



Leader Line

Steve Saville
President

More Rivers Open...

I often wonder what I can write in this segment that will be “newsy” but this month I have no problems. For all salmon fishers, WDFW has opened up several rivers for spring chinook fishing on a limited number of dates. The rivers are the Lewis, Cascade, Upper Skagit, and the north fork of the Nooksack. They are limited dates, so be sure to check online for the most immediate information on these rivers. It looks as though the runs may be rebounding somewhat and that is encouraging for those who enjoy the opportunities to catch a king. Tight lines to those of you who give it a try.

I’ll try not to use too many cliches but one that comes to mind is “All good things come to an end sometime.” Nothing could be truer than the demise of the Sandy River Spey Clave. For a number of years, numerous members have made the drive to Oxbow Park near Troutdale, Oregon to rub elbows with other spey fishers, attend seminars, and test out new equipment. Retirement and the pandemic have taken the toll and the clave is no more. There

is however a replacement. I recently attended an event titled “A Celebration of Fly Fishing.” The event was put on by Dick Sagara, Thom Thornton, and Marc Williamson, representatives, and ambassadors for Temple Fork Outfitters. The event was a day-long session with seminars by Jim Teeny, Thom, and Dick on lines and casting, spey casting, and indicator fishing, respectively. The event featured a raffle. Funds collected were earmarked for restoration projects on the Oregon Deschutes River. There was also a distance casting contest, and the winner received a choice of any Temple Fork fly rod. The weather was warm and windy which hampered the casting contest, but a good time was had by all. So, as one door closed, another has opened. Dick is already working on a similar event for next year.

Though I did not attend, the weather hampered our club’s annual outing to Park Lake. Winds, rain, and hail put the damper on several of the activities, but I understand the hearty souls who attended had a good time. Hopefully the weather will not be a factor in the coming years.

Finally, as the year progresses and we continue to meet regularly, there are many more activities scheduled by the committee chairpersons who work diligently to make this organization run smoothly. It isn’t too early to consider serving as a

Next Meeting
June 9, 2022
6:00 PM

Tower Lanes

Dinner 6:30 PM

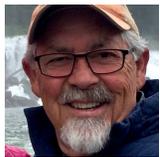
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member of a committee or as a member of the board. There are open positions now and by year's end more vacancies will open.

The positions don't require more than a few hours each year and the rewards that come with serving help keep our club running smoothly. Please consider serving a term as a board member or committee member. The club cannot run itself and we need participation by dedicated folks.

I'll see you all at next month's club meeting. Until then, stay safe and fish often.

Tight Lines



Education **Mike Koslosky**

June Fly Tying

Just in time for the Bonneville Dam Outing on June 11 is a chance to tie flies for American Shad. Meet at Tower Lanes, Saturday, June 4 at 10am. There's nothing fancy with these flies commonly called shad darts. A beginning fly tier can probably master a shad dart in 15 minutes. But that's only half of the story;

Some say fishing for shad is the most fun you can have with your clothes on!

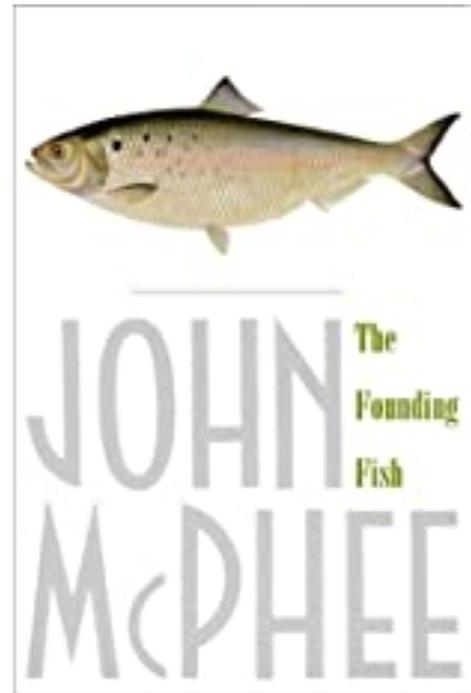
As a shad angler myself, I won't dare comment on that last statement but I will attest to how much fun these fish are on a fly rod. Surprisingly they grab these flies with gusto which is surprising since they are plankton feeders and generally don't even feed once they are on their spawning runs. Go figure, right?

Since this tying session is before our June meeting interested tiers should let President Steve Saville know you are planing to attend so he can provide enough materials. As a reminder, bring your own

vise and tools. If you don't have a vise, let Steve know and he will arrange to have one for you. Contact Steve - stevesaville@comcast.net

Tip of the Month

"The Founding Fish" by John McPhee. This isn't a tip as much as it its a hearty recommendation to read this book on the American Shad. According to author McPhee, shad saved George Washington's troops from near starvation during the Revolutionary War when at Valley Forge the fish entered the Delaware River for their annual spawning run whereupon the soldiers harvested them for a feast staving off death.



McPhee traces the fish's original range along the East Coast of North American through their introduction into the Sacramento and Columbia Rivers here on the West Coast. They have since spread north to Alaska and south as far as Baja. Plenty of fun facts and folklore are sprinkled throughout the book. Enjoy the read.



Outings David Frazier

Prime Time Double Feature

June can be a crazy-good month for anglers. Days and nights are warming, bugs are hatching and, if the fantasy abides, the gods of climate are smiling. Time to hit the water with waders dry and rods held high.

COLUMBIA RIVER: The shad outing, June 11-13 (Sat-Mon).

American Shad — “the poor man’s tarpon” — have been passing through Bonneville Dam in numbers that are completely off the hook. And the numbers continue to increase each year. It’s expected that roughly 6 million fish will pass the dam in 2022 on their yearly spawning run. Unlike Pacific salmon, they don’t necessarily die after spawning and can return again. Although shad can measure up to 30 inches in length and weigh up to 12 pounds, Columbia shad usually measure up to 20 inches and weigh about 5 or 6 pounds. Males tend to show up first, followed by the slightly larger females.



American Shad

Tackle: 6- to 8-wt rods (or 4- to 6-wt spey), fast-sinking lines or heads, 9-ft leaders with about 10-lb test. Fly patterns are numerous, simple and have

similar characteristics. Tie some up at our next fly-tying session, 10 a.m.-noon on June 4 at Tower Lanes.

Campers should check out staying at the Lewis & Clark Campground & RV Park, 355 Evergreen Drive, North Bonneville, WA. Tess and I will be in RV site 21. Get your reservations at lewisandclarkcampground.com. Call (509) 427-5559 for information. The campground is about 3 hours from Tower Lanes in Tacoma.

LEECH LAKE: Leech Lake, White Pass summit, June 24-27 (Fri-Mon)



Leech Lake

Think big 'bows and hungry brookies on damselfly nymphs and adults, plus caddis adults (sometimes skated), mayflies, leech patterns, chironomids, ants and small baitfish patterns. Also known as White Pass Lake, this jewel of a fly-fishing-only 42-acre lake is located barely over the crest of White Pass off Highway 12 in Yakima County. Stocking of large rainbow trout usually occurs within the first two weeks of June.

The lake is fairly shallow — to about 15 feet. Bring rods 4- to 6-wt and reels loaded with floating, sink-tip or intermediate lines.

Special Note: Washington Discover Pass and Washington Fish and Wildlife Access Permit are not valid parking or access passes. There is a \$5 per vehicle Day Use Fee, payable at the “iron ranger” post near the put-in site. Facilities include a U.S. Forest Service campground and boat launch, but use of boat motors is prohibited. The campground fee is \$8 per night; extra vehicle fee is \$5 per day. First come, first served. Campsites accommodate trailers up to 20 feet. No motors allowed in the lake. Leech Lake is 2.5 hours southeast of Tower Lanes, Tacoma.

Where to Stay

Condos near the lake at White Pass Village Inn Rentals, Reservations@StayWhitePass.com or call 509-672-3131. (We'll be staying in one of the condos.)

Packwood RV Park (filling up fast; call 360-494-5145; RVs and trailers only), about 30 minutes from the lake down the west side of White Pass.

White Pass Lake (Leech Lake) Campground (tents and small trailers under 20 feet),

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/okawen/recrea/?recid=58613>

The Kracker Barrel Convenience Store, next to White Pass Village Inn, has a deli, grocery, gas station, coin-operated laundry and showers.

Interested? Please contact me if you're attending: dfrazier@wavecable.com or call (360) 265-6963.

The Fun We Had... Stormin' Park Lake

It seems the favorite topic of conversation at last weekend's annual outing to Park Lake was the weather. You may have already noticed that this spring has been unusually cold and dreary. We were hoping for something better at our favorite club fishout. While we did enjoy the better here and there, we also experienced winds up to about 20 mph, rain, a thunderstorm and hail (twice).

Collectively, I'd say the weather dampened our rain gear (and our picnic buffet) but not our spirits. I

think Tess and I set a new record for the number of people in our 27' trailer when we all grabbed our grub and piled inside to stay cozy.



Rob and Kara Jensen Blue Lake



What storm?

I'd like to thank all the folks who turned out and joined Tess Frazier and myself, 13 in all: Amy Weller, Jim Baker, Ron McNeal, Ron Zargas, Ted Werner, Tom & Noell Krughoff, Mark Paul, Tom Van Gelder, and Rob & Kara Jensen.

Outings: July-December

July 15-17: Naches River; Squaw Rock RV Resort and Campground

<https://squawrockrvresortandcampground.com/>

August: Middle Fork Snoqualmie River,
Monday, Aug. 15, 8 a.m.

September: Puget Sound, Coastal Cutthroat/Coho,
Saturday, Sept 10, 9 a.m.-noon

October: Cady Lake, Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.

November: American Lake,
Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.

December: Nahwatzel Lake,
Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.

Opportunity

Fly Tyers Needed

We have received a request from Randy Allen of **South Sound Fly Fishers** to help with instruction with three middle school classes. The instruction is now until June 8th or perhaps extending until the 13th. A BBQ is planned for June 9th. The instruction will be held each school day at Griffin Middle School west of Olympia on Steamboat Island Road. All materials and tools are being provided by the school. If you can help out, please contact Randy Allen at 360-701-9662. (randyandcarol2@gmail.com) I am sure any help will be greatly appreciated.

Programs

Chic Sundahl

June Speaker: David Paul Williams “Panfish: A Kick in the Pants”

America’s fish – bluegill, crappie, rockbass and more. Learn about the fish, what they eat and how to catch them. Break out the 3-weight rod because panfish are the perfect fish for kids of all ages (especially Koz).

David Paul Williams caught his first crappie while in elementary school and still enjoys catching all species of panfish. Author of **Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth**, he has written for numerous magazines including Fly Fisherman, American Angler, Northwest Fly Fishing, Fly Fusion, Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Bassmaster, Salmon-Trout-Steelheader, Salmon Steelhead Journal, Backpacker, Northwest Travel and Seattle Magazine. He is a Department Editor of Flyfishing & Tying Journal, “In-the-Field” editor for Washington-Oregon Game and Fish magazine. He is a demonstration fly-tier and speaker at numerous fly-fishing expos and sportsmen’s shows. Our speaker is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Fly Fishers International and Editor-in-Chief of their Flyfisher magazine as well as past secretary and past newsletter editor of the Washington Council FFI.

Anniversaries

Kristin Macy

John Brett	12	Tom Fergin	4
Greg Gremer	5	Rick Hulscher	6
Chris Johnson	7	James Linsey	4
Timothy McMullen	4	Phil Oliver	6
Graham Owen	5	Caleb Pedersen	1
Gene Rivers	6	Steve Saville	16
James Schmidt	5	Alan Yamashita	10



WSFFI and The Academy Mike Clancy

The Academy – We will be conducting an Academy on June 19-25, 2022. The event takes place the last full week of June at Gwinwood Christian Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey. We are happy to report that we have 11 participants signed up. Jim Brosio has all the instructors lined up and we have a special instructor, Jacob Bengelink, an alumni from a past Academy and will be instructing with the folks from DFW where he now works. We will also be introducing the new Co-Directors that will be taking over next year. John Gravendyk, Bruce Merighi and Carol Anderson. Jim and I were originally going to retire in 2020, but we had to wait till 2022.

Washington State Council FFI (WSCFFI)

The Council is planning a casting, fly tying event at Lake Ballinger, north of Seattle, on August 13th. Come and get casting instruction and watch fly tying. There will be some vendors. There is a charge for casting instruction, but free admission.

Alaska – From Meghan Barker – TU Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took another big step forward in establishing Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay. The agency announced a revised Proposed Determination that, if finalized, would prohibit mine waste from being released into streams, rivers and wetlands in Bristol Bay.

Trout Unlimited applauds these revisions – they would prohibit mine waste associated with the Pebble deposit area, and restrict mine waste discharge in certain headwaters of South Fork Kaktuli River, North Fork Kaktuli River and Upper Talarik Creek.

FFI – The FFI is planning another International Virtual Expo on November 4-6, 2022. The 2021 event was very successful. Check out the FFI website for casting, fly tying and conservation at the Learning Center. Check out the website www.flyfishersinternational.org



Where did he catch this one?

Having trouble accessing the FORUM?

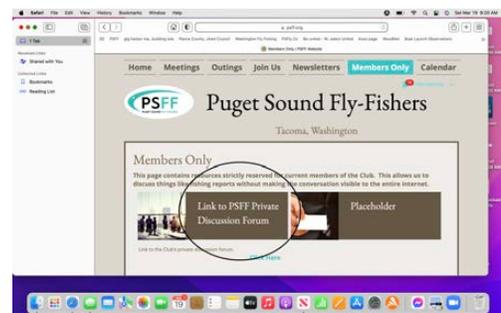
Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in figure 1 and click on the Members Only tab. That takes you to figure 2 where you click on the circled button taking you to the Sign Up or Log in page.

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.

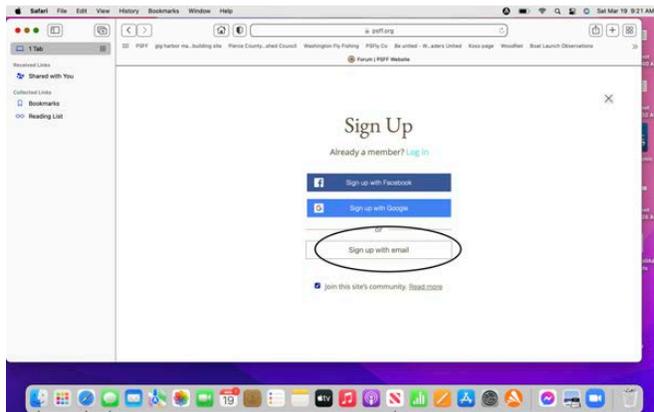
Once you have done the initial set up you will receive an email anytime someone on the FORUM posts something. Now you just have to Log In instead of Signing Up.



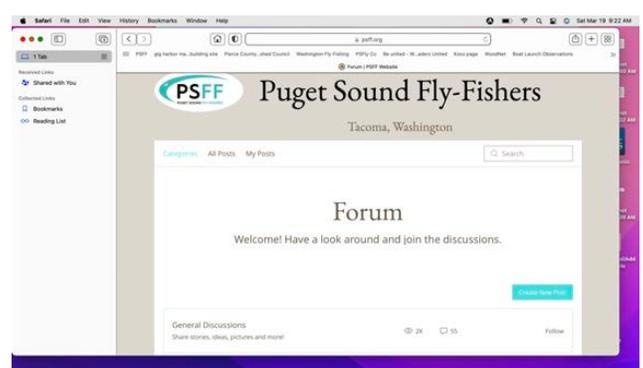
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