other Stories” became the first imprint of The University of Chicago Press. Glowing reviews from fly-fishing writers quickly created a demand for the initial printing of only 5,000 copies. Word spread quickly. Since 1976, the little book that could has had more than 20 printings, with about 2 million copies sold and translated into more than 20 languages. The author approved Redford’s adaptation but died two years before the film’s release at the age of 87.

“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world’s great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs.”



David Frazier
President

Are You Ready?

Ask not what your club can do for you, ask what you can do for your club. Have you ever thought about taking the next step in your involvement in PSFF? Consider one of several leadership positions that come open from time to time. Ask around. Volunteers agree they get as much if not more out of their positions as they put in.

Let’s talk!

By the end of this year, PSFF will have key committee chair vacancies that provide so much for its members: Newsletter Editor and 1st year Director. To learn more about these opportunities, go to PSFF.org and click “More” at the top of the home screen. Select “Roles and Responsibilities,” which provides a list of PDFs that outline the duties. Or click [HERE](#).

- David Frazier

PROGRAMS

RICK HAFELE



Rick Hafele has a Master's degree in aquatic entomology and a minor in fisheries biology, and has worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 40 years. As a fly-fishing writer Rick penned the *Entomology* column for American Angler magazine for 30 years. He also co-authored *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* with Scott Roederer (Johnson Books, 1995), *Western Mayfly Hatches* and *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* with Dave

Hughes (Amato Pub), *Nymph Fishing Streams and Rivers* (Stackpole Books 2006), plus *Seasons for Trout* and *Tactics for Trout* (Stackpole Books 2014) co-authored with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris. His newest publication – *Rick Hafele's Favorite Flies and How to Fish Them* - is available in paperback or kindle format through Amazon. Instructional DVDs to Rick's credit include *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*, the four DVD series *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*, plus *Basic* and *Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*. For many years Rick has shared his knowledge with fly fishers through books, articles, DVDs, slide shows and seminars. More info on his website at www.rickhafele.com.



Tim McKey
Programs

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

June: Fly Fishing Destinations

At the June meeting the library will feature all the books we have about fly fishing destinations, emphasizing the lakes and rivers of the Pacific Northwest. As always, you can look at the library spreadsheet on the web site and reserve ahead of time any title that you would like to check out.

Please remember the library guidelines when checking out books: *Check-out privileges are for members only. *Please fill out the library card with your name & date and drop the card in the "catch and release" basket. *Books are due two months after the check-out date.



Tom Krughoff
Librarian

RAFFLES

The June raffle is aiming for Father's Day - buy yourself a gift you really want! We will have a silent auctions for a SIMMs shoulder equipment bag and a never used Gloomis 7wt rod with Rio WF71 saltwater line. Lots and lots of flies and tying materials and auxiliary equipment for the ticket buckets.

The free table will have a custom bait casting rod, pole holders for plunking and another set for bobber bait fishing.

A float tube and chest wader w/ felt boots are available - contact me if you're interested. (360)509-9478



*Fred Olin
Raffles*

OUTINGS

Hello Members and Friends,

JUNE 23 – Cedar River

Our June 23rd outing will be at the Cedar River in King County. Following our May speaker's presentation, this is a great opportunity for members to fish this location together. I will post the meeting point by the June 11th meeting. This will be a wonderful walk-and-wade opportunity before the flows decrease.



JULY 18-19 – Naches River

The outing for July 18th and 19th will be on the Naches River. I have reserved a campsite at the Kaner Flat Campground: [LINK](#) to have a central meeting point at site #34. If you want to camp there I would recommend making reservations ASAP. The recreation.gov website has all the details. More information to follow in the next month.

Regards,



*Julie Kelner
Outings*

Outings



JANUARY

Watch the Groups for a FLASH outing
(weather permitting)

FEBRUARY

The Fly-Fishing Show

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15th

MARCH

Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River – Whispering Pines Campground
CleElum Friday-Sunday April 24-26th

APRIL

Cady Lake

Mason County
Saturday April 18th

MAY

Lake Kokanee

Hoodsport Mason County
Wednesday May 20th

JUNE

Cedar River

Auburn WA
Tuesday June 23rd

JULY

Naches River

Campground on River
July 18th & 19th

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic

11 AM – 4 PM
Saturday August 15th

Hood Canal Watershed

Womens Outing Dosewallips
River
Tuesday August 18th

SEPTEMBER

TBA

Saturday September 19th

OCTOBER

TBA

NOVEMBER

Black Friday - Get Outside and Fish

WDFW stocked lake of choice

Friday November 27th

DECEMBER

Watch the Groups for a FLASH outing
(weather permitting)

CONSERVATION

Greetings! I hope all of you have been getting out and enjoying some excellent spring fly fishing.

For the past 6 months I've offered various volunteer options for your consideration, as well as introduced you to a number of local organizations that are working to protect and enhance the habitats that affect our water systems and associated fisheries. The number of organizations doing this type of work is truly impressive, yet it's daunting to identify a focus or two to ensure a measurable difference.

I have a few questions for you:

- 1. Is this information useful to you?**
- 2. How can I improve the conservation focus for the club?**
- 3. Do you have any conservation topics that you are passionate about that I should emphasize more?**

I've been trying to figure out how to make the most of the conservation role, and I realized I could use some direct feedback from you, the membership. And please note you can't offend me!

One idea that I've not delivered on yet is to identify a core conservation goal for the club to consider. A number of years ago the club got behind the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition when it was formed. This is an example of the kind of focused effort that I am considering. Any ideas for such a focus are welcome.

Feel free to leave comments in the Conservation Group on the Forum.



Steve Knowles
Conservation

MEMBERSHIP

June Anniversaries/Years

Tim McMullen (8)
Graham Owen (9)
Rick Hulscher (10)
Phil Oliver (10)
Gene Rivers (10)

Chris Johnson (11)
Alan Yamashita (14)
John Brett (16)
James Lindsey (17)
Steve Saville (20)



Joe Harrison
Membership

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: OUR NEW PSFF WEBSITE

As you may have heard, the Board of Directors has voted to move PSFF.org to a different vendor — from Wix to ClubExpress. There are a few good reasons, not the least of which is to provide a smoother experience for our members and those trying to join online. The move should also make life easier for those tasked with keeping our website up to date.

As its name implies, ClubExpress specializes in creating websites for clubs like ours. They understand that not all clubs and associations are made up of volunteers with IT expertise. We're hoping to have the revamped site up and running within a couple of months. Until then, PSFF.org will remain the same. We are currently busy migrating content to ClubExpress and providing design recommendations. The transition provides us with the opportunity to improve the architecture of our unique content, as well as letting us emphasize what's most important to our members.

Navigating our new design should be intuitive and functional. Our plan is to have two home pages. The first would be for the general public who are interested in getting basic information about us. That page, PSFF.org, would have perhaps only two links available on it — one where the public can join the club and one where members can log in. This second home page will be for members only. It will be rich with links to all of our familiar content — event calendars, newsletters, outings information, a new forum section and useful archived information.

Plus, we'll be able to add some “widgets” (mini-application shortcuts) that will allow us to check current weather, stream flows and tides, all from one page.

To improve our “clubiness,” we'll be emphasizing the importance of putting each member in charge of their own profile. And we can help with that. Profiles are a good way to learn a little something about the other members. I look forward to eliminating the cute “handles” that keep us from knowing each other better. Hopefully, everyone will be able to provide a mug shot of themselves to help us all remember who's who.

We'll also be able to have automated dues reminders and make it easier to make your payments online. Renewal dates will be the same as the date you joined. In fact, we look forward to having more automations running in the background and fewer complicated bookkeeping adventures. In addition to being able to use credit cards, our new system will allow direct deposit from your bank account.

Prior to our official transition, PSFF will be having in-person show-and-tells to show off all the cool new features. Stay tuned!



*David Frazier
President*

EDUCATION

Fly Tying

On **June 13, 9:00AM** in the small room at Tower Lanes, Steve Saville will be teaching how to tie Pale Morning Dun (PMD). The PMD is a vital mayfly hatch mimicking cream, yellow, or pale olive insects. Hatches typically range from sizes 14 to 18. Key patterns for different stages of the hatch include Parachutes, Sparkle Duns, and Emergers.



Fly Fishing 101

We had another successful year of our PSFF beginning fly fishing class! Twenty-two students signed up for the four-week course where we covered all the fundamentals of fly fishing. The first two hours of each class were in the classroom followed by an hour of casting. Special thanks to all who assisted in pulling this together. Hopefully some will “catch the bug” and join the club.



Casting

Steve Saville will be soon be starting his Monday Night Casting Clinic on **June 8 from 5-6:30PM** at Titlow Beach Park in Tacoma (near the shelter; weather permitting). Come for a tune-up, detecting and correcting flaws, or for Fly Casting Skills Development Program preparation (link below). Bring your rod and reel combo(s); practice leaders and yarn can be provided. Please RSVP to Steve Saville if possible.

There will be a joint casting session with SSFF (South Sound Fly Fishers) on **Saturday, September 12 at 10:00AM** at Tumwater Historical Park, (802 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501). This session will be open to all who want to work on their casting technique, even if you are not interested in the FCSD program ([FCSD LINK](#)).



*Rob Jensen
Education*



WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Washington State Council FFI invites you to help

Our Council represents over 18 clubs throughout Washington and Alaska. Every imaginable habitat from temperate rainforest on the coast to high desert scablands, Columbia River environs, open coast beaches, and Cascade peak wonderlands are represented and available to you to explore to your hearts content.

Through connection with FFI, we offer a number of skills development trainings, special speaker series, incredible fly tying support, logistical, financial and technical support for the Youth Fly fishing Academy, and particular activities for women. In addition we advocate for clean water, resource protection, and habitat restoration and acquisition.

It's a team effort and your passion for the sport is valuable and much needed. Volunteering at any level be it education, conservation, advocacy, or boots on the ground leadership is a great way to ensure the sport continues and provides help for fly fishers of the future. PSFF has hundreds of years of accumulated knowledge thanks to its members personal journeys and experiences. You are part of that collective so share your wisdom, your enthusiasm, and time by volunteering with us at [WSCFFI.org](https://www.WSCFFI.org).



Mike Koslosky
WSCFFI Membership Director
membership@WSCFFI.org



Washington FFI Casting & Tying Fair

I've already reported that our event in Issaquah was a very successful event. Mainly in casting, with many folks completing the bronze, silver and gold casting levels. One of the special events was watching a young lady, Maxine McCormick. She participated in the 2022 World Championships in Norway. Maxine won four gold medals in single handed events. Maxine is a recent graduate from the UW. I had the opportunity to meet and visit with Maxine. She was a delight to watch and meet. She is a wonderful young lady.

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (continued)

NW Youth Conservation and Fishing Academy

June 20-27

Panhandle Lake, Shelton, WA

The Academy is a week of fly casting, fly tying, fishing in Panhandle's private/stocked lake, and casting to Cutthroats in local streams and rivers. The Academy is full, and includes 3 young ladies this year.

The Fly Shop Presents FLYFEST 2026

September 24-26

Redding, CA

Registration is now open. FlyFest offers three full days of educational presentations, fly-tying and casting demos, a trade show, and time set aside for fly fishing, food and fellowship, all under one roof and covered by a single registration fee. More info [HERE](#).

Fly Fishing for Searun Cutthroat in South Puget Sound

Written by longtime SSFF member Mel Hurd. We request a \$10 donation to cover postage and printing. My labor is free. To order your copy go to the Donation page of our club's website, *Sea Run Cutthroat Fishing Guide*, fill out the form, and submit your payment. Payment can be made via the PayPal link below the form. If you prefer you may mail a check to our treasurer at:

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*Mike Clancy
Legislation & FFI*

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