



Don't forget!
Your license expires March 31st!



March Program - OPFI / Extending Limits

The Leader Line
By Paul Fournier

Release

Tonight the water flows right to left
Along with it does daylight
I pick up the tension on my line
A head shake and the line bolts into the distance!
After a few exciting moments the water calms
At my feet rests a beautiful Searun Coastal Cutthroat Trout
One more good run followed by a long line release
Along with it go the heavy thoughts of the day
Released from right to left



In March the salty waters come to life with fry emerging from streams and rivers around the Puget Sound. As salmon fry begin their outmigration Searun Cutthroat line up for a good quick meal. As warmer weather approaches many other things begin to wake up. Freshwater lakes warm and insect hatches become more frequent. As you step outside you will realize spring is approaching. It's time to dust off our rods and embrace this wonderful time of year. March can bring crazy spring weather so remember to let someone know where you are going and check the wind and tides. Be safe so you can fish another day.

Like most of us I was moved by the February presentation on Searun Cutthroat. We are so fortunate to have this abundant fishery right here in our neck of the waters. It is also great to hear that serious research continues to develop for this species. As we celebrate our 60th anniversary it feels right to include the celebration of this signature fishery. As a result, I have created a Facebook page dedicated to the "Searun Coastal Cutthroat Trout." Through this page we will share our love for this fish, raise awareness and support conservation efforts. If you have not already checked it out, please visit: www.facebook.com/searuncoastalcutthroattrout.

The Park Lake outing is quickly approaching (May 13-15) and is a long standing club outing that promises to have something for everyone. This event is open to all members and their guests. I look forward to a great turnout this year.

Outings are a pillar of our organization. If you have other places you would like to fish please let Larry Vaughn [larrytvaughn@live.com] and Joe Johnston [steelheadak@gmail.com] know about it. Your input keeps this relevant and meaningful for all of us.

Happy fishing!

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, March 10th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

March 2016 Program

After meeting with individuals unable to enjoy the relaxing and therapeutic benefits of fly fishing and fly tying due to a lost limb, trauma, or brain injury **Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations (OPFI)** was formed. Dean Childs and Chuck Tye, OPFI board members, have helped lead the development, along with several other dedicated volunteers, of two unique and adaptive creations that allow individuals with certain of these limitations to participate in fly fishing and fly tying.

The Casting Partner allows an individual to cast and fish with one arm or one hand. And *the Evergreen Hand* converts a traditional fly tying vise into a one-handed fly tying tool which has helped some regain mobility and dexterity as well as enjoying the art of crafting flies.

Their products are distributed by OPFI (www.fishagain.org), the International Federation of Fly

Fishers (IFFF), and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) **FREE OF CHARGE** to those in need. These gentlemen will not only describe their creations but will demonstrate their use.

April Program teaser -

Thomas and Rueben Lamphere will be our April regular meeting presenters. They will show us how to choose the proper flies to create a streamer fly box that can be used for any type of water we might want to fish. This program will be linked to a Saturday fly tying class and a streamside demonstration of how and when to fish these streamers. It should be quite an informative three part stream-of-learning.

FFF EVENTS



Regional FFF Events in 2016

March 11 & 12th - Albany, OR / Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
<http://www.nwexpo.com>

April 29th & 30th - Ellensburg, WA / Washington State Council / Fly Fishing Fair
www.wsciff.org

June 3 - 5 - Renton, WA / The Atlantic Salmon Fly International
www.asfi-expo.com

August 2-6th - Livingston, MT / International Fly Fishing Fair
www.fedflyfishers.org

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Outings News and Updates By Larry Vaughn

Purdy Outing Recap –

Great outing, well attended with 15 folks showing up. Fishing was slow in the morning on the outgoing tide, with Dennis Beardsley having the only catch (nice 12-15" Resident Coho). Nice lunch break with good food, drink, and discussion. Going back out after lunch fishing the incoming tide improved considerably with Kristin and Steve both getting their first Sea Run Cutthroat. Summary for the day: Kristin 1 SRC, Mike K 2 SRC, Greg 1 SRC, Steve 1 SRC, Reuben 1 Coho, Dennis 1 Coho, and Thomas hooked and lost a really nice Coho.

Coming Soon:

Munn Lake For Rainbows and Pan Fish, Saturday March 12 -

Come on out and join us for a morning on Munn Lake. This is a great winter fishing lake, with Rainbow, Brown, Bluegill, and Crappie available. Trout are catch and release only but the Pan Fish are keepable. We will meet up at the boat ramp at 8:30AM and hit the water shortly after that. Bring your favorite vessel from your own personal fleet (kayak, canoe, float tube, pontoon, etc.). Around noon we will all head back to the ramp to load up and head out for a burger where we can all discuss the big ones that got away!

Hood Canal For SRC following the Chum Fry Migration, Saturday March 26 –

This is normally great SRC fishing from the beach as the SRC follows the migrating Chum and Pink fry out to the ocean. Thomas and Reuben have volunteered to Gillie this and introduce us to their favorite spots. We'll meet afterward for a bite and a beer.

Raffle News By Thomas Lamphere

The raffle had a very good turn out last meeting. With 3 items over 50 tickets each we will try to repeat the success of what we had.

Item 1. We are going to have a box of reverse spiders and reverse guineas. These flies are very productive in both the salt water and swinging in the rivers for trout and summer steelhead.



Item 2. This is a batch of fuzzy euphosids. These are killer this time of year, especially for cutthroat. A great fly to trail behind your CHUM FRY from Feb-June.



Item number 3. Another fly photo that we have. The last one from Paul.



Item 4. This very cool box was donated by Kristin. A great item that is great to have at any fly tying desk for material storage or even tools.



Last thing. There will be a board for a sage rod built by Mike Trask. The squares will be \$5 each. The rod is a Sage VXP 5wt 9ft. A great lake or stream rod. Also perfect for the cutthroat in the sound.

HOT SCOOP

Membership News

By Bob Jimerson

We had over 100 people at the February meeting! That speaks volumes about the quality of programs we have and the quality of our organization. There is a lot of good stuff going on with our club and it shows.

I always enjoy just stopping for a moment during the social hour and looking around the room. It is great to see so many conversations going on between club members. It is a good thing that we can come together and share the evening with other folks that share our interest in the world of fly fishing. That connection to other fly fishers and the broader world of fly fishing is one of the great values of belonging to PSFF.

We are entering the home stretch for membership renewals. Thanks to the many members that took care of that little administrative chore before the end of the year. Thanks too to those that have renewed their memberships since the first of the year. Reminder letters will be going out soon to those that we have not heard from yet. Renewing is fast, easy and painless so don't put it off any longer.

We had three new members join PSFF at the February meeting. Please join me in welcoming them to our club. The new members are:

Gordon Neu
Brian Bayeur
James Fukuyama

I got the names of five guests at the February meeting although I suspect that there were more than that:

Don (sorry did not get a last name)
Steve Mallory
Dane Meyer
Leland Myawalki
Josh Zarlino

It was good to see that all the new faces found a table for dinner and were able to talk with a number of members on their first visit. I appreciate our members taking a few minutes to introduce themselves to our guests each month and to make them feel welcome at their first meeting.

Library Report

By Reuben Lamphere

We are looking to spice up the library a little bit. We are looking for new books and videos that you think should be in the library. We will have a sheet of paper there for you to write down the title and if it's a book or video. So keep your eyes open for something that might peak your interest and let us know.

In the mean time, the next time you swing by the library look into books that are geared towards streams and spring time fishing. Still water is a great way to go. Also, maybe a book on entomology to study up on hatches that will be going off soon.



PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Waste Not

Let's say your pattern takes about 1.5" to 2" of material actually wound onto the hook to complete. So you cut off 5" or 6" to tie the fly; 2" for the fly and a couple inches to hold on to. The rest gets thrown away! Very wasteful! You just used enough material to tie three flies but only got one.

Next time cut off a foot or so. You can now tie 5 flies and only throw away the last two inches. Better yet, if you can, leave the materials attached to the spool, card, holder or whatever and trim it off without losing any at all!

Education Corner

By John Brett

We have not had a knot tying class in over a year, so with all the new members and some of the “more established” ones, now is a good time for all of us to review our tying techniques. Everyone has lost a fish because of a knot; this could be because of using the wrong knot or because you are not tying correctly. Saturday, March 26th @ 9:00am in one of the Tower Lanes conference rooms, we will have several expert tiers leading our education on the best knots for several different situations and allowing time to practice efficient tying.

Tying a specific knot wrong or using the wrong knot is not fun because it is a common reason for losing the fish. Plan on adding this class with its critical information to your calendar and remember to bring an appetite for lunch after the meeting.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting or you can contact me by phone – 253-265-3870 – or e-mail – jmbrett99@yahoo.com.

Fly Fishing Academy News

By Mike Clancy

The 2016 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

Applications are being accepted until April 15th for the 2016 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify for The Academy, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must write an essay explaining why “they” want to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is required from their school counselor or science teacher.

The dates for the WSCIFFF and WCTU supported event are June 19-25, 2016. The Academy will be held at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA.

To learn more about The Academy, go to www.nwycffa.org. The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ nwycffa@comcast.net.

This is a life rewarding experience for our youth to learn conservation and the basics of fly fishing. We are also on Facebook. No youth will be turned away because of funding.

Fly Fishing Artist Gallery

Featured Artist: Jason Bordash



A passionate fly fisherman of the Pacific Northwest who's passion of fly fishing goes from the water on his line to the water on his brush.



An Attempt to portray the Pacific Northwest with the iconic Searun Cutthroat and the representation of the rain in the background.



A trophy that can be taken home, while being returned to the waters to live another day, redefining catch and release.

Finding simplicity

By Bob Triggs



Keeping it simple.

*One of the things that keeps most people from trying out fly fishing is the common impression that it is too complicated, and too expensive. And if we look at the range of options in equipment and techniques, and considering all of the possible locations and species there are to fish for around the world, it's easy to see why people might feel that way. You can readily spend thousands of dollars just to get outfitted with basic equipment. And some of the top shelf, worldly, destination fly fishing trips, all expenses considered, could easily eclipse some people's annual salaries. Yet according to [one study](#), shared here by the American Fly Fishing Trade Association, there are almost 4 million fly anglers in America today. *They can't all be millionaires!**

When I got into fly fishing it wasn't as complicated as it is today. I borrowed an old "Browning" fiberglass fly rod and Pflueger reel from a friend of mine, and I got a handful of flies and a few factory tapered leaders down at the fly shop, and I was all set. I was already a fisherman, I had been fishing all of my life by then, with bait and lures, spinning, trolling, etc. Up until my twenties, though, I had avoided fly fishing because, aside from the intimidation factors of casting, confusing flies etc., I didn't believe that I could afford it. I was just a carpenter. As a bait fishing friend once dryly observed, as a few fully appointed fly fishermen walked silently past us, on their way upstream on one opening day: "We're just ham and eggs, man."



Casting lessons with "Pete".

I guess that the curiosity just got the best of me at some point. Probably because I had seen plenty of fly fishermen on the New England and Catskill trout streams by the time I was in my 20's. I will admit that it was annoying to see that there were days when no manner of bait would turn a trout to feed, while the fellow who was dry fly fishing nearby was landing fish after fish. Often releasing the fish. All of that was intriguing, especially the fly cast-

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ing. I just knew I had to do that, somehow. So I stumbled into it all, without much instruction or support. Backyard casting instructions at Pete's house would have to do. I guess it was good enough, as we had 20 years of opening days together after that. And even with a beginners cast, and a million lost flies and tangled leaders, we caught a lot of trout back then. They were hatchery Brown trout, and we ate most of them. Back then there were fewer kinds of rods available, mostly fiberglass or cane. Many of them were fairly affordable. Some were impossibly expensive. And only a few fly line designs were on the market, made by a handful of companies. Reels were anywhere from dirt cheap factory stamped, to jewel-like, hand crafted collectibles of unparalleled precision. (None of those were what anyone would call "affordable"). There were far fewer fly shops, and almost no bigger outlets at all, except for firms like [Orvis](#), [L.L. Bean](#), [Eddie Bauer](#) and [Abercrombie & Fitch](#). Sometimes you had to wait a long time for your flies, or anything else. Mostly because there was often a lot of hand work involved. The whole game was considerably smaller and simpler in many ways.



A few summer steelhead flies. Sea-run cutthroat trout like these too..

Fast forward to nearly forty years later, and things have changed considerably. There are hundreds of types of fly rods, reels, lines, etc. Many of the modern methods and materials used today are far superior to the older ones. Some aren't. The dizzying range of items, accessories, tools, clothing, gear, personal watercraft, etc. *Thousands of fly patterns!* It's staggering. Not to mention the electronics. And the prices range from dirt cheap to out of this world. And if you were to collect all of the catalogs available for the fly fishing industry offerings, you would never leave your bathroom. It can be daunting for anyone new to all of this.

What to buy: Asking for advice on what to buy as a beginner, on the internet fly fishing forums, could get so many widely differing responses and opinions that you might give up before you even got started. It's not that no one will have the right information. The problem is that *you* won't be likely to get it right. And that could cost you. So here's a few ideas of my own, after over 36 years of fly fishing, and over twenty years of guiding experience: **DON'T BUY ANYTHING!** (My friends on the retail side of fly fishing won't appreciate this idea.)

But seriously, no matter what you think you can afford, if you are a "ham and egger" like me, or you are a corporate success with a plutonium credit card, don't be in a hurry. Go shopping but leave your money at home. All of the better makers of fly rods and fly fishing tackle will offer an entry level fly fishing outfit. For the first few years that is all that you will need. Most fly shops will have these outfits in stock, including a fly rod, fly reel, fly line etc., the basic stuff you need to begin with. You can expect to spend anywhere from \$100 to \$250 for all of that. The better outfits will come with a warranty, and they will last your lifetime if you take care of them. The next thing that you do is to take a class in basic fly casting and fly fishing, which most better fly shops will offer, often at modest or no cost. Most fly fishing clubs, and some community colleges, will offer free or inexpensive classes. And even some of the Orvis shops will offer them free, like this: [Orvis Fly fishing 101](#). After you get an introduction to the basic skill of fly fishing, you will have a clearer idea of what you might need to get into fly fishing your local waters on a regular basis. And you will have become more aware of the available waders, boots, minimal tools, packs etc., and the price range. A little education in the beginning will help you to have a much better experience, and possibly save you many hundreds, or even thousands of dollars of needless expense. It turns out that buying the best quality stuff that you can reasonably afford will actually save you money in the long run. It's all about longevity.

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The bare essentials of bliss.

When you get to the point where you can go fly fishing with only what you need, no matter what the price tag might have been, and you can enjoy the simplicity of your time on the water, with a minimum of equipment, accessories, technology, techniques, worry etc., you will be on the right track. This is, after all, supposed to be an escape from the complexities of the modern world. One thing that I like to do every season is to go fishing on a small mountain stream in the summer, with just a few flies, a leader and a spool of tippet, a pair of forceps to remove the hook from the fish, and line nippers, my rod and reel, and a pair of boots. I just lazily splash along in the shallows, amid the boulders and rivulets and bright foaming currents, enjoying the cool water seeping into my boots, and on my legs, the insect hatches, the stream side foliage, the cooling shadows and dappling, dancing light on the water, and the pretty little wild trout that take my tiny dry flies. A peanut butter sandwich and cold drink of water will be just right. You might forget yourself, and all of your worries and stress. If you look at your watch hours later and feel surprised that time disappeared, and that the sun is setting, then you were doing it right.



*The Chum Baby fly, for Puget Sound sea-run cutthroat.
On their way to the [Orvis Bellevue fly shop](#) this week!*

Spring sea-run coastal cutthroat trout fishing is coming! The summer and fall chum salmon and pink salmon spawned last fall, and their progeny are beginning to emerge from their shallow gravel nests in the Puget Sound regional rivers and streams now, and for the next few months or more ahead. Of course in many of these waters the coastal cutthroat trout will be spawning too. And then they will be feeding on these chum salmon fry. And as the salmon fry move into the estuaries, and eventually find their way into the greater currents, they will be migrating north out of the Puget Sound region, on their migration to the sea. The cutthroat trout will be following them, and feeding on them. April and May are prime time for this spring fishing in the saltchuck here in the northern waters. There's nothing like fishing over aggressively feeding wild cutthroat trout, casting flies from the beaches. The take is hard and fast. The fight is electrifying. You might even forget yourself. Be there.

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month

March, 2000- Beadhead Nymphs



Clever heads fish gold heads: Europe leads the way with beadheads

By Jim Abbs

One widespread fashion in underwater flies over the last 10 or so years---for trout, steelhead, panfish or even bass -- is to add a metal bead just behind the hook eye. This bead is in lieu of a head and very often is brass, but not necessarily. Indeed, many conventional sub-surface flies are now available in both a bead head and a traditional version, including famous flies like the Hare's ear, Pheasant tail, Serendipity, the Prince Nymph, Whitlock's red squirrel nymph, the Caddis larva, Woolly Bugger and others. In fact, some hook manufacturers have even started offering hooks made especially to accommodate a bead, with a shape that makes it easier to slide the bead over the hook point and up behind the eye.

At first this bead head phenomenon seems like a fad, but it has become very popular among experts and novices alike. Many fly anglers claim bead head flies are simply more effective than an identical pattern tied without the bead. Bead head flies did not originate in North America. The first bead head flies were developed by a well-known Austrian fly fisher named Roman Moser and tested on the Austrian River Traun -- in the 1970's the Traun was famous as a grayling river. Moser called these flies Gold Heads and even coined a saying... "Clever heads fish Gold Heads". The bead heads were first seen in the U.S. in the fly boxes of travelling anglers like Bas Verschoor of Holland, who writes, "I took my first beadhead nymphs with me to Montana and Idaho in July/August 1982. There I showed them to flyfishers and tackle shop owners. They all gave me strange looks, asking me with some disbelief ... 'Can you really catch fish on these?'" "I fished the Gallatin, the Yellowstone and the Madison with them, and. Literally 'knocked 'em dead!' I took a 58 cm, (23.2 inch) brown trout on the Madison, between Hebgen and Quake Lake... a fish I'll never forget. Yes, Sir.... I'm a beadman all the way!" says Bas.

While the reasons for bead head effectiveness are uncertain, there are of course several "theories". One theory is that the brass-colored bead head adds a critical bit of flash to the fly and it is simply not possible to get that same effect with conventional materials. Indeed, nymph tiers have long used gold tinsel and wire ribbing in their nymph patterns. But how can reflection off a shiny hard spherical head help imitate an insect? Perhaps it is well to keep in mind that the exoskeletons of many insects are very smooth and shiny, composed of a material called chitin. Soft materials don't reflect light, despite their exalted reputation for looking "buggy". The bead head reflects light in all directions because of its shape, perhaps like the curved and multifaceted surfaces of insect bodies. It also has been argued that the bead looks like the air bubble released by many emerging insects in their final rise to the surface.

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In fact, even one version of the classic Water Boatman now is promoted with a bead in the back of the fly. Emerging insects are apparently very popular with fish because of their vulnerability and the fact that they simply are more nutritious (because of the impending mating) than insects in earlier stages. Another probable factor in the effectiveness of bead flies is the fact that a bead head offers weight to the fly that is concentrated at one end. The bead head fly thus has an out-of-balance center of gravity, just like a jig. As it is buffeted along with the current or stripped in by the fly fisher, it rocks and wiggles like a living-swimming creature, perhaps in a fashion that makes jigs so very effective.

No matter what the reasons, it would seem that most trout and warmwater fly anglers should consider adding beads to some of their favorite flies. This month's fly of the month is thus a bead head nymph, with an emphasis on the bead, including how to tie it in securely, bead color, positioning, material and size.

A NOTE ABOUT BEADS

Beads are available in several different colors, sizes and materials. The basic colors are brass, copper, gold, black and silver (or nickel). Beads are generally brass or tungsten, although some are available in stainless steel. The bead material influence how fast your fly sinks. More dense materials sink faster. Brass is less dense than steel and tungsten is the most dense. Size of the bead you choose depends on the effect you are trying to achieve and the size of your hook. Small beads will not fit on big hooks and very large beads may be poor imitations of an insect's head on a small hook. Beads are available in sizes ranging from 3/32 of an inch to 7/32 of an inch. While the size of the bead you use for any given fly is a matter of taste and experimentation, the smallest beads (3/32") are recommended for hooks size 16 to 18, while the largest beads (6/32) are said to work best with hooks up to size 6.

MATERIALS

- **Hook:** Nymph hook, 1X to 3X long (Mustad 9671 or 9672, or equivalent)
- **Thread:** Black, gray to tan
- **Head:** Bead head, chosen to match hook size (see A Note About Beads)
- **Tail:** Speckled partridge, wood duck flank, or rabbit guard hairs
- **Body:** Dubbed rabbit face or ear fur (with guard hairs and underfur)
- **Wing case:** Dark turkey tail
- **Legs:** Picked out dubbing

TYING STEPS

1. Pass the bead from the hook point to a position behind the eye. This may require a little manipulation, including bending down the barb of the hook (not a bad idea in any case!). Once on the hook, it is important to get the bead to fit tightly. If the bead is not properly secured it will almost certainly loosen as you cast it. The stress put on the bead by casting will make it into a small compression piston that squeezes your fly to a much shorter length - not good. There are several ways to get a tight fit between the hook and the bead. One way is to wrap the hook behind the eye, put cement on the wrappings and slide the bead over the thread. This requires that you whip finish and cut the thread. Other tyers prefer to slide the bead over the naked hook and superglue it in place, while yet others secure it by wrapping a bump of thread and/or body material just behind the hook. A combination of these techniques can also be used.

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2. Tie in a bunch of hare's fur, partridge or wood duck flank for the tail in a conventional manner.
3. Tie in a gold wire or tinsel and dub some hare's face or ear fur on to the thread.
4. Wind the fur-dubbed thread up the hook shank about 50% of the way. Wind the gold rib up to the end of the dubbing - tie down and cut.
5. Tie in a piece of dark turkey tail feather (optional)
6. Dub the remaining segment of the hook shank up to the back of the bead.
7. Bring the turkey feather forward over the top and tie off. Trim, whip finish behind the bead and cement.
8. Tie a second, third and fourth version of the same fly with different colored and different density (brass versus tungsten) beads.
9. Buy stock in a company that makes metal beads.
- 10.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.
You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at flyofthefmonth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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		March 1	2 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	10 PSFF Mtg 6:00	11 Albany, Or Fair	12 Outing - Munn Lake Albany, Or Fair
13	14	15	16 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	17 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	18	19
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3	4	5	6 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	14 PSFF Mtg 6:00	15	16
17	18	19	20 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	21 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	22	23 Lowland Lakes Opener Newsletter Dead- line 5PM
24	25	26	27 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	28	29 Ellensburg, WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair	30 Ellensburg, WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair Catch Card Deadline

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 as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing.
4. To promote both "Fellowship" and "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's mission and philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced gillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 per household per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

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

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

To receive and post to the PSFF Yahoo group you must first sign up as a member of Yahoo if you're not already signed up.

In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities.

Scroll down though the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

You will need to select whether you receive individual messages or a Daily Digest. I suggest a daily digest but you can change this selection at any time later. At the bottom of the page you will have to enter, repeat, a displayed code of mixed letters and numbers. When you have done this go down to the bottom right and select 'Join'. You are done.

All new members are on a moderated basis and unable to post until approved by a moderator to help prevent SPAM and malicious posting. One of the moderators will handle your status usually within 24 hours.