

Puget Sound Fly Fishers

March 2014



SPRING?!?

The Leader Line

By
Chuck Tye

WET and WINDY but fishing

I fished Munn Lake on President's Day with six of the soldiers from Ft Lewis. When we had tied flies the previous Tuesday I could tell the lads were suffering from cabin fever and it was time to get them on the water. I recommended we fish Munn Lake on Presidents day and the lads liked the idea. So before we finished tying we checked the weather channel and knew that it was going to be a wet, windy day and we needed to be prepared. We set a time of 10:00 to meet at the lake and even talked fly selection. We had a plan and you could see their attitudes changing.

The weather on Presidents Day didn't let us down and was exactly what the forecasters had called for. You could look out into the distance and see the storm and rain clouds lined up and ready to let loose. Armed with two drift boats and two kayaks (yes, kayaks!), we pushed off from the ramp with enough flies and fly rods that would have made any fly shop owner proud.

As the day wore on we did catch fish, got rained on, got hailed on, and at times cast into wind that was so strong it could stop even the best of a good tight forward cast. At times we even rated each other's wind knots. I can even attest that there were some really spectacular wind knots. Sorry no pictures.

But you know, despite the wind, rain, and hail, there weren't any complaints. We were fishing and not working, we were surrounded by fellow fly fishers, and we didn't have care in the world except to select the right fly to do the job.

So what's the point of this Leaders Line? You can still fish anytime of the year here in the Northwest and you can catch fish no matter what the conditions or location. The club meetings, website and newsletter are handy resources to go fishing.

Remember, you're fishing and not working, you're with fellow fly fishers, and last but not least, the fish are already wet.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, March 13th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

March 2014 Program

Heard something about a possible Leland Miyawaki presentation, but received nothing for the newsletter.

Editor

FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2014

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo in Albany Oregon.

March 8th and 9th, 2014

Linn County Expo Center

Info - <http://www.nwexpo.com>

Washington Council Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, Washington

May 3rd and 4th, 2014

Info - <http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/test/Welcome.php>

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From the VP

During the first half of our last general club meeting, we ran a presentation that highlighted club business, club values and pictures of our members fishing, teaching, learning and getting out into our local community. It was very well received.

Going forward we would like more content:

- If you go fishing, take a few pictures and send them to me along with a brief summary on how it went
- If you have family fishing pictures (which includes pets) send them to me
- If you have something you would like to announce to the club send it to me
- If you have a really cool fly to show off, take a picture and send it to me

Please send content to: pfournier@gmail.com.

We will do our best to edit and include your content in the presentation each month. Current pictures would be great. This way we can highlight activities over the past month.

The vision of this feature is to welcome guests and new members, summarize highlights from the current newsletter, introduce meeting speakers and highlight all of the valuable aspects of our club.

Thank you for your contributions.

Paul Fournier

Outings, outings, who's got the outings?

By
Gene Jackson

Something for Everyone!

The fishing outings in March and April offer something for everyone. So you better start rounding up your fishing gear to see what you need to be ready to hit the water! Below is a list of the outings for both March and April. You can find detailed event flyers for each event on the PSFF website (www.psff.org) in the Outings Schedule.

- Tues., March 4 – Munn Lake Fishing
- Sat., March 15 – Spencer Lake Fishing
- Tue., April 1 – Beaver Lake Fishing
- Sat., April 5 – Sea Run Cutthroat Fishing / Case Inlet
- Tues. – Thurs., April 22-24 – Coffee Pot Lake Campout (3 days)
- Fri. – Mon., April 25-28 – Potholes Reservoir Campout (4 days)

One quick reminder, please contact the Gillie for the event if you plan on attending. Contact information for each Gillie is on the event flyers. It helps a lot for planning if we know in advance approximately how many folks will be at the event. That being said, last minute arrivals are always welcome!

Outings Last Month

We had our first club 2014 Fishing Outing on Tuesday, February 11th at a beach known by locals as Doc's Place. Steve Saville organized a great outing and actually arranged to schedule a break in the horrible weather to ensure all participants had a good time fishing. Eight PSFF members joined Steve for a morning of fishing fun under the Narrows Bridge. Numerous fish were teasing us by jumping repeatedly just outside our casting range! Between the nine fishermen we threw everything but rocks at the water trying to entice a strike. Two Flounder were landed, one by Dennis Beardsley and the other by Gene Jackson. Even though we hooked way more trees than fish (maybe we need to schedule a refresher casting class!), we all had a great time out on the beach. Following a morning of fishing, we headed over to the local grill for lunch where six fishermen touched their first fish of the day via a fish sandwich!

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Gillie's Needed

There are quite a few outings on the schedule for 2014 that do not have a Gillie at this point. Please review the expectations of a Gillie and the list of outings that still need a Gillie. If any of the outings are at a location that you would be willing to serve as the "Gillie" please contact me at gene.jackson@comcast.net.

Since I am asking for volunteers to be a "Gillie" for specific outings this year I probably should take a minute to explain what I am expecting in the role of "Gillie".

First let me say that Gillie can also be spelled Ghillie. From what I can determine regardless of the spelling, Gillie is a Scots term for a person that acts as an attendant on a fly fishing expedition.

Now for what I would like to see in a "Gillie" for PSFF outings. When a person steps up to be the "Gillie" for an outing they are agreeing to be the primary contact and lead person for that particular event. At a minimum they will be the primary contact and the on-site lead person for the outing. Ideally they would know the water to be fished and could share their local knowledge about the location. They would not be expected to serve as a guide (i.e. preparing fly rods, providing flies, making lunch). Of course, if the person knew things like water conditions, best fishing techniques, appropriate watercraft, best fly options, and local restaurants/watering holes, sharing that information with those attending the outing would be a real bonus.

Of course I help in any way I can make the "Gillie's" non-fishing work as easy as possible. I have been working on some templates for things like "Lake Overviews" and "Outing Flyer Announcements" that should really simplify the paperwork/communication needed to ensure a successful outing.

I need fellow club members to step up and help me make sure that someone will be in charge at every event on the calendar. Here is a list of Outings and Dates that do not currently have a Gillie:

- Lake Kapowsin – Saturday, June 21st
- Bass Lake – Tuesday, July 1st
- Green Lake – Tuesday, August 5th
- Phantom Lake – Tuesday, September 2nd
- Lost Lake (Mason County) – Tuesday, October 7th
- Rattlesnake Lake – Saturday, October 18th
- Yakima River – Tuesday – Thursday, November 3-5th

So again, please review the expectations of a Gillie and the list of outings that still need a Gillie. If any of the outings are at a location that you would be willing to serve as the "Gillie" please contact me at gene.jackson@comcast.net.

PSFF Park Lake 2014 May 16-18, 2014



Traditionally, the Park Lake outing has been the spring kick-off outing for PSFF. This year, thanks to our aggressive outings coordinator, a lot of us will be tuned up with several outings in the journal, and ready to do some serious fishing! If you are new to the club or just haven't been to Park Lake, **this is a must do trip!** It is a family oriented outing, and kids and pets are definitely welcome! Attending this, and other organized outings is the best way to get to know other club members and their families, as well as to learn more about our chosen sport. In years past, it has usually been the largest outing of the year and always a good time... even when the weather gods occasionally turned against us.

To get to Park Lake, go east on I-90 to the Ephrata Exit (SR 283, exit 151), just past George. Take SR 283 through Ephrata, to the SR 17 junction, turn left and go north through the town of Soap Lake, past Lake Lenore and Blue lake, about 16 miles. Turn right at the north end of Blue Lake and proceed to Laurent's Sun Lakes Resort. (33575 Park Lake Rd NE, Coulee City, WA, (509) 632-5664). Head quarters for the outing will be at Laurent's. Be sure to get gas or what ever last minute groceries you may need before you leave Ephrata. Also, The Desert Angler is the local fly shop and a good source of local information.

A check of your DeLorme Atlas will show many well known lakes in the Park Lake area. A few of the most popular include: Dry Falls, Deep Lake, Blue Lake, Jamison Lake, Lake Lenore, and Banks Lake if you

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want big water. If you are a Rocky Ford fan, it is less than an hour away. Fish species in these waters include trout, bass, carp and several species of perch. The most popular flies include, but are certainly not limited to, chironomids, and wooly buggers of all colors. Most fish are taken sub-surface, so intermediate and full sink lines are popular. Other than perhaps Dry Falls Lake, these are not technical waters, so novice fishers should look forward to catching fish and having a good time. A pontoon boat or other flotation device is essential for fishing these lakes. If you don't have one, but want to go, let it be known... most likely someone has "an extra" that they would be happy to loan you for the weekend.

There are a variety of accommodations available at Laurent's and in the area. If you are tenting or have an RV, space can be had at both Laurent's, and at the Sun Lakes State Park. For tenters, there is usually room on Laurent's big lawn area at a nominal cost. For RV's, if you are staying at Laurent's, make sure you reserve a spot. Laurent's does have cabins available, but make sure you make reservations early. If you want motel type accommodations, they can be had in Ephrata, Soap Lake (Notaras Lodge, 236 Main Ave E, (509) 246-0462), and in Coulee City.

In addition to fishing, weekend activities will include Steve Kokita's challenge on Saturday afternoon, complete with a variety of casting games, and tying a fly from a variety of trash scavenged from the camp ground. Steve will provide the rules for the challenges in his own time. Participants in these games should be aware, that Steve frequently "wins" his challenges... Jus' sayin'...!

For non-fishers or fishers needing a break, the Dry Falls Visitor and Interpretive Center is an interesting and worthwhile stop. It gives a great presentation of the background and "creation" history of Dry Falls and the topography of central Washington.

Saturday evening is the potluck dinner. PSFF provides the steaks, and members bring the side dishes and desserts. **BE HUNGRY**...!! Please be sure that you sign up for the outing at PSFF meetings between now and the outing so we have a better idea of how much meat to buy. Also indicate whether you will be bringing a **salad, side dish, or dessert**. Bring your own drinks...adult or other. Paper and plastic service will be available on the table, or bring your own if you prefer. If you have it, a few pieces of firewood will be much appreciated. Our resident "fire master", John Clark, detests a small fire...!

Mayfield Lake Weekend Outing

Even though this event is not until mid-September, you may want to be thinking about reservations now. To that end, the Gillie of this event, Dick Kuykendall wanted to get some information out to you now so you can start your planning process.

The Outing's headquarters will be at the Mayfield Lake Resort and Marina. This is a private resort that offers RV spots, rooms for rent, and a great restaurant. For more detailed information check out their website at www.lakemayfield.com. There are several other RV facilities in the area, including the Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake. The state park offers discounts for Military and Retirees. If that sounds good to you, more detailed information can be found at www.stateparks.com/ike_kinswa_state_park_in_washington.html. It is also possible to just make a day trip down to Mayfield Lake (the lake is only 1 ½ hours from Tacoma).

The primary fishing will be in Mayfield Lake and we will be fishing for Rainbow Trout and Tiger Muskies. Lakes like Carlisle, Scanewa, and Davis are within an easy drive and depending on how "weedy" they are in September, members may want to give them a try. What differentiates Mayfield Lake different from most others PSFF fisheries is its size and the resident Tiger Muskies. Boats larger than typical inflatable ones are preferred, due to the size of the lake and Tiger Muskies that often reach four feet in length. However, that said, both the Tiger and Bows can be found and fished at several locations around the lake, including one very popular and easily accessible shoreline.

This lake is truly a unique fishery and offers something for all fly fishers irrespective of equipment. Its size can be intimidating to those new to the lake. But, our Gillie knows all the "hot" spots for both Bows and Tigers and he plans to provide a map showing all of them! Also, a fly fishing guide is nearby that specialized in Tiger Muskies!

More information will be coming soon, including a brief presentation at the upcoming April meeting. Start making your plans now so you don't miss out!

Gig Harbor Fly Shop – Fishing Report

March tends to represent the proverbial "turning of the corner" for Western Washington weather and in many cases, for the fishing as well. Large, native steelhead should be pushing into the coastal rivers, tiny chum salmon fry moving out of our local streams...followed by cutthroat pining to pack back on the ounces lost during the spawn, and across the mountains, some very large trout in lakes are beginning to become active beneath the thinning ice...

We've been toughing out the winter (although it wasn't so tough this year, at least from a wetness standpoint) and its limited fishing opportunities and many of us a raring to go. For me, the weekend of the return to daylight saving time (this year on March 9th) is one of the best weekends of the year. Starting that Sunday, I know that even if I get off work at 6 PM, I can get out and fish for at least an hour or so.

So what should one do with his/her new found time? I usually start with the beach and sea run cutthroat. By March, I'm beginning to see the first true push of chum fry along our beaches. In fact, just during the week of this writing (on Feb. 19th to be exact) I saw a small group of 15-20 fry of some ilk on a local beach. There should be humpy fry mixed in as last summer was a pink run and creeks that receive earlier runs of chum should see earlier emergence and the more rain we get, the more fry that should be swept out into the Sound. If you happen into some resident silvers at this time, they should have gained a little size and be running 16"-20", although this year most folks have indicated slow resident coho fishing.

The coastal rivers should be seeing the largest pushes of large, wild steelhead during March and April. Check the regs carefully for closures however, and please, please, release wild steelhead! We finally got some snow, so mountain runoff will occur during warmer days and we should still have a few soakers to contend with. Do not be afraid to fish when conditions are considered "less than ideal", but be safe first and recognize that when it's blown, it's blown. Set reasonable expectations and enjoy the longer days. In my humble opinion, a partly cloudy day in the mid-50's with the sun not setting until 7:30, allowing me 10 to 11 hours of fishing, even if it does not include a hooked steelhead, can be favorable to a dismal and soaked December day of only 7 hours of daylight and a 4 pound hatchery fish or two. To each their own, I suppose. Anyhow, get out there and enjoy it...who knows...the tug you feel might be a 20 pound steelhead reaching out to say hi!

Finally, for those with an affinity for stillwater pursuits, certain east side lakes open up March 1 (check the regs) and can have some hungry trout waiting. Provided they're not underneath a chunky sheet of ice...



James Harrington

Conservation Corner

by

Dennis Beardsley

About a year ago, we had a presentation on the removal of derelict fishing gear scattered around in Puget Sound. It was disturbing to see so much waste brought about by lost or abandoned fishing nets, crab pots and shrimp pots. Last year PSFF donated \$1,000 to the Northwest Straights Foundation to support the removal project. The following is some background and an update of the project.

The Foundation supports a range of activities that address the problem of derelict fishing gear in Puget Sound. The Northwest Straights Initiative has been removing derelict fishing nets from Puget Sound since 2002. The Initiative is committed to eliminating harm from derelict fishing gear in the marine waters of Puget Sound. In July 2009, the Foundation received federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration toward meeting that goal. In July 2013, the Washington State Legislature approved money for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to work in partnership with the Foundation in a final push to clear Puget Sound of derelict fishing nets in shallow (<105') water.

The Foundation completed an initial assessment of potential deep-water derelict fishing net removal protocols in June 2013. The report was commissioned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Protected Species Program in the interests of deep-water rockfish recovery planning. The Foundation is actively removing derelict fishing nets from Puget Sound in waters to 105 feet, but currently does not operate below that depth due to diver safety concerns. The most promising method identified in the report is the use of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and deep water divers to remove deep-water derelict fishing nets. Known nets in both shallow and deep water have been identified for a pilot project. The Foundation is currently seeking funding for this pilot project.

As of December 31, 2013, the Northwest Straights Initiative has removed **4,605 derelict fishing nets, 3,173 crab pots, and 47 shrimp pots** from Puget Sound, restoring **661.6 acres** of critical marine habitat. More than 331,600 animals, representing more than 240 unique species, were found entangled in this gear. Species found include porpoise, sea lions, scoters, grebes, cormorants, canary rockfish, Chinook salmon, and Dungeness crab.

The Foundation estimate that fewer than 900 derelict fishing nets remain in shallow sub-tidal areas of Puget Sound, entangling and killing more than 600,000 animals each year. They are continuing removal operations as funding allows.

More work is needed to prevent the loss of crab pots as well. There are an estimated 12,000 pots that are lost in Puget Sound every year. The Foundation supports local efforts to conduct outreach to recreational crabbers on best practices in order to reduce the number of lost pots and ensure pots are rigged with biodegradable **escape cord**.

If you would like to see a graphic presentation of the consequences of derelict nets, go to You Tube and visit the Derelict Net at Alden Park.

We can all help the situation by using escape cord on crab pots. In addition, members can use the no-fault reporting system to report any derelict gear you encounter by calling call 360-428-1084 (Northwest Straights) or 1-855-542-3935 (WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife)

(Note: The source for the above article was from the Northwest Straights Initiative web site; www.derelictgear.com)

If you have some time and want to get involved, here are some volunteer opportunities:

Park Appreciation Day – April 26, 2014 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Here are few locations where help is needed – it is fun and very much appreciated.

- -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.
- -Narrows Bridge Shoreline-shoreline clean-up and anger management removing invasive plants.

Wear warm, appropriate clothing, depending on the weather. Bring tools such as small hand tools, loppers, pruners, gloves, rakes, shovels, small pitch forks and even wheelbarrows (make sure and label them!). You are encouraged to carpool to the site you chose.

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)

HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

(none)

New Members

(none reported)

Library Report

By Galen Hansen

Only two overdue items in the library this month but also, only a total of 16 items out. The library is set up before the meeting and is available until we break before the speaker. Please stop by and check out what is available and utilize this valuable resource.

To develop more interest I would like to start giving a book or DVD report in this column each month. I don't read all the books or watch all the DVD's so please let me know what you've watched or read out of our library; give me a few words about it and I will work with it to incorporate in this column. I know just seeing how many overdue items we have isn't all that exciting. Send your report to galen1943@gmail.com.

I have ordered the 2 DVD set "Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries" by Rick Hafele and John Smeraglio. Not sure that it will be available at the next meeting but keep an eye out for it. If there is something you would like to see added to the library, please stop by and let me know or email your request to me at galen1943@gmail.com.

Only club members that are current on their dues are eligible to check out materials from the library. Only 3 items may be checked out at one time.

RAFFLE NEWS



Ron Zarges was the winner of the Tioga Pontoon Boat at the February's general meeting. Congratulations!

MONTHLY RAFFLE.... \$5 buys 6 lucky tickets plus a cookie, drawn mid meeting.. be in to win and get ready for spring.

display box of **18 identified flies**, mount the box in your den or use 'em next lake trip

Mac sports folding stool with case plus a **cool metal flask**

Double sided waterproof **fly box stuffed with flies**

Curious about **furled leaders** ? **Win this \$15 silk beauty** and compare with **two trilene furled leaders** + bottles of Scientific Anglers **fly line & Gink dry fly dressing**.

KUDOS guys for recent raffle contributions. Mike Koslosky, Steve Kokita, Paul Fournier, Mike Trask, Jerry Fremont, Thomas Lamphere, Gus, Dennis Ehlers, Robert Gerlach and Phil Moore

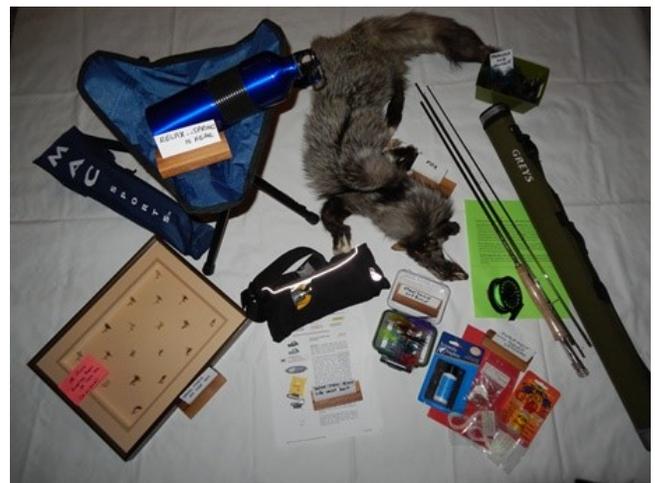
RAFFLE SQUARES, drawn when all squares sold

NEW ITEM GREYS XF2 rod combo...4 pce, 5wt 9 ft **Greys reel**, spooled with floating line value \$ 450... \$4 per square or 3 squares for \$10

NEW ITEM TFO Deer Creek Switch Rod..... this terrific multi-task 4pce, 5 wt, 11 ft rod is valued at \$400... \$4 per square or 3 squares for \$10

NEW ITEM MUSTANG SURVIVAL Inflatable belt Pack value \$100.. \$1 per square or 6 squares for \$5

Full FOX SKIN - \$1 per square
Drawing during March meeting



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PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Soft and Wild

Us older tiers with stiff, gnarled fingers have a tough time gathering up those soft hackle fibers around the hook eye to put the final wraps on. There always seems to be one or two that refuse to come into the fold. I know of three remedies for that situation and I use all of them in different circumstances.

My first suggestion is to get yourself a small square or circle of that flexible plastic such as those bubble packages are made of. About 2" x 2" or 2" in diameter is plenty. Use a paper punch to cut a small hole in the center and a slit from the hole to the edge. you can slip your thread through the slit and then push the 'dam' over the hook eye to capture all those soft hackle fibers and push the back out of the way while you tie them off.

Another item that works as well or better for this is the latex material your dentist uses as moisture dam when grinding points on your teeth; ask him for a couple squares of the stuff next visit.

Lastly, and this is really slick, is a short section of a plastic soda straw about 1/4 inch will do fine slipped over the thread bobbin before starting the fly. One of the larger Mickey D's types is the best. At the crucial time just slide it up the bobbin and over the hook eye and over the offending fibers and make those final wraps without interference.

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Gartside Pheasant Nymph (*aka Sparrow or Evening Star) March, 1998



Comments by Jim Abbs**

Jack Gartside, a former English teacher and eastern U.S. flyfisher who often ties at the FFF conclaves, has a number of patterns in which he uses ring neck pheasant feathers creatively and effectively. In addition to this nymph, Jack is also credited with a Pheasant Caddis, a Gartside Pheasant Hopper, Carrotop, Blacktop, Philo Mayfly Emerger, Philo Caddis Emerger, and Soft Hackle Streamer, to name a few.

The present pattern, the Gartside Pheasant Nymph is also called the Sparrow or in black-dyed pheasant, the Evening Star. It is publicized widely, in most detail by Eric Leiser in his book *Fly Patterns*. It also was featured in the Spring Issue of the 1980 *Fly Tackle Quarterly* and later in Dick Surrent's *Fly Tye Pattern Bible*.

Jack' s nymphs and emergers are known for their fluffy, soft and pulsating properties. Indeed, as Eric Leiser points out, the appearance of a natural insect given by this fly makes it "almost impossible not to catch trout or other fish."

Materials

- **Hook:** 6-10, 2-3X long
- **Thread:** Monocord or silk to match fly color
- **Tail:** Pheasant rump marabou fibers
- **Body:** Dubbing of chosen material and color (squirrel or rabbit)
- **Rib:** Medium gold wire oval or flat, optional
- **Hackle:** Pheasant rump, natural or dyed
- **Collar:** Pheasant philoplumes, natural or dyed
- **Head:** Tying thread to match color

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Tying steps

1. Pinch that barb and line the hook shank with tying thread. Select one or two soft marabou-like feather from the side of a pheasant rump skin or strip marabou from a pheasant rump feather. Gather and tie in a short tail at bend of hook. Attach rib and let it dangle.
2. Using your favorite dubbing technique, form a nice fuzzy, tapered body over about 3/4 of the hook shank leaving plenty of room for the hackle, collar and head. Reverse wind the rib four or five turns, secure and trim.
3. Tie pheasant rump hackle in by tip and wrap in front of body and bind fibers back at 45 degree angle.
4. Select two after-shaft feathers (philoplumes) about the same size. Hold by butts and pull through fingers until tips break off even. Secure butts in front of hackle. Twist them around tying thread and wrap forward to form a collar in front of hackle. Form a small head, whip finish, trim the thread, and cement very carefully so as not to get any cement in the philoplume collar.

The pheasant nymphs can be tied in a variety of colors using natural or dyed pheasant rumps. Match your thread and dubbing to the pheasant feathers. Here are the two most popular variations:

Sparrow - natural colored pheasant with olive dubbed body.

Evening star - black dyed pheasant with peacock herl body and bright red or green thread.

**The information regarding materials and tying steps was obtained from the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club Newsletter.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire and

Inland Empire Fly Fishing club with any use of the pattern.

You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthemoth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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						March 1 Beach Outing Narrows Park 8:30 AM
2	3	4 Munn Lake Outing 8:30 AM	5 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	6	7 Albany OR Fly Expo	8 Albany OR Fly Expo
9 Albany OR Fly Expo	10	11	12	13 PSFF Mtg. 6 PM	14	15 Spencer Lk Outing 9 AM
16	17	18	19 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	20 PSFF Bd Mtg 6 PM	21	22 Water Safety Class
23 30	24 31	25 Newsletter submission deadline 5 PM	26	27	28	29

		April 1 Beaver Lake Outing 8:30 AM	2 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	3	4	5 SRC Outing 8 AM
6	7	8	9	10 PSFF Mtg. 6 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM	17 PSFF Bd Mtg 6 PM	18	19
20	21	22 Coffee Pot Lk Outing (day 1 of 3)	23 Coffee Pot Lk Outing (day 2 of 3)	24 Newsletter submission deadline 5 PM	25 Potholes Res Outing (day 1 of 4)	26 Potholes Res Outing (day 2 of 4)
27 Potholes Res Outing (day 3 of 4)	28 Potholes Res Outing (day 4)	29	30 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:30 PM			

**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

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 "Sportsmanship" 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 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 (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 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.