

Leader Line

Steve Saville
President

Happy New Year!

As I look forward to the upcoming year I have no choice but to look back on 2022. It was an interesting year to say the least. We had to cancel our anticipated January “in person” club meeting due to the outbreak of the Omicron virus. It was disappointing but we made do with another Zoom meeting. It was very nice to see some familiar faces in February as well as all of the new faces who have joined the club over the past two years of Covid restrictions. Attendance lacked throughout the year but in September, we started seeing more regular attendance and that was good, in my opinion. Other clubs suffered from the same issues.

As I look forward to this upcoming year, I am optimistic that we will be back to normal or beyond in the coming months. Club membership has held strong and our meeting attendance is on the rise. Our last three meetings of 2022 were very well

attended given the circumstances and our speakers drew praise from all who attended.

Since I am writing this a few days ahead to make sure I meet the deadline, there are a few things I’d like to write about. First, most if not all, have received a renewal notice for yearly dues. The dues remain at \$45, the same as in the past few years. The Board has felt no need to increase them at this time. Please make sure that you send your dues in as promptly as possible as it makes the bookkeeping a lot easier.

I’d also like to welcome Rob Jensen, Dennis Ehlers, and Richard Stone as new members of the Board. Rob is the new Vice President, Dennis the Second Year Director, and Richard will be the First Year Director. Many thanks to Jim Baker and Tess Frazier for their service to the Board. Both will be continuing to serve as Raffle Chairman and Membership Chair respectively. Without dedicated people, we struggle as a club. A quick reminder that the board and committee chairpersons have a planning session on January 6th. If you have something you would like to see or do, please let

Next Meeting
January 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Program 7:15 p.m.

us know so it can be discussed and added to the 2023 calendar.

I look forward to seeing you at our January club meeting when my friend Chester Allen will be speaking about soft hackle flies and how to fish them. I haven't fished them much and am looking forward to learning more about them. It's time to hit the internet for some tying videos, then to the bench to try them out, and finally to the rivers this spring.

A very Happy New Year to all of you!

Tight Lines.



Education Mike Koslosky

Fly Tying

We are heading to everyone's favorite special regs lake - Munn Lake, on January 28. In order to tempt these fatties to your fly we will be tying the rather unconventional, but effective Bop Fly on Saturday, January 14 at Tower Lanes from 10-noon. As always, bring your tying equipment. Materials will be provided. Sign-up sheet will be provided at the January membership meeting. If you can't attend the meeting but want to tie, send President Steve Saville an email at, stevesaville@comcast.net so enough material will be on hand.

Tip of the Month

Not so much a tip but a referral to a terrific organization which takes your fly-fishing skills and passion and couples that with children needing direction and support in their troubled life. **The Mayfly Project** is a national 501(c)(3) program working with kids in foster care to learn fly-fishing as a way to experience the joy that comes with connecting to Nature under the support of special

mentors. The project had its beginnings in 2015 in Arkansas and in less than a year became a nation wide program with hundreds of projects throughout the US. Locally, Seattle sponsors a Project and has support from fly fishers throughout Puget Sound and the Cascades. For a full description of TMP see their website; themayflyproject.com or give PSFF member Kristin Macy a call at 253-222-0715 to learn about her experience as a mentor.

Special Note

Puget Sound Fly Co has a new owner, Matt Klaiber, who is currently working on reopening the Tacoma shop in the near future. Stay tuned and give Matt your support.

And a reminder...

Most of us will be casting away the bad habits we started during the Holidays - too many sweets, too much drinking, overeating, sleeping late and watching way too much TV. But your fly casting should never be avoided. Anyone needing casting help, a refresher, or just want to work out the winter kinks can contact PSFF member and CCI in training Mike Merringer at the following address; mmerringer21@gmail.com for personal help. Send him a note, arrange a meet-up and cast your troubles to the wind.





Outings David Frazier

Never Too Early to Plan (Before It Gets Too Late)

Fishing is at the core of our club. It's even in our name. Outings offer two of the most valued benefits, social interaction and fly-fishing education.

Our December newsletter included a full-page schedule of outings for the new year. That schedule appears again on Page 8 in this month's newsletter. I encourage you to print it out and keep it for your annual calendar planning. It includes some new and familiar destinations I hope you will want to consider. I'm already making reservations at the overnight trips.

Pull out your 2023 calendars and start marking down these events. You'll have more fun, make more friends and improve your knowledge of this soul-restoring sport.

Details about the fishing location will be provided as outing dates approach, and signup sheets will be posted on clipboards at the in-person meetings two months prior to each event. Expect earlier planning notifications for overnight outings. You can also email me at dfrazier@wavecable.com or call me on my cell, (360) 265-6963, to get added to the participation list.

The importance of seasonality in fly-fishing was also factored into this schedule. Anticipated river flows (Little Deschutes River), hatches (Hexagenia at Merrill Lake), weather/spawn (Lake Kapowsin), fish runs (pink and coho salmon for Dash Point; coho, steelhead and cutthroat at the

Cowlitz)), lunar stages (skwala activity on the Yakima), overcrowding (Rocky Ford) and stocking programs (triploids in Leech Lake) were factored into the alchemy of my planning.

Save-the-Date Shout-Out: PSFF's long-established Park Lake outing will be held per tradition on the third weekend of May, this year being May 19-21. When making your reservations with the Sun Village Resort, think about adding days if you want to explore the abundance of great waters in the area. Sun Village Resort is situated between Park and Blue lakes, both of which fish great for rainbows (and some browns) but you can also easily reach Lenore Lake (Lahontan cutthroat), Dry Falls Lake, Deep Lake, Banks Lake and Rocky Ford spring creek, among many others. If you haven't been on this outing, or haven't been for awhile, please jump on this one. Check out sunvillageresort.com for reservations (tents, RVs and cabins).

I've also scheduled *four* bonus outings: The Northwest Fly-Tyer and Fishing Expo in Albany, OR (March 10-11), Mineral Lake (May 27), Lake Kapowsin (June 10), and Cowlitz River (Sept. 16-18). And wait, there's more! I'll be adding "flash" outings whenever I see special opportunities. Many of these will be mid-week meet-ups with less advance warning. Keep your eyes open for announcements on our club communication platforms.

My plan is to attend each club meeting and, to the best of my ability, act as a gillie at each outing. I will try to make myself available at the arrival times to gab with members and answer any lingering questions. I do not pretend to be an expert, but like so many of you, I know just enough to give some tactical advice.

Nahwatzel Report

We had a great day at the Nahwatzel Lake outing — a good breakfast at Blondie's in Shelton, no wind on the lake, no ice, lots of light rain and even a few lovely trout. It was our final outing of the year.

Not too shabby for December. Thanks to members Bryan Habeck, Jim Baker, Julie Kelner, Mike Koslosky, Dennis Ehlers and Tom Krughoff for showing up.

Up Next: Munn Lake

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. (Breakfast at Shari's, Olympia, 8:30 a.m.)

Bobber down! Munn Lake is open year round for catch-and-release, selective-gear anglers. It's also a favorite for fly-fishers who are looking to perfect their skills dangling chironomid patterns for rainbow and cutthroat trout 10-20 inches, plus the occasional Brown Trout. The lake also supports naturally reproducing Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Bluegill and Black Crappie.



The use of bait and internal combustion motors is prohibited. Needless to say, this is January, so dress for cold, possibly wet weather. AccuWeather

says to expect highs of 50 degrees, but color me skeptical



Munn lake trout also respond well to stripped or trolled leeches, woolly buggers, soft hackles and — on the bottom — floatation patters, such as Boobies and, yes, Bop flies (brightly colored booby and mop hybrids). Brown Trout can often be found on the margins of the lake in shaded areas.

A Discover Pass is required.

Breakfast: Join us for a morning repast at Shari's Cafe and Pies, 3425 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia at 8:30 a.m. Take the I-5 Exit 107, turning left onto Pacific. Shari's is on the east side of I-5, about 32 minutes from Tower Lanes.

Directions to Munn Lake: From Tower Lanes in Tacoma, take I-5 South to Henderson Blvd, Exit 105, in Olympia. Turn left onto Henderson Blvd and follow south. After passing Pioneer Park, turn left onto 65th Ave. Look for the fishing access and boat launch on the right. The lake is about 42 minutes south of Tower Lanes, Tacoma.

Please RSVP me if you're planning on attending:
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Programs

Chic Sundahl

January Program: "Fishing Soft Hackle Flies" with Chester Allen

Chester Allen will present a program about fishing soft-hackle flies, taking a fun look at how effective these "old-fashioned" flies are during many caddis and mayfly hatches. Trout often frustrate anglers during dry-fly hatches, and the right soft hackle often is key to catching some very nice trout throughout the day and into the evening.

He is a lifelong fly angler and longtime outdoor writer. Chester was the outdoor columnist for The Olympian newspaper from 2004 to 2010. He is also the author of "Flyfishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat," a very popular book on how to find and catch sea-run cutts in Puget Sound and saltwater bays in general. Chester also is the author of "Yellowstone Runners," a book about fishing the world-famous run of big brown and rainbow trout that swim upstream into Yellowstone National Park's Madison River from Hebgen Lake each fall. With this background he has led seminars at many FFI gatherings.

He is currently working on a book about fishing Oregon's Deschutes River during the peak of the COVID pandemic. Also his stories and columns have appeared in Midcurrent.com and The Drake.

Chester lived in Tumwater, WA from 1996 through 2010. He currently lives in Sisters, Oregon, and fishes almost every day, mostly in the Metolius, the Middle Deschutes and the Lower Deschutes Rivers. He also spends at least three weeks of the year fishing in Yellowstone.

Chester will hopefully be tying flies for us. He is also bringing some of his books for sale.



Membership

Tess Frazier

Lots of things for members to look forward to — a new website, a growing membership, new slate of outings, seminars, social events and a much anticipated mentorship program.

Realizing all the benefits offered by PSFF, I flashed back to when I started fly-fishing. I was in my early 40s when I was introduced to the sport. I had never fished in my life. In fact, I had never even heard of fly-fishing.

I joined San Jose Flycasters in Northern California, which proved to be a gold mine for my fly-fishing education. I learned about the equipment needed, how to cast, tie knots, to identify flies and so much more. I gained knowledge and skill in fly-fishing, but also an appreciation and respect of the outdoor world around me. Since then, conservation has played a big role in my life. I have also made many life-long friends in the fly-fishing community who continue to share their knowledge and experience.

Take advantage of all that Puget Sound Fly-Fishers has to offer. The members of our club jump at the chance to share their knowledge of fly-fishing, places to fish, gear and flies to use, and so much more. Just ask. Also, if you're a veteran fly-fisherman, make yourself known to a new or novice member. Make them feel welcome. We've all joined PSFF because we want to hang out with kindred spirits and become better anglers.

Down to business

Membership renewal forms were mailed Dec. 15. **Deadline for renewal is Feb. 1.** To ensure all of your information on the club roster is accurate,

please complete the form and return it along with your renewal check for \$45.

Newest members

Merritt Kline
Barry Miller

Anniversaries

Robert Anderson	9	Derek Burney	4
John Clark	33	Paul Fournier	15
Paul Fry	1	Julie Kelner	2
Bobby Kemp	3	Mark Malone	5
David Oliver	1	Tom Phelps	8
Doug Post	6	Amy Weller	9



FFI/WSCFFI
Mike Clancy

The FFI conducted another Virtual Expo November 4-6, 2022. Attendance was down a little, they still experienced a good event. Over 100 workshops and presentations were offered ranging from featured speakers, tying, casting, general skills, photography and more. The most popular attended sessions were the featured speakers and casting workshops. Fly tying offerings were much higher, the attendance in those offerings were more spread out.

Folks registered from 4 countries outside the USA. And 42 U.S. States had registrants. The top state for attendees was Washington State with 29.

Mark your calendars for April 29, 2023 for the next WSCFFI Casting Fair at Lake Ballenger Park in Mountlake Terrace Senior Center on the park grounds, north of Seattle. More info is available on the Council website – www.wscffi.org.

The NW Youth Conservation & Fly-fishing Academy – The Academy will be conducted this year the last full week of June. June 18-24, 2023 at Panhandle Lake 4H Camp on Panhandle Lake west of Shelton. The Academy will be conducted by three new incredible directors along with Matt Tuttle, Camp Director. Registration is now open, go to the new website - www.flyfish.academy

Save Bristol Bay – From the desk of Meghan Barker, TU Alaska “Save Bristol Bay”

“Dear Bristol Bay Supporters: We just arrived at another big milestone in the effort to finalize Clean Water Act safeguards for Bristol Bay. **Today (12/1) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its Recommended Determination for the Bristol Bay watershed.** This is a big step forward in the effort to achieve Clean Water Act safeguards!”



Conservation
Greg Shimek

Well, 2022 is finally behind us and a new year has just begun. What better way to start the year than to get involved in a conservation project of some kind. A lot of streamside and estuary restoration planting with native materials take place in the winter months. This is because the survival rate of the plants is greater if planted at this time of the year versus the summer months. One of the organizations in our area is the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group located in Belfair, Washington. They carry out restoration work in many streams and estuaries throughout Hood Canal that benefit Salmon, Steelhead and Coastal Cutthroat Trout and have volunteer opportunities all year long. The next Planting is on January 16th from 10am to 1pm at the Salmon Center, 600 NE Roessel Rd, Belfair WA 98528. If you are interested you can find more information on the

web at pnwsalmoncenter.org and look for Restoration then Current Habitat Projects. You will need to register to volunteer. As many of our members fish in Hood Canal and the streams and rivers that flow into it, this is a great way help the many fish species that call these waters home.

Library

Tom Krughoff

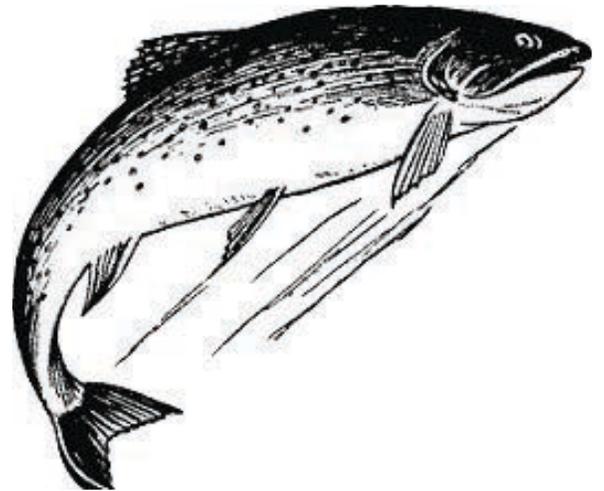
Good News and Bad News

Good news and bad news? What's the bad news, you ask? Well, as many of you know, we are losing our storage space at Tower Lanes. This is a closet that the club built years ago inside a utility room at the facility. The closet houses the library, fly tying materials, rods and rod cases, and various odds and ends. The owners have claimed the space back because they need more room for offices, so everything must go!

Now for the good news, at least regarding the library. A brave group of members, including Steve Saville, David Frazier, Rob Jensen, Dennis Ehlers, and myself, met recently to sort out about 100 "must keep" books from our collection of more than 400 volumes. This reduces the size of our library to a number that can be reasonably transported back and forth from home to the meeting site by the librarian. (My back is extremely grateful!) The good news for you is that all the books that have been removed from the collection will be available at the January meeting, and club members may take any books they want to add to their personal collection. I know, you already gave a bunch of books to the club because you have too many at home, but you still might find a few titles that would be a good addition to your bookshelf.

The rest of the good news is that the books remaining in our library are now the absolute cream of the crop, selected by our club's experts and packed with information, tips, and tactics you can

use to up your game in the coming months and years. After the January giveaway I will have the regular library at the February meeting, and I hope that with the reduced number of books it will be easier for you to browse the collection and find a good read. Any suggestions you have to make the library more useful to you are always appreciated. Tom Krughoff twkrughoff@gmail.com.



Outings 2023



By David Frazier | Outings Chair

JANUARY

Munn Lake, Saturday, **Jan. 28**, 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Rocky Ford, Wednesday-Thursday, **Feb. 22-23**

MARCH

a) Yakima River, Monday-Wednesday, **March 6-8** (full moon March 7)

b) NW Fly-Tyer and Fishing Expo, Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR, Friday-Saturday, **March 10-11**

APRIL

Spencer Lake, Saturday, **April 22**, 9 a.m.

MAY

a) Annual PSFF Gathering: Park Lake, Sun Village Resort, Friday-Sunday, **May 19-21**

b) Mineral Lake, Saturday, **May 27**, 9 a.m.

JUNE

a) Lake Kapowsin (bass), Saturday, **June 10**, 7 a.m.

b) Leech Lake, Friday-Monday, **June 23-26**

JULY

Merrill Lake (Hexagenia hatch), Sunday-Tuesday, **July 14-16**

AUGUST

Little Deschutes River, Saturday, **Aug. 12**, 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

a) Dash Point Pier (Coho & pinks), Saturday, **Sept. 2**, 6 a.m.

b) Cowlitz River (Coho, cutthroat, steelhead), Thursday-Saturday, **Sept. 16-18**

OCTOBER

Island Lake (Mason County), Saturday, **Oct. 7**, 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER

Johns Creek (chum salmon), Friday, **Nov. 10**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

DECEMBER

Cady Lake, Saturday, **Dec. 2**, 10 a.m.

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Having trouble accessing the FORUM?

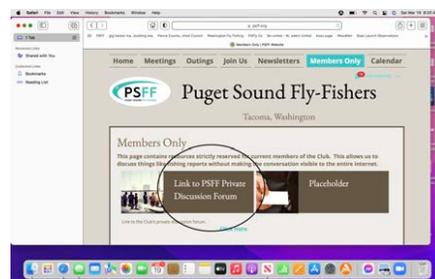
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As a new FORUM member, you need to Sign Up first as shown in figure 3. You enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done that you are set and it will take you to the FORUM home page shown in figure 4. Explore the FORUM a bit to see what members have posted.

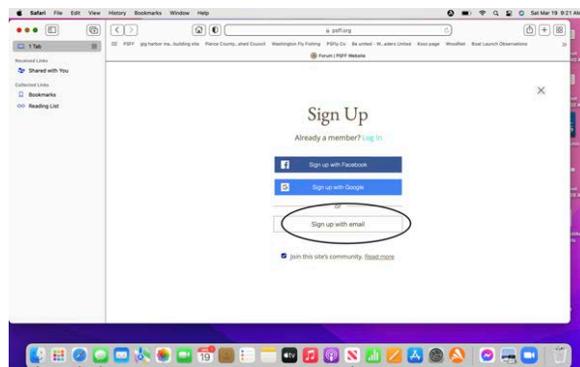
Once you have done the initial set up you will receive an email anytime someone on the FORUM posts something. Now you just have to Log In instead of Signing Up.



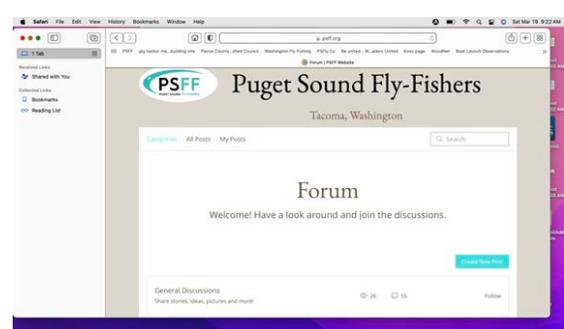
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