

# Puget Sound Fly Fishers

Feb 2013



**Don't Forget Your Valentine**



February

Larry Phillips ----

Update on the recovery efforts for Salmon and Steelhead in South Puget Sound

Program

## The Leader Line

by  
Mike Trask



It's February and it's cold, wet, the mountains have ice and snow. However, fly fishing in Washington at this time of year is still wonderful. Most of the Puget Sound Rivers are closed during this time of year to protect the declining species of Salmonidae. However, there are rivers and lakes that are open. First, it is a good time to get your fishing gear in order. That new rod, reel, line, or flies that you received during the holidays are calling you to test them out. If you do not like crowds, the snow covered banks of the Yakima River is a great place to start. In February, the Skwala stoneflies start to emerge because of the warming temperatures. Skwala like caddis and mayflies have similar life cycles. They start as nymphs while in the water and move through their life cycle stages. Casting Skwala nymphs in different stages should bring you a fish in hand. In slower water, casting an adult Skwala will mostly likely bring a fish to the surface. I get asked all the time what should I bring. My answer is to bring a friend—fly fishing is to be shared and it's safer with two than one.

If fly fishing the Yakima River is not your cup of tea this time of year, then you could go to the Fly Fishing Show. The show will start at 9 am, Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196<sup>th</sup> St. Southwest, Lynnwood Washington. It will feature fishing professionals such as Phillip Rowley, Rick Hafele, Gary Borger, and Simon Gawesworth, who will give classes, seminars and casting demonstrations. There are vendors who will gladly lighten your wallet or purse of your hard earned cash. I always learn something new when I

attend these events; plus it's warm and out of the rain. For more information see [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com).

What makes our club great is its' members and those who volunteer their time. We need volunteers for the Maytown Rest Stop event. This is a major fund raising event for the club. If you have not signed up, please call or email John Clark at 253.843.2514 or [jekclark@gmail.com](mailto:jekclark@gmail.com). I would like to thank Mike Hardouin for finding Jeff June, he was an excellent quest speaker. If you missed Steve Saville's fly tying class, you missed a great class. We all had fun learning how to tie several award winning flies.

Sadly, **81 club members** have not paid their 2013 dues. Please complete a new application and send a check for your dues. We need you to do this for two reasons. The first reason for completing an application is to update our contact information. Secondly, without this income our club will need to make cuts in programs, which will make some of us very unhappy. Also, you do not want to receive a call from one of our grumpy board members in March reminding you to pay your dues! You can download an application from <http://www.psf.org> or obtain one from the Treasurer, Ralph Fry, at the next general meeting on February 14, 2013.

Our next meeting is on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker is Larry Phillips, Fisheries Biologist, WA Fish Management. He will talk about Washington State Fisheries current efforts to recover our salmon population. Dinner for the general meeting will be Fried Chicken.



# PSFF NEWS

*Our Next Meeting*

Thursday, **Feb 14, 2013**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Tower Lanes Entertainment Center**

**6323 6th Ave.**

**Tacoma WA 98406**

## "Maytown Rest Stop 2013"

We are reserved to host the Maytown Rest Stop commencing on February 23rd through the 25th. Please mark these dates on you calendars. We will have a sign-up sheet at the January & Febuary club meeting. We have one shift that remains unfilled. We need two volunteers to take the Midnight to 6 AM shift on Monday February 25th. Please contact us if you can fill this spot.

### February 2013 Program

**Larry Phillips** was born in Arlington Washington where he attended high school and learned to fish on the Stillaguamish River and marine waters of Port Susan Bay. He worked temporary jobs with Idaho Fish and Game while attending Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston Idaho from 1993-1998. After earning his undergraduate degree in Environmental Science, he accepted a permanent position with WDFW working in Spokane. In 1999, while working for WDFW, he completed a Master's of Science at Eastern Washington University. Larry is currently the District Fish Biologist in south Puget Sound. His responsibilities include managing inland fisheries, developing salmon and steelhead preseason forecasts, estimating yearly escapements, and developing harvest plans consistent with recovery goals. Larry is also an avid angler who spends much of his free time fishing for salmon and steelhead on the Olympic Peninsula, off the coast, or on the lower Columbia River. Larry lives in Olympia with his wife and three children.

## Fishing Report Provided by *The Gig Harbor Fly Shop*

The early success for resident silvers in and around the Narrows area has slowed to a degree. The fish may have begun migrating North or could have pushed deeper into the South Sound. Rezzies will usually make themselves known by their activity as they frequently jump. Having a watercraft can really help an angler because of the ability to chase these these highly mobile fish around.

Sea run cutthroat fishing is pretty typical for this time of year. While the fish are not as widely distributed as during other times, if you do locate them, you may have an excellent day. A recent outing for myself and a couple of other guys characterized this experience. We fished a promising beach with not a single strike for any of us. We packed up and moved on. At another beach not more than a mile away, we found many takers and 12 or so fish were landed among us.

John & Kathy Clark

I'd be happy to come speak to the group again. We've been working on several projects and have a few more planned for this coming year that may be of interest to the club. Also, I'm just beginning the preseason planning process (2013-14 forecasts) so we can discuss the outlook for 2013-14 including any regulation proposals that the club may be interested in having reviewed. Lastly, I can give you an update on the recovery efforts for salmon and steelhead in south Puget Sound.



**Fly Tying Class:** February 23, 2013, 9 am at Tower Lanes, 6 Street Tacoma, Washington by Mike Trask. I know it has been a while since I have given a fly tying class. The theme of the class will be "Basic Bugs", flies that you can use most anywhere there are trout. These flies are not too difficult to tie. There will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting or you can email me at [seattletrask@gmail.com](mailto:seattletrask@gmail.com). You will need different colored thread, white, black, brown, and green in 0/8 or 0/6 thread. If you not able to steal your wife's Sally Hansen, Hard as Nails, finger nail polish, you might want to pick up a bottle at the market before the class. All other material will be provided.

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# Ladies Corner

By  
Beth Mason



## February For the Love of Fly Fishing

Here it is February, the month to celebrate our romantic relationship - Valentines. Day! Yes, we love the one we're with; this is the day to rejoice your commitment and adoration for each other!

However, what do you do when that special man or woman cringes when you suggest a romantic weekend at a remote cabin on the Olympic Peninsula fly fishing for steel head on Valentines?

First off remember the love of your of your life may not enjoy staying in a remote cabin in Forks Washington, so why not spend a few extra bucks and put them up in a nice lodge or resort? Plan to have time together and pick out a place where you can go out for a romantic dinner or enjoy some local scenery! Remember to allow time for him/her just as much as you allow for fly fishing.

If you are single, an old saying says, "You are most likely to meet your soulmate doing what you love to do most." This is the moment when you shine and will attract your mate. So single men and women, get out and take part in our club outings and be yourself!

Happy Valentines!

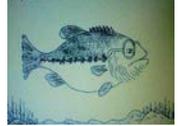
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Basically, if its not happening at one location, move on. Soon, creeks that receive runs of summer chum should see these fry emerging and these will provide forage for cutts. Remember, this is for summer chum. The much larger outmigration of chum fry from fall and winter fish is still six or more weeks away.

Winter steelhead fishing should begin to ramp up in the coming weeks as well. Periods of lighter rains (freshets) will push fish into systems and prompt those that have been holding in low and clear conditions to move. Fishing can be pretty good after these rain events once the flows have re-stabilized. Remember to release all wild steelhead!

-James

## Washington Lakes According to Grandpa Bass



### Potholes Reservoir

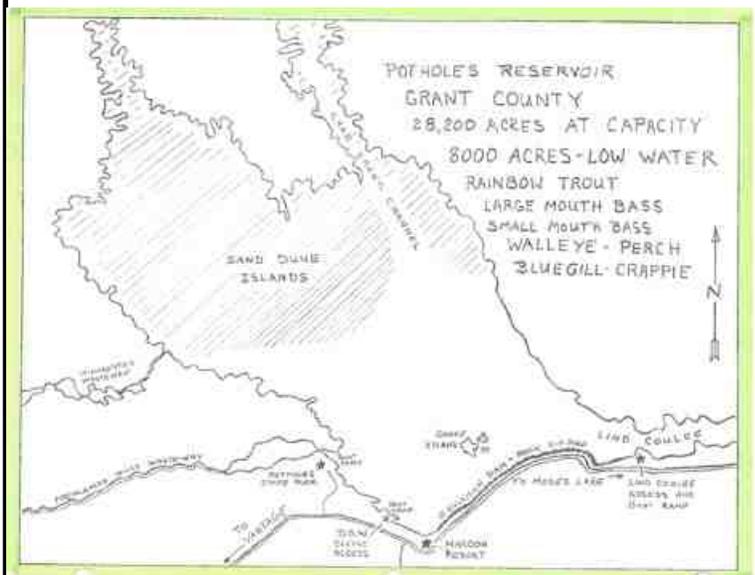
The huge Pothole Reservoir, located about 10 miles south of the City of Moses Lake, is probably one of the most popular fishing holes in Washington State. Created in 1947-1949 when the Bureau of Reclamation built the O'Sullivan Dam across the Crab Creek Valley, this 28,200 surface acre (at full pool) body of water is referred to by many anglers as a "fish factory" or a "piscatorial paradise."

The reservoir contains just about every fresh water fish species in the state including largemouth and smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch, crappie, bluegill and walleye. Many of these fish grow to up to "lunker status."

Boaters will find a wide range of water levels at the reservoir from full pool to the quite low water levels during the fall. The water is use for irrigation during the summer months. The boat ramps will reflect the changes and are often a challenge during the late fall.

The Potholes State Park provides many campsites for visiting anglers. There are 60 sites that provide electrical, sewer and water hookups and another 66 sites with no hookups. The park also has modern restrooms and a nice boat-launching ramp. Other campsites include the Mardon Resort located on the west end of the Dam. The resort has lots of shade trees and a store with groceries, ice, bait and the latest fishing information. Rustic campers can camp free at the public access area at the east end of the dam. Pit toilets, parking space and a boat-launching ramp are about the only amenities at this location.

Potholes Reservoir Map – At full pool



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**A nice 5 pound Potholes Reservoir Rainbow**



**An angler fishes at Medicare Beach on west side of Potholes Reservoir at sunset**



**Sunrise at Potholes Reservoir looking west to east**

## **Raffle News**

*THIS MAY BE IT!* The Sage One raffle is nearing completion and we may give this incredible outfit away this month. Get your final squares before they are all gone.

On top of that we have an assortment of flies, line care products, and a Buck knife and sharpener in the regular monthly raffle. Remember; bring money, buy tickets, win stuff, go home happy.

## **Reports From The Beach**

by  
erin roach



Just another day at the beach. Yes but what beach?

So how do you find a good beach and what do you do when you get there?

1. If you can, try and put in some time observing long stretches of beach while driving at low tide looking for structure, kelp beds, eel grass, rocky shore lines with bigger boulders, downed trees, depressions in the ground that will create rips in the tide and points of land where fish might hold. Try and look for beaches near creeks, rivers and estuaries.

2. Take the time to talk to club members, fly shop employees and meet and greet other fly fisherman at the beach. All of them have provided me with information on places to go and techniques. If you don't have the time to drive and want to narrow things down a bit, the department of ecology has an excellent website that shows detailed blowup photographs from the air of almost every body of water in Washington, including lakes and rivers. You can search by county or even towns and landmarks <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/coastalatlantools/ShorePhotos.aspx>

3. Another excellent resource is the Washington tides map link. You can find all sorts of new beaches by using the map feature and enlarging it. <http://www.protides.com/map/state-map.php?Washington>

4. The Gig harbor fly shop website has a useful link to several public beaches and state parks on its website with tips on seasons and flies called the neighborhood.

<http://gigharborflyshop.com/the-neighborhood/puget-sound/puget-sound-saltwater/>

5. This month's edition of Northwest Fly Fishing has an excellent article on sea run cutthroat fishing around the Hood Canal and Olympic National Park. I know a few people who are adventurous to knock on peoples doors to ask written permission to fish on the property in front of their beach houses. If you get this in writing please don't abuse it by littering bringing extra friends, being loud etc. It is a unique privilege to get in some instances. The book "Washington's Top Fishing Maps, lists a few locations as well.

Unless I know the ins and outs of a specific beach I have been to before, I try to be on the water a half hour after the tide starts to move either in and or out. During salmon seasonal

# Hot Scoop

## PJ'S TIPS



## Classifieds

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## NEW MEMBERS

None Reported

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## Education:

I am looking over at my book shelf and my fly fishing books are starting to outnumber all my other reading. They are lined up like little soldiers, from how to cast, pacific salmon fishing, to mastering fly tying and of course you always have a small pile that are hard to categorize. I recently purchased a basic fly tying book over the holidays, and after reading the book, I wished I had purchased it when I started fly tying five years ago! Whether you are just starting out, or you have been tying flies for a long time and want to learn new tricks this book is for you... "**Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying**". I have read the book three times over the holidays because he has taken a potentially boring subject and made it engaging and witty. Don't run down to the local book store or fishing shop to purchase this book, you can save a considerable amount of cash by purchasing this book on-line. Enjoy your reading!



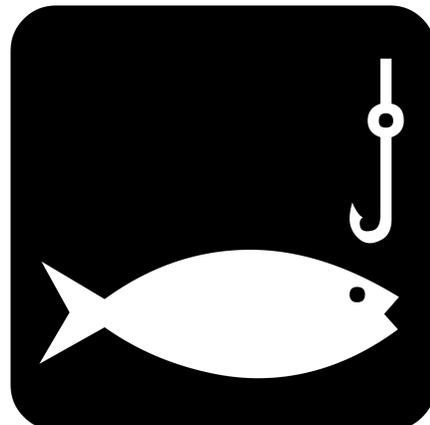
How many spools of thread do you have? I have several dozen at least. All those stray tag ends of thread can be a pain as they unravel from the spools. Ever seen those books or reports that are bound with the black finger spines? Go to Office Depot and buy some medium size finger binder spines. Cut each spine between the 'fingers' into short sections. Slip these little sections around your spools. No more errant threads.... or antron, floss, or any other spooled material. One package is enough for 2 or 3 or 4 people so share with a friend. No need to remove them when you need some material as they slip out of the way when you pull on the material.

## Paul Fournier

"Spring is coming! Can't you feel it? All those tiny fry are about to hit our local beaches and it is time to tie some flies! This round we will do a salt water fly swap. Chum babies, Chum turds, green weenies, "paulacheats" squid patterns... You name it! This swap is open to fly tiers and non-flytires (if you do not wish to tie flies, go out and buy some.)

The objective of the fly swap is to encourage club members to tie and/or share their favorite flies with others. I'm sure a few stories will come along with those great looking flies.

There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting. The rules of this fly swap will be communicated shortly after."



## NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

It's just around the corner, June 23-29, 2013, The Academy. Up to 25 lucky boys and girls will attend the 2013 Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. We have had numerous inquiries which look very promising. The applicant must submit an essay, explaining why he/she would like to attend The Academy and a letter or recommendation is to be submitted by their school counselor or science teacher. Both items may be emailed to me. Tuition is \$275, however there are sponsorships available. So no applicant will be turned away because of money. Again we are very fortunate to receive financial support from the fly fishing clubs, the TU chapters, individuals and corporate organizations. The applications can be obtained by contacting me or go to our website and download the apps. at [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). We now have a Facebook site with loads of pictures from last year's Academy. Just put in NW Youth and it will pop right up. If you have any questions, please contact me @ [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net). Phone: 253-278-0061 for the next 2 months. Looking forward to another great year – Mike Clancy, Co-Director & Jim Brosio, Co-Director

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### **Library Report By Galen Hansen**

It has come to my attention that some materials have been checked out by persons that are not members of the club. The library rules are that you must be a current member of the club. Club members may check out a maximum of 3 items and retain them for a maximum of 2 months. I know that there are extenuating circumstances that may keep you from attending a meeting when the items are due. If such should occur...please email me or Gordon Myers to let us know that you will be making arrangements to

return them as soon as possible.

As of the close of our last meeting we have 14 library items that are overdue. An improvement over the past few months but still 14 more than I would like. As always, please check your books and DVD's to see if perhaps you have an item that you forgot to return. Please bring any overdue items back at the next meeting. You don't go fishing without your flies, waders, rod(s) etc., so don't forget to return your library items.

I notice that some of you are still putting the month and day on the checkout cards. Please do the following: when checking out a book or DVD . Put the month and year...not

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migrations I try to be on the water before sun up and or at dusk. If you read some of Les Johnson's earliest books on salmon fishing from the beach, he mentions that typically 50% of feeding activity takes place during this time.

When I arrive at a beach, I take a few moments to try and sight rising fish or birds, usually gulls, feeding near the surface [http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/bonapartes\\_gull](http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/bonapartes_gull). I don't go in the water on sunny days or clear water conditions near shallow water. I make exploratory casts in near the beach in a semicircle to see I can discover any fish close by.

I use a weight forward Airflo 40 plus intermediate sinking line which is excellent for distance and cutting into wind. It stands up well over time when you consider your line will get beat up on rocks barnacles and grit. I usually strip out enough line into my stripping basket to where the color of the line changes. I try and keep these things in mind when casting .

when casting as it gives you more control over your rod.

- 2 When holding the grip on the fly rod with your thumb on top, try to concentrate on pointing your thumb at the direction of where you want your cast to go. It gives you more accuracy
- 3 Use the double haul cast. It will give your line more speed to cut through wind and more distance. <http://www.sexyloops.com/beginners/doublehauldistance.shtml>
- 4 Try to look at your back cast out of your peripheral vision or simply turn your head back and begin your forward cast right before your loop starts to straighten out.
- 5 When I cast I try to remember in my head one simple rule. Power stop and power stop.

Next month I will try and describe some of my actual beach adventures that will take place over the next few weeks.

- 1 Keep your arm in closer to your shoulder,

## Salt Water Outings 2013

Dan Carlton

President Ned has asked me to put together a few more Salt Water outings for 2013. I know our SRC outings at Case Inlet have been well attended. The 2012 SRC Extravaganza outing at Purdy was also well attended in Oct. So I'm asking for input from members that would be attending these outings. I will have a suggestion sheet at the December meeting for your input, or just email me. Please keep it short. We can work out the details later. 1. I'm thinking a few more SRC outings. Depending on the weather we can get out almost every month. We can do beach or boat fishing. 2. Summer/Fall Salmon fishing in Puget Sound. 3. August - Pink Salmon Outing.

I've posted on yahoo awhile back on this subject and ask for your suggestions for more Salt water outings if interested. I got one reply. Right now the only outings we have are for SRC at Case Inlet. There's a ton of Salt water opportunity all around Puget Sound if we get out and take advantage of it. Maybe you're thinking you need a boat for this. Not true. I believe Puget Sound has more beaches then we could ever fish in a life time. A boat would help but is not critical. This is great time to buy a boat if you're thinking of going that way. Right now I'm asking you for your thoughts on this. I need to put something on the Calendar and go from there. Right now I'm thinking of a Pink, King outing in Aug. Slivers in Sept. and SRC in the spring & fall.

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the month and day. It will make work a little easier for those of us that maintain the library.

We have had 3 books donated to the club recently by some of our members. They are Moon Up – Moon

Down by John Alden Knight, The Year of the Angler by Steve Raymond, and Cathy Becks Fly-Fishing Handbook by Cathy Beck.

If there is something that you would like to see added to our inventory, please drop me a line or let me know at the meetings what you think would be a good addition to the library. My email addresses are [galen1943@gmail.com](mailto:galen1943@gmail.com) and [galen1943@yahoo.com](mailto:galen1943@yahoo.com). Gordon Myers email address is [gemyers50@msn.com](mailto:gemyers50@msn.com).

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### **Conservation Corner**

by

Dennis Beardsley

As we are off to another great year for fly fishing and all the wonders and enjoyment that it can bring, we also have opportunities to participate in programs that enhance, protect and improve resources related to our sport. As the new chair of the Conservation program, I invite the involvement and suggestions from all members. In the meantime, as we work to focus on our PSFF conservation program priorities, here are few upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Puget Sound Alliance - program to prevent pollution at the source. 1-800-42Puget.
- International Coastal Cleanup Day - Sept. 21, 2013. Locations to be announced
- Park Appreciation Day – April 20, 2013 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Here are few locations where

help is needed -

- Donkey Creek Park – park/creek clean up, litter removal
- Titlow Park- park/shoreline tasks of all types
- Swan Creek Park- invasive plant removal, pulling ivy from trees.
- Puget Creek/Gulch- 66 acre natural area with lots to do.
- If those do not get your line spinning, then maybe joining the Puget Creek Restoration Society for one of their monthly work days held the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon ([pugetcreek@yahoo.com](mailto:pugetcreek@yahoo.com))

Consider yourself invited to any of the above. If you do attend, please let me know your feedback. If you have other suggestions and/or ideas, let me know.

# Fly of The Month

Bucktail Coachman

Tied by

Michael Trask



Mike Clancy had an adventure discovering the Puget Sound Fly Fishers logo/mascot fly. With a lot of research he learned from a founding member that it is indeed, a Bucktail Coachman.

The Coachman Fly evolved in England and had a white duck quill wing dressed low to the body. American anglers changed the wing to white deer hair, then to calf tail, then to kid goat. Terry Hellekson's, [\*"Fish Flies", the Encyclopedia of the Fly Tier's Art\*](#), relates that this fly has always been high on the list for all fly fishermen and has probably accounted for more trout and steelhead being caught than any other fly when tied in smaller sizes. Northwest anglers found that most species of salmon will eat a Coachman Fly when tied in the larger sizes.

I found this fly easier to tie in the smaller sizes and very difficult to tie in the larger sizes. I couldn't tell if it was the material or a very bad head cold that was the problem.

## Materials:

**Hooks:** MUS89599BL, MUS80501BL, TMC7999 or DAI2441 size 4-8, the fly above was tied on Daiich 2421 Salmon Hook size 2

**Thread:** Black, 0/6 Fly Master Plus

**Tip:** Gold tinsel

**Tail:** Hen Neck, color red

**Body:** Peacock herl

**Hackle:** Brown saddle hackle

**Wing:** White bucktail

Step 1:



Secure the hook in the vise and start the thread at the eye of the hook. Start a piece of gold tinsel under the hook and wrap the thread back to the point of the barb.

Step 2:



Take the tinsel and make several wraps down the bend of the hook. The “tip” will be the length, from the point to the end of the barb. Smaller barbs, less wraps, no barb at least three wraps. Then wrap the tinsel forward overlapping the tinsel on itself and secure it with a couple of tight wraps. Remove the excess tinsel.

Step 3:



Take couple of tail feathers from the Hen Neck and clean them of any fluff. Take the feathers and stroke the fibers back. With your material hand pinch one side of the feathers and with the other hand take your scissors and cut the fibers cleanly from the

Step 4:



Secure the tail fibers.

Step 5:



Tie in 5 Peacock herl and use the longest ones you have because this is a big fly. Make a dubbing loop and wrap the thread back to the tail securing the dubbing loop. Wrap your thread forwards towards the eye to get it out of the way. Take the Peacock herl, the dubbing loop in your material hand, with a Shepard's hook, go inside the loop, over the Peacock herl, then under the outside thread, trapping the Peacock within the loop.



If the Peacock is trapped, it is very easy to make a Peacock chenille rope.

Step 6:



The problem with making a big fly is that the Peacock is never long enough. If needed, tie in more Peacock and make another chenille rope as before.

Step 7:



Tie off the Peacock leaving plenty of head space.

Step 8:



Fold a brown saddle hackle and tie it in by the tip. Make 2-3 wraps depending on the thickness of the hackle



Tie off the hackle and remove excess.

Step 9:



Cut a pencil thickness of white Bucktail and place it the stacker. Stack it several times to get all the ends aligned. Measure the length of the wing and transfer the Bucktail to your material hand. Cut the excess Bucktail away and use a drop of Hard as Hull on the butt ends you are about to secure



Tie in the Bucktail with a couple of pinch wraps and then several tight wraps. Make a nice head on the fly and coat with head cement set aside to try.



# FFF EVENTS



## FFF Events in 2013

Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers  
Northwest Fly Tyers Expo

Next year this great show, the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo, will be held again in Albany, Oregon. Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, 2013. Plan to attend.

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Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers  
Washington Fly Fishing Fair

Also next year, the Washington State Council will bring you the Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2013. Don't miss this one, it is a great event!!!!

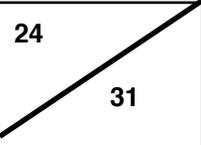
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The Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair will be held in West Yellowstone, MT. This will be a FALL gathering, September 24 - 28, 2013.



# PSFF CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					Feb 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 PSFF MTG 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 PSFF BD MTG	22	23 Maytown Coffee Stop. 23rd to 25th
24	25 NL Articles Due by 5 pm	26	27	28		

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**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 and other selective fishing techniques as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement of sport fishing.
4. To promote "Sportmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's 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 ghillies 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 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

**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](http://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 through 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.