

Puget Sound Fly Fishers Newsletter

Oct 2012



"Chum Are Here"



Al Schmauder ---- Clover and Chambers Creek Restoration

The Leader Line

by
Ned Krilich



81 days without rain! 81 beautiful days. 81 opportunities to go fishing. And, when does Dick Kykendall think it would be a great day to have our first ever GIG Harbor Searun Cutthroat/Coho Extravaganza Outing: The 82nd Day. A day filled with rain and wind... the kind of day you should be at home watching a football game or up on the peninsula fishing for Steelhead. Question: Where was the infamous Dick Kykendall while this outing was happening? Answer: In sunny Phoenix, Arizona enjoying the good weather! Ok, the weather wasn't the greatest... but we still managed to have a good time. Congratulations to Bill Wheeler for catching his first searun cutthroat! Our thanks to Ghilles Brian Bayeur, Paul Elsberry and Brian Knutson for leading the groups out to three beaches we fished. While I wasn't able to make the outing up to Lake Lenice on October 20, I'm certain Steve Kokita's planning turned this into another great club event.

We have three events on the calendar for this month. A SRC Outing on Case Inlet headed by Dan Carlton planned for November 3 from 9AM to 1PM. A tube tying class presented by Mike Trask on November 11 from 9AM to noon at Tower Lanes. Then, on the weekend of November 17-18 we will be serving coffee again as a club fund raiser. We still need a few

more volunteers for the coffee stop and I encourage you to contact John Clark to volunteer at -kathydueclark@yahoo.com

I am glad to report Bob Jimerson has agreed to head our effort to upgrade our web site. John Brett will be our Education Committee Chair in 2013 and Dan Carlton has stepped up to lead saltwater outings in 2013. Remaining positions to be filled for 2013 are an outings chair for freshwater activities and our raffle. Let me know if you are interested to fill either of these slots. See you at our next monthly meeting on November 8.



Looks like the Bruin who visited Gus's back yard.
Left some scat and took a bird feeder.

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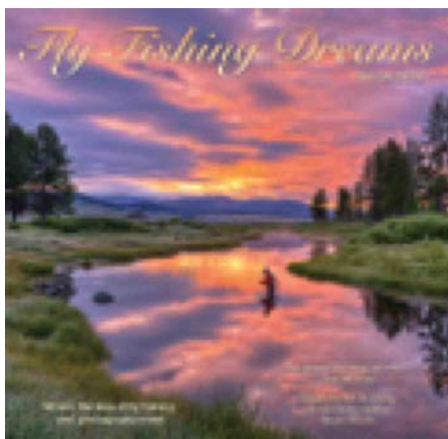
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PSFF NEWS

PSFF will be taking orders for this beautiful calendar during the November 8, 2012 general meeting. The calendar retails for \$16.99; however, we have a one-time offer of \$12.50. So bring cash or check and sign up for 2013 Fly Fishing Dreams Calendar.



Produced via environmentally friendly processes, using chlorine free FSC-certified paper and vegetable-based inks, this beautifully photographed 12-month 12" x 11.5" wall calendar includes bonus double page featuring a 2013 calendar, as well as a section for important telephone numbers and January 2013 appointments. This wall calendar is produced in English format.

2013 Elected Officers and Directors

President:	Michael Trask
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of the year, I will not know the correct status of an item.

Last month we added a new book to the library, "Hatch Guide for Lakes" by Jim Schollmeyer. It is currently checked out but if you are interested in learning more about hatches on lakes, keep an eye out for it.

Please drop me a line or let me know at the meetings if you have a book or DVD you would like to see added to the library and we will pursue it if our budget still has room assets available. If not, we will keep it in mind for the following year.

Library Report By Galen Hansen

As of the close of our last meeting we have 21 library items that are overdue. Please check your books and DVD's to see if perhaps you have an item that you forgot to return. Please bring any overdue items back at the next meeting.

When checking a book or DVD out, please put the month and year...not the month and day. I caught a few last meeting that were using the wrong date format. If the day is used instead



Ladies Corner

By
Beth Mason



Who is Joan Wuff?

Having recently tried fly fishing with a friend's "Joan Wuff" Winston 5 wt rod and did some of the best casting ever, I not only decided to look into purchasing one for myself, but took a moment to do some research on "Joan Wuff".

Joan Wuff is known as the "First Lady of Fly Fishing". She has been casting since 1937 when she was a little girl to present. In fact, she started in fly casting competition as a girl and would eventually win casting tournaments against and all male competition.

Here are some interesting facts about Joan Wuff: Joan was national casting champion between 1947 and 1960 with her longest cast being 161 feet. For 22 years she wrote a casting column for Fly Rod & Reel magazine. She is a consultant to the R.L. Winston Rod Company and was elected to the IGFA Hall of Fame in 2007.

Joan and her husband Lee have run the Wuff School of Fly Fishing since 1979. Joan has authored four books: Fly Casting Techniques, Fly Casting Expert Advice, a Woman's Perspective, Fly Casting Accuracy, Joan Wuff's New Fly Casting Technique. She has produced many instructional DVD's, her most famous being Dynamics of Fly Fishing. Joan and Lee sell custom fly fishing gear through their fly shop Royal Wuff Company.

The list of her accomplishments goes on. Check out our library for Joan Wuff books or DVD's. They are also available at Amazon.

"Fly casting is different from all other sports in that it requires two strokes instead of one. Because the weight we cast is the long and flexible fly line, it must be unrolled with force backward as well as forward. Your first challenge is to develop backward-throwing muscles."- Joan Wuff



Washington Lakes According to Grandpa Bass



Mason County's Devereaux Lake covers 100 surface acres, reaches depths of about 50 feet (depending on time of year and weather conditions) and is located at an elevation of 215 feet. The depth varies considerably – sometimes during the late fall the water is so low it is difficult to launch a boat.

Fish species include rainbow trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, yellow perch and pumpkinseed sunfish and maybe a couple other species.



The trout, kokanee and largemouth bass grow to quite impressive sizes. Trout and kokanee anglers quite often enjoy successful fishing -- both by trolling their favorite lures or by still fishing with Power Bait, eggs or worms. Most of my bass success has been by casting size 11 Rapalas or fishing 1/4 ounce black jigs. The Rapalas and Jigs have resulted in several largemouth bass between 2 1/2 pounds to about 4 pounds. I have seen much larger bass finning the shallows that were not interested in biting lures. I have even hooked a few Rainbow trout and yellow perch while casting Rapalas. The perch and sunfish that I caught were not of impressive sizes but I have never spent much time fishing for them.

The bass habitat on this lake includes lots of overhanging brush and trees, lots of old fallen trees and logs in the water and the long stretches of shoreline reeds. There are very few homes or private docks on this lake. There is also a girl's camp on the east side of the lake with a huge dock and several boats.

The lake has very little aquatic vegetation but does have the long stretches of shoreline reeds. There are no lily pads but it does have a few pretty little pink flowers with floating leaves called "Floating Water Sweet Weed" or by its scientific name Polygonum Amphibium. My thanks to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for helping me identify this plant after I sent them a photo.

cont page 4 "Grampa Bass"

Editors Note:

"Washington Lakes According to Grandpa Bass" is provided by an accomplished Bass Fisherman as well as a published Outdoor Writer. Bob has compiled a complete list of Washington Lakes which he has personally fished and graciously agreed to share with PSFF. Look for a new lake each month.

Reports From The Beach

by
erin roach



"Why I love Fly Fishing"

It combines so many of the things I loved and did as kid. I collected bugs and spent 4 weeks camping everywhere all over Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Canada.

I spent many days on lakes in eastern Washington near our family farm fishing with my dad and those kinds of connections and excitement still turn me on today

Even after catching my first Coho from the beach this summer, Dad was still the first person I called to brag about it. Fly fishing is a great distraction for me and something I look forward to after 100 mile round trip daily commutes from Gig Harbor to Bellevue each day to go to work.

I love misty fog on calm water on the beach with the sun coming up over Vashon island while seeing small boats trolling by. I love the anticipation of knowing that cutthroat are nearby, when the conditions are perfect, (the tide moving 2 to 4 miles per hour, slightly overcast skies and cutthroat jumping 30 feet away). I love the strength and tenacity of wild sea run cutthroats when they strike. You can always tell right away when they have hit your fly vs a Sculpin or flounder.

I love the challenge of just knowing sea runs are in an area, even though I can't see them, and trying to figure out what they are keying in on.

I love the aesthetics of executing a perfect seamless 30 foot cast into an area where sea runs are jumping and having them hit the fly after the first strip.

I like the challenge of trying to figure out new beaches and learning things from other fly fishers who are there at the same time.

Even when I don't catch anything, I just enjoy being outside and seeing postcard images and such as other fisherman casting out near a point in the

distance and seeing see otters scramble into the water and bald eagles swooping down to the water.

Here is a link to an article about the type of bait fish that this month's fly is meant to imitate

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/pugetsound/species/sandlance.html> One of the classic flies used to imitate it is called the Lambuth Candlefish (see image from the attached link to salmonfly.net).

<http://www.salmonflies.net/fly579.html>

Sand lance usually start to appear in the south Puget sound area around late May or June. I had great success this late spring and early summer with a long green sand lance pattern that the Gig Harbor fly shop sells, called Blakes Sand lance. Unfortunately I was not able to find a picture of it for this month's article

See you on the beach



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Public access is provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is a large access area with lots of parking space, a concrete plank boat launching ramp and an updated concrete toilet. Small-trailer boats, car toppers and inflatables can also be launched with ease from the gravel shoreline. NO INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES ARE ALLOWED ON THE LAKE. There are some very limited shoreline fishing opportunities at the access. Currently the lake is open to fishing from the last Saturday in April through October 31st. Careful handling and release of most of your catch will insure excitement into the future.

Hot Scoop

Classifieds

Winter Fishing Jacket.

Cabela's Goretex Hooded Jacket with no drip sleeves.

Size XL Reg. Very Good Condition.

Was \$150 new. Asking \$75.

Call Mike L (Gus) 360-710-8024



Waist Inflatable Life Preserver

One size fits all. Excellent Condition

New \$90 Asking \$60.

Call Mike I (Gus) 360-710-8024



PJ'S TIPS



Claire Lilly's thread base trick

Many of you won't know Claire but he was a long time PSFF member, gentleman, tyer, and fisherman. One tying trick he never failed to tell the newbies in one of his demos or classes was how to get an even thread base on your hook. After you have the first few wraps on over top of the thread and are ready to start winding back to the hook bend there will be several inches of tag end scrap thread hanging loose. Do not trim this off yet. Instead hold it up above the hook toward the rear at about a 45 degree angle under a slight tension. As you wrap back toward the bend lay the thread onto that angled thread slightly back from the previous wrap and the current wrap will slide nicely down close to the previous one. A bit of practice and you'll make perfect uniform thread bases. Trim that tag end when you get to the bend.

Bellevue Outing

On Saturday night, November 10, from 6:00PM - 9:00PM, we will host our Annual Fly Fishing Club Night. It's our way of thanking all our local fly fishing clubs and their members for their support through this past year. We will have food and wine as well as 20% off everything and anything (except sale merchandise) in the store! This is a great opportunity to pick up your holiday gifts as well as hobnob with your fellow club members!

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NEW MEMBERS

Fall SRC Outing Case Inlet November 3, 2012

Well it's that time again for the fall SRC outing at Case Inlet. This is one of my favorite outings of the year because of the great fishing and the turnout.

We will meet for Breakfast at the Boathouse Grill in Allyn at 08:00. At this time we will discuss the opportunities that Case Inlet has to offer for those that beach fish and for those that bring a boat. Please bring a fly for the drawing at breakfast. You don't have to tie it just bring a SRC and win some great flies. After fishing for those that want lunch and to tell your story of your big fish, we will meet back at the Boat House. (Around 2pm)

The tides for the 3rd. Weather? Dress for rain.

Sat 3 Low 2:46 AM -0.6 7:59 AM Sunrise

3 High 10:02 AM 14.1

3 Low 3:58 PM 7.4

Please go to PSFF.org web site (OUTINGS) and checkout the handouts for this event. Great info there. If you need flies the local shop has some excellent ones.

Dan C.

PSFF EDUCATION



PSFF Class Schedule

Tube Fly Class: November 10, 2012, 9am till noon, at Tower Lanes. If you do not have a tube fly adaptor you will need to purchase one prior to the class. A material list will be emailed to those individuals who sign up for the class. The signup sheet will be available turning the October's general meeting or you can email the instructor (Mike Trask) at seattletrask@gmail.com to reserve a spot.



November Program

Al Schmauder, long time activist for restoration of Clover and Chambers Creek, will provide a presentation on 8 Nov. His presentation will cover the recent work done to rebuild a fish ladder at the Chambers Creek dam plus photos of the other 7 fish ladders between Chambers Bay and Spanaway Lake. He will also discuss other major restoration work completed and planned to include bringing back Steelhead to Chambers Creek.



Fishing Report Provided by *The Gig Harbor Fly Shop*

Sea Run Cutthroat fishing has been awesome in most of Puget Sound with many larger than average fish being found on all your standard fly patterns. Topwater action has been great as well. Fishing should continue to be great through November. Chum salmon action has increased as of late and is a great option for those looking for big drag screaming fish. Look to all the usual estuaries and rivers for a shot at these fish.

A few of the eastside rivers are open for summer steelhead currently and the fishing is decent although numbers are down from the previous couple seasons. Hatchery winter steelhead season will ramp up after Thanksgiving. For trout anglers, the Yakima river has been fishing well with small baetis nymphs and sculpin streamers. Some dry fly fishing has been experienced on October Caddis patterns. Great time of year to be on the water, get out there!

Fall "Steelhead" Fly Swap:

The rain and wind are back. So are the Winter Steelhead! This month's fly swap will be your favorite Steelhead pattern. This swap is open to fly tiers and non-flytires (if you do not wish to tie flies, go out and buy some.)

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

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

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Proposed 2012 PSFF Outings

By Steve Kokita

Here is what I've come up with so far for our club outings. I want this year to be filled with fun fishing trips and outings. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the season's kick-off awesome outing at Park Lake. This has been the highlight outing for Kerri and I as this will be our fourth time. A few years ago there were 70+ attending, fishing, drinking, eating, golfing, BS'ing and just plain having a great time! I have some new thrills in this year's Fly Tie Challenge...If you have any other ideas or suggestions about possible outings, let me know.

Nov SRC/Chum outing "Dan C" Nov 3rd, Allyn
Maytown Coffee Stop

Dec ??

Other outings still in the planning stage are Pass Lake, Lone Lake, Munn Lake-day outings, and maybe some rivers. Updates or additions will be posted on the Yahoo site and our newsletter.

Maytown Coffee Stop

We are scheduled to serve coffee and cookies beginning the morning of Nov 17th and ending the afternoon on Monday Nov 19th.

The Maytown Rest Stop is located approximately at mile post 93, heading south on I-5.

This requires two volunteers per shift.

Our daughter is scheduled for minor surgery so Kath will not be able to assist me in setting up or taking down as she will be in Oregon.

The following shifts have not been filled:

Sat Nov 17th 2 AM to 6 AM Need one person to help me set up.

6 AM to Noon Filled

Noon to 6 PM Filled

6 PM to midnight. Need one person to work with PJ

Sun Nov 18th Midnight to 6 AM Need two people

6 AM to noon Need 2 people

Noon to 6PM Need one to work with Dennis Ehlers

6PM to midnight Need 2 people

Mon Nov 19th Midnight to 6 AM Need 2 people

6 AM to 2 PM Need one person to help me close

I can't wait until the next club meeting for volunteers to sign up as the DOT requires sufficient time to try and find another service club to fill these dates. Failure to let the DOT know in time forfeits said service club from dispensing refreshments for one year.

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Fly of The Month

Shock & Awe

Tied by
Michael Trask

About four years ago, I wandered into Puget Sound Fly Company in Kent Washington. There I met a very young man, Anil Srivastava, the shop owner (young because I am older than dirt). In a very short time he got me into beach fishing. One afternoon I was in his shop to purchase a vise and he was kind enough to teach me how to tie his Shock & Awe Fly.



Materials:

- Micro tubing and Micro junction tubing
- ¼ " cross-eyed cones
- Steve Farrar's Flash Blend (white, olive and purple) Baitfish Emulator flash will work.
- Lateral scale is optional.

Anil's original Shock & Awe was tied using
Yak hair or slinky fibre and Krystal Flash.

step 1



Cut a piece of micro tubing approximately ½" long. Create a lip on one end of the tubing. Secure the tubing in the vise or adapter. Start your thread a ¼" from the end. Tie in a small amount of white fiber. I am using red thread so you can see the wraps are one on top of another.

Step 2



If you are using other material such as slinky fibre or yak you would add a couple of strands of Krystal flash. I have added a small amount of bait fish emulator.

Step 3



Tie in the olive material. If you are using other material, add one or two strands of Krystal flash.

Step 4



Pull all the material back onto its self and secure with several wraps.

Step 5



Tie in purple material and lateral scale. In the original fly, purple Krystal flash was used as a highlight. Before you proceed, a drop of Super glue is recommended. If I am tying several tube flies I will stop at this point. When I have several flies at this stage I will mix some 5 minute epoxy and lightly coat the end.

Step 6



I have pushed the cross-eyed cone onto the tubing as far back as it will go. Using a lighter I have melted the end of the tubing securing the cone to the tube. I have inserted the eyes and placed a small drop of epoxy on the eyes. I have used epoxy to secure the cone in place. At end of the fly insert the junction tubing. The junction tubing will hold the hook in place. To fish thread the leader through the tube and tie on a Gamakatsu SC15 size 4 or 6.

The thread wraps do not show because they are inside the cone. If the thread wraps, show your wraps were spread out, causing an elongated head.

FFF EVENTS



FFF Events in 2013

Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers

Northwest Fly Tyers Expo

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

Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Washington Fly Fishing Fair

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

The Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair will be held in West Yellowstone, MT.

This will be a FALL gathering, September 24 - 28, 2013.



PSFF CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				NOV 1	2	3 SRC Outing - Allyn
4	5	6	7	8 PSFF MTG	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 PSFF BD MTG	16	17 Maytown Coffee Stop
18 Coffee Stop	19 Coffee Stop	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVI NG	23	24
25	26 NL Articles Due by 5pm	27	28	29	30	
						Dec 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 PSFF MTG	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 PSFF BD MTG	21	22
23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27 NL Articles Due by 5 pm	28	29
30	31 NEW YEAR EVE					



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 "Sportmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To aid in the eradication of pollution and other practices destructive to fisheries.
6. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's philosophies.

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

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

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

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

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 (Family \$60) per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member.

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

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

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

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

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities. Scroll down through the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

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

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

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