



Leader Line

Enter the Shoulder Season

I'm looking forward to September and October and the beautiful fall season in the Pacific Northwest. The term 'shoulder season', popularized in the travel industry, refers to those months between the heat of summer and the cold of winter when there are smaller crowds and the sun's arcing path reminds us that change is on its way.

Fall is my favorite season, when summer vacations are fading, students are returning to

school and nature itself is becoming golden. It's always been my favorite time of year to travel and to fish. The celestial clock tells all the beasties it is time to bulk up. The bite is on! Our waters are lower before the rains start and the fish move into deeper ambush zones. It's when swinging a fat streamer can produce some murderous grabs.

But the shoulder season also beckons us with serious travel, which may or may not involve angling as the main course. Not that I'm whining. Travel broadens our world view and restores our souls. That's why my husband and I are not going to be around for much of the superb fall fly-fishing this year. We're off to France for five weeks (no tears, please). I've never been to Paris, so needless to say, it wasn't a real tough choice. And who knows – we may just run into a chateau with some accommodating water.

Next Meeting
September 11

Dinner 6:30 PM
Program 7:30 PM

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Mother Nature Smiled

Our annual picnic at the Seville property at Dash Point was Pacific Northwest stunning. The slight breezes parted the clouds and allowed the sun to shine brightly to warm the 30+ folks who attended. There was no lack of food, conversation or laughter. The view was spectacular and even an eagle appeared adding to the scenery. Thank you Steve and Robin Seville for hosting.

PSFF Needs You

Our fly-fishing club has gained many new members this year. All have joined our club because PSFF offers them a community where they can learn how to fly-fish or sharpen their skills. Ours is not a complicated sport, but guidance is definitely required. I am asking that each of you take time to notice members (new and seasoned) who seem to have questions, but are not quite sure who to ask; be friendly,

kind and helpful. If you don't now the answer, steer them in the right direction. Our 'family' takes care of each other.

And on a similar note: PSFF still needs a few members to step up and into some important leadership roles: President and Programs Chair. These are not complicated positions – you don't need to be an expert – and you will get instructions on what to do. The pay is lousy (volunteer) but the rewards are hard to beat. Please contact any Board member or me for more information (tessfrazier2wavecable.com).



Au revoir,

Tess Frazier
President

Programs

Mark Paul

Do I have a treat for you. This months speaker is me, yes you read it correctly, it's me. Don't leave the article yet because I'm going to talk about how to fly somewhere with fishing gear like boots, waders, rods, reels and flies.



There are some tricks and considerations to keep you on the up and up with TSA and the airline. How to pack, weight limitations and so on. If you've ever wanted to fish Belize, the Bahamas, Alaska or anywhere you'd be hard pressed to drive to then this is the place to be.

I recently went on my first fly fishing trip on a plane on a trip to Alaska with five others from the club and it was an eye opener when it came to packing. I will share my experience and things I learned along the way.



Mark Paul
Programs

Raffles

Some new items were donated by an old timer who can no longer get to the water.

2 - 2 piece rods with reels, one 9', the other 8 1/2' both 5 wt.

A really unique backpacking rod - 7' six segments collapsing to 16" - will be a silent auction sale.

Two boxes of fly tying materials and hooks.

Terrestrial flies to get those big trout hiding around the edges.

Lots and lots of classic flies to replenish your collection.

*Fred Olin
Raffles*



Outings

Beach Fly Fishing Outing, Saturday September 13, Norwegian Point Park, Hansville.

Greetings!

Saturday September 13th will be another opportunity to beach fish for pink, coho salmon or maybe a sea run cutthroat. We will meet at Norwegian Point Park, a public beach located in Hansville, a North Kitsap community.

[MAP](#)

[WEBSITE](#)

The tide will be incoming this time and I will be there between 6 and 6:30 AM, hopefully catching some low light fishing at sunrise. The gear will be the same as August's outing. Hope to see you there!

I hope you can join us! Please contact me to RSVP or for questions

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*Julie Kelnner
Outings*



Outings



JANUARY

Watch the Forum for a FLASH outing
(weather permitting)

FEBRUARY

The Fly-Fishing Show

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16

MARCH

Sea Run Cutthroat

Oakland Bay, Shelton
Tuesday March 4th Noon
Oakland Bay Rec Area, WDFW Parking

APRIL

Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River: Whispering Pines Campground
Cle Elum Friday-Sunday April 11th, 12th, 13th

MAY

Rattlesnake Lake

King County
Saturday May 3rd

JUNE

Lake Kokanee

Hoodsport, Mason County
Tuesday June 10th

JULY

North Fork Skokomish River

Staircase Campground
Monday July 14th

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic

11 AM – 4 PM
Saturday August 16th
Outing for **Pinks**, **TBA**

SEPTEMBER

Puget Sound Beach Fishing

TBA
Saturday Sunday 13th

OCTOBER

Cady Lake

Mason County
Tuesday October 7th

NOVEMBER

Black Friday - Get Outside and Fish

TBA
Friday November 28th

DECEMBER

TBA – Watch the forum for a FLASH outing.

Membership

Welcome to September 2025

Membership Survey

Please be watching for a mail-in survey in September in your US mail postal box. Our last survey was completed in 2021 and it is time to poll our membership once again.

Welcome to New Members

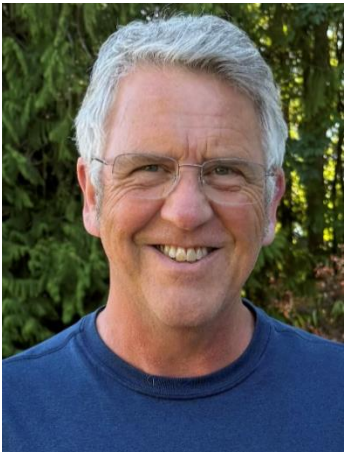
We continue to see new members join PSFF. You will find below bios to help you get acquainted. Please reach out and welcome James and Kell at the next meeting or outing they attend.

JAMES TIMSON

I was born in Renton in 1951. My first fly rod was an old Victory bamboo my mom bought for my grandfather in 1942. I have been tying flies since I was 9 yrs old using “found feathers”. I’m a retired boilermaker. I fished all the coastal rivers targeting silvers, steel head, and our loved coastal cuttys. My favorite fly for cuttys is the original cutthroat candy, old but very effective waked cross current.

KELL CONLON

I grew up in Tacoma and started fly fishing as a teenager. My dad tied flies and was an avid fly fisherman. We fished in Canada in the summer, Puget Sound as well. I now fish with my brother Mike. We cast from shore at Purdy, Fox Island Spit, Olalla Bay for cutthroat primarily. We ventured to other spots as well. We fish lakes in spring and fall, mainly Cady Lake. Neither of us stream fish but are interested in learning more. I am married and have a five-year-old grandson. I was a sales rep but have been retired for two years.



*Joe Harrison
Membership*

September Anniversaries/Years

Lance Leonard	1	Rob Jensen	6	Catherine Walters	8
Bill Pierce	1	Kara Jensen	6	Curt Stoner	8
				Nick Rajacich	35



2025 Academy Class *"Thank You for Your Donation"*



Art by George Thomas
NWYCFFA Class of 2023

THANK YOU

Excerpts from 2025 Academy Student Thank You Notes:

"We all learned so much and will use the skills the rest of our lives."

"Thank you so much for your contributions to this camp. You made it possible for me to make so many amazing memories. I will use the knowledge that I learned here for the rest of my life."

"I really appreciate all the time and effort put into the camp. It has made me a better fly fisher! It means so much to me, it really means a lot. I will remember it forever."

"Thank you for helping me get this education. I loved learning to Fly Fish and this is an unforgettable experience."

"It was my first time fly fishing and now I am confident in my ability to cast, tie flies and tie on my flies. This camp will last forever in our memories. We all really learned a ton!"

"I thank you so much! You all have made me into a better person. I'll take the class lessons with me in life and pass it on to younger generations."

Fly Fishing for Searun Cutthroat in Puget Sound, by Mel Hurd

This is a 20 page booklet written by Mel Hurd, long time member of SSFF. This is an absolutely wonderful guide to fish for our searun cutthroat in our back yard. The booklet is a means to support our conservation program and the Academy. We recommend a donation of \$10 of MORE.

The booklet may be purchased by contacting Lee Yeager, SSFF Treasurer or Mike Clancy at mtclancy39@comcast.net or go to paypal and fill out the information. SSFF email southsoundflyfishersorg/contact.



*Mike Clancy
Legislation & FFI*

Education

September

Fly Tying

On Saturday, September 13 (9:30 a.m. at Tower Lanes), Steve S. will focus on his favorite saltwater patterns, such as the Clouser Minnow. This is a simple yet highly effective fly pattern developed by Bob Clouser, known for its ability to imitate a baitfish and its 'jigging' action, as well as its versatility for both fresh and saltwater fishing.



Key components include dumbbell eyes that keep the hook point up, a bucktail 'belly' and a darker bucktail or synthetic 'back' with flash material to create a realistic profile.

Make a day of it...

Following fly tying, join other members for the club outing at Norwegian Point Park in Hansville (see Outings). This will be a great opportunity to pick up some beach fishing tips and to try out your new flies.



*Rob Jensen
Education*

2025 PSFF Officers & Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President	Tess Frazier
Vice President	Rob Jensen
Past President	(vacant)
Secretary	Anne Stiffler
Treasurer	Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1 st year	Mark Paul
Director, 2 nd year	David Frazier
Director, 3 rd year	Paul Fournier

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Steve Knowles
Education	Rob Jensen
Email Editor	Merritt Kline
Facebook	Tim Bayliss
Legislation/FFI	Mike Clancy
Librarian	Tom Krugoff
Membership	Joe Harrison
Newsletter	Kara Jensen
Outings	Julie Kelner
Programs	Mark Paul
Raffles	Fred Olin
Website	Jason Hardt

Having trouble accessing the Forum?

The forum offers current information for users on what to fish, where, and which patterns are hitting. Use the forum to post events, share resources, ask questions and organize outings around the area.

Existing Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Select the Log In option (red box in figure 2), then enter your email and password
3. Once logged in, navigate to the 'PSFF Paid Members Only' tab on the upper right of your screen, which will take you to the forum

Figure 1

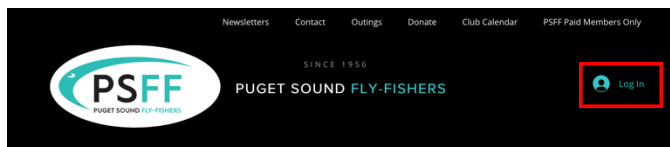


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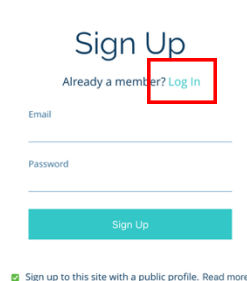


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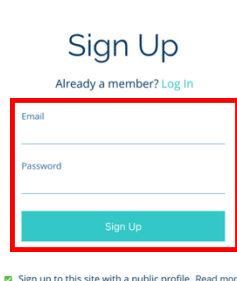
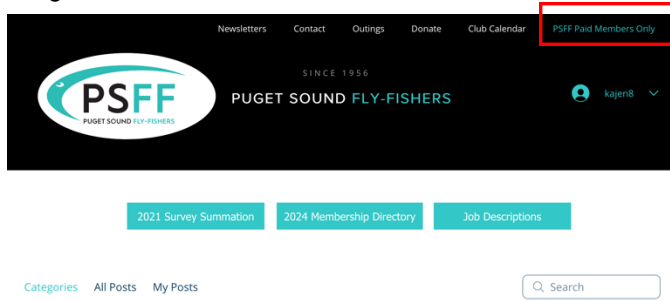


Figure 3



Forum

Welcome! Have a look around and join the discussions.

New Members

1. On the [PSFF.org](https://psff.org) website, click the Log In link (red box in figure 1)
2. Enter your email and a password, then click Sign Up (red box in figure 4)
3. You'll need to wait to be confirmed as a PSFF member. Check your email
4. Pay membership dues (see 'Membership', above)
5. Follow steps 1-3 (left) for existing members