



LEADER LINE

Return With Us Now to the Simpler Days of Yore



Nostalgia asks us to close our minds for awhile, disengage ourselves from reality and embrace ye good auld days. You know, back when things were perfect.

Back when fish were dumber, the cooling waters were clear and copious and you could set your watch to all the legendary hatches.

Cane poles were just that. A simple stick with a string attached to a safety pin. (Yeah, that's the ticket!) Bobbers and bait were optional. There were no fly rods of glass, boron or graphite. Just a long whippy stick cut from a willow. Perhaps the one dear auld dad waved around as he chased you down the street, cursing to high heaven's.

Next Meeting
SEPTEMBER 10

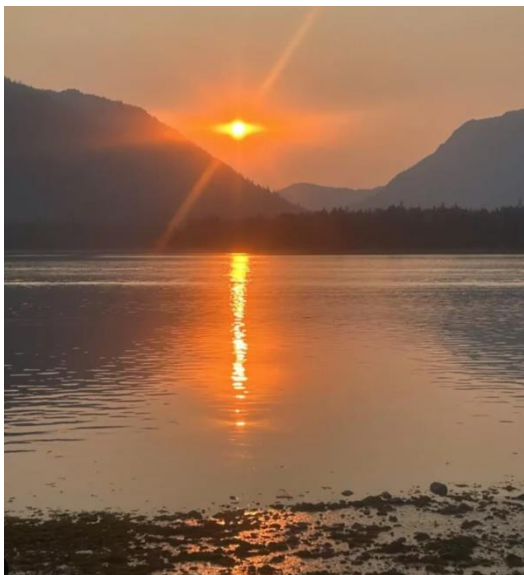
Dinner
Program

6:30 PM
7:30 PM

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Boy, them were the sunny days of summer vacations, cold watermelon, tall grass and fat grasshoppers. And it was always just warm enough and the breeze just cool enough.

Well, that's enough of that. As I write this, the world seems to be on fire. The ever-present smoke is making beautiful sunsets, when you can see them. Gone are the warm, breezy days, replaced now with months of scorching weather, thirsty forests, water-starved creeks and non-stop burn bans.



There are exceptions. This is the Pacific Northwest, after all. But the high summer flows of the Yakima River are almost too high at times. The saltwater is dependable if you don't mind the drifting globs of seaweed. Some of our lakes are deep enough for trout to find some relief. And so we improvise, adapt and overcome. We happy few techno-anglers take pause to strategize new travel plans.

Montana, among other top-tier angling destinations, is full of hoot-owl restrictions. Each of us are now dependent on our conscience to prevent us from endangering the species we all love, at least until the creeks rise and the waters cool.

Not that long ago I had to cancel a trip to Silver Creek in Idaho because I was concerned that the forecast for troutng was not looking good. Sure enough, within a couple of days I learned that Hemingway's ethereal little spring creek, among many others, had received emergency closures.

These are the days — the reality — when longing for what may or may not have been, when “everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it.” Sadly, at least that chestnut doesn't seem to have changed.

And no matter how many high-modulus carbon fiber graphite rods we wield, how much 5.5 X fluorocarbon tippet we unspool or how many boxes of Euro-style nymphs dangle from our wading belts, the dog days of summer are nipping ferociously at our tactical wading boots.



*David Frazier
President*

PROGRAMS

September Speaker: Chip O'Brien



In 1964 a 10-year-old boy caught his first fish with his father's dusty old bamboo fly rod. From that moment on, Chip O'Brien knew he would spend his life fly fishing and sharing his adventures with others.

Educated as a writer/photographer and teacher, O'Brien has authored hundreds of articles in fly fishing magazines and various publications. His books, *River Journal*, *Sacramento River* and *California's Best Fly Fishing* are available through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and other sources.

O'Brien guided the blue-ribbon trout streams in Northern California for 14 years and served as a Regional Manager for California Trout. He finished out his career (or so he thought) teaching high school kids the fine art of writing. Once retired, he fished all over the West for three years, and then one day found himself a bit

bored.

A Google search of "fly fishing jobs in Spokane" brought him to the North 40 Outfitters fly shop, first in Airway Heights and now in the new store in Mead, WA.

"I never thought I'd find my dream job *after* retiring, but it seems I was born to work in a fly shop. Come check it out!"

Program title presented via Zoom: *"Thank You, Silas Goodrich."*

Not many recognize the name, but Goodrich was the angler on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In 1805, in what is today Great Falls, MT, Meriwether Lewis made an entry in his journal that Goodrich had taken numerous trout from the Missouri River, but it was a trout previously undiscovered. That fish is today known as the westslope cutthroat trout. The program tells the story of two rivers, the NF Coeur d'Alene and St. Joe Rivers (westslope cutthroat trout fisheries) just over the border in Idaho. The presentation includes all the fishing and entomology you'd expect, but also takes a deep dive into the people, some famous (Wyatt Earp, Bing Crosby, Cary Grant) that have known and loved these rivers. Lots of history and education.



Tim McKay
Programs

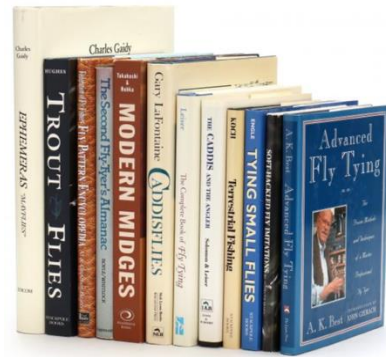
FROM THE LIBRARIAN

September: Fly Tying

At the September meeting the library will feature all the books on fly tying. As always, you can look at the library [SPREADSHEET](#) on the web site and reserve ahead of time any title that you would like to check out.



*Tom Krughoff
Librarian*



Please remember the library guidelines when checking out books:

- Check-out privileges are for members only.
- Please fill out the library card with your name & date and drop the card in the "catch and release" basket.
- Books are due two months after the check-out date.



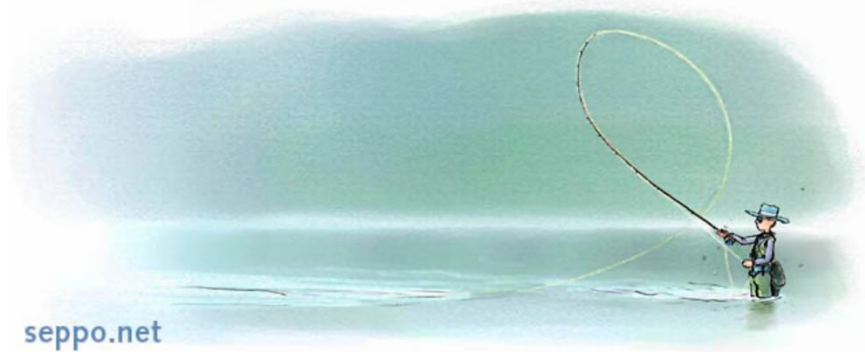
RAFFLES

We will be collecting donations and seeking out items for the Christmas party auction to support our scholarship program. Call or text if you have something to donate.

See [PAGE 9](#) for more information about our new scholarship!



*Fred Olin
Raffles
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EDUCATION

FLY TYING

On **Saturday, September 5 at 9:00AM** in the small room at Tower Lanes, (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE; THIS IS THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO THE MONTHLY MEETING) Steve Saville will be teaching how to tie Perdigon nymphs and sow bugs. The Perdigon nymph is a sleek, heavy, fast-sinking European competition fly originating from Spain. Named after the Spanish word for a shotgun pellet, it features a slim thread or quill body coated in UV resin, a tungsten bead head, a stiff tail, and a bright hot spot.



CASTING

There will be a joint casting session with SSFF (South Sound Fly Fishers) on **Saturday, September 12 at 9:30AM** at Tumwater Historical Park, (802 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501). The FFI Fly Casting Skills

Development (FCSD) is a fun way to improve casting skills for all fly fishers in a self-paced fashion. FCSD is an expanded and redesigned version of the Fly Casting Skills Challenge. There are now four levels from beginner to advanced: Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Although focused on the FCSD, this session will be open to all who want to work on their casting technique, even if you are not interested in obtaining a FFI casting level. ([FCSD LINK](#)).

Join Steve Saville for his Monday Night Casting Clinics on **September 7 and 21 from 5-6:30PM** at Titlow Beach Park in Tacoma (near the shelter; weather permitting). Come for a tune-up, detecting and correcting flaws, or for Fly Casting Skills Development Program preparation (FCSD link above). Bring your rod and reel combo(s); practice leaders and yarn can be provided. Please RSVP to Steve Saville if possible.



*Rob Jensen
Education*

OUTINGS

Greetings Club members and friends!

SEPTEMBER

Saturday September 19, 2026

The September outing will be at Scenic Beach State Park in Kitsap County.

Scenic Beach State Park
9565 Scenic Beach RD NW
Seabeck, WA 98380



We will be fishing for Sea-run Coastal Cutthroat who cruise the beaches in this area, they love the rocky shores. I will be at the Park by 8 AM, aiming to hit the beach by 8:30. Meet at the day use parking lot, just a few hundred feet past the main entrance. From the parking lot it takes a few minutes to walk to the beach, you will pass the restrooms and information board. A Discovery Pass is required to park your vehicle.

There is 1500 feet of beach access to fish, so we can spread out comfortably along the shore. We will be fishing the incoming tide, the tree branches along the shoreline will be out of reach for a while. A 5 or 6 weight rod works well. I prefer to use 3x tippet for these fish. Lines that work well for sea-run fishing are intermediate-sinking, or something like the Rio Outbound Short (integrated shooting head). Also a general purpose weight-forward floating line will do.

Flys? There are many to choose from but here are a few recommendations (depends who you ask!) Gurgler, shrimp patterns, clouser minnows, skinny herring and baitfish.

I hope to see you there! Please let me know if you are coming or sign up at the next PSFF meeting on September 10th.

OCTOBER

Saturday October 17, 2026

Cady Lake! Mason County

Let's celebrate this gem of a fly fishing only lake that PSFF has "adopted". Let's fish til about noonish then a BBQ lunch will be provided by the club at the put in—Yum Yum! I'll be there by 9 AM, come when you wish. More information to come!

Best regards,
Julie

Julie Kelner
Outings
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Outings



JANUARY

Watch the Groups for a FLASH outing
(weather permitting)

FEBRUARY

The Fly-Fishing Show

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15th

MARCH

Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River – Whispering Pines Campground
CleElum Friday-Sunday April 24-26th

APRIL

Cady Lake

Mason County
Saturday April 18th

MAY

Lake Kokanee

Hoodsport Mason County
Wednesday May 20th

JUNE

Cedar River

Auburn WA
Tuesday June 23rd

JULY

Naches River

Campground on River
July 18th & 19th

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic

11 AM – 4 PM
Saturday August 15th

Hood Canal Watershed

Womens Outing Dosewallips
River
Tuesday August 18th

SEPTEMBER

SeaRun Cutthroat

Saturday September 18th
Scenic Beach State Park

OCTOBER

Cady Lake

Saturday October 17th

NOVEMBER

Black Friday - Get Outside and Fish

WDFW stocked lake of choice
Friday November 27th

DECEMBER

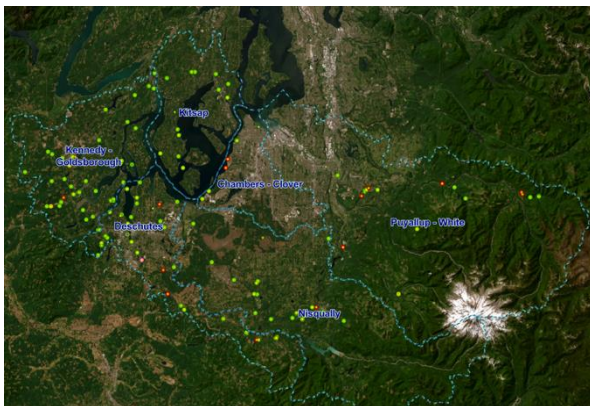
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CONSERVATION

Just when I think I've found all the organizations work on conservation initiatives in the area I run across a new group. This one is the [South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group](#) (SPSSEG). This is one of 14 regional fisheries enhancement groups setup by the State of Washington (I've talked about the Hood Canal chapter in previous newsletters).

Their project list is extensive. They have an interactive [story map](#) that can be used to understand both in-progress and completed projects being conducted in the 5 major watersheds that drain into south Puget Sound. Their 35th Annual Meeting presentation on their [home page](#) also describes their current efforts.

In contrast to the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, the SPSSEG does not have an active volunteer program. They are focused on defining and contracting out their restoration projects.



The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG) is a local voice for regional salmon recovery. From the highest peak in the Cascades, to the fertile shorelines and estuaries of Puget Sound, we restore salmon habitat with willing landowners. We seek out and partner with other organizations to help plan, fund, carry out, and monitor fishery enhancement and habitat restoration projects. We believe that by collaborating with local communities, schools, and individuals in King, Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston and Mason Counties, we can increase salmon numbers in our rivers and streams. Our non-profit non-governmental status helps us to get real results.

We envision:

- Robust and persistent salmonid populations supported by South Puget Sound region ecosystems.
- A leadership role in South Puget Sound freshwater and marine conservation and restoration.
- Broad-based community support and involvement in accomplishing our mission.
- A long-term and sustainable organization.



Steve Knowles
Conservation

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to September 2026

New Members

We continue to see new members join PSFF. Please reach out and welcome Susan Hayman, Michael Martin, Chase Becker, and Scott Spletstoesser at the next meeting or outing they attend.



*Joe Harrison
Membership*

CHASE BECKER

I grew up in Orting and have experience with traditional spin rod fishing, especially river fishing for salmon but I have little experience fly fishing. I've only caught small trout up in Greenwater but just purchased a 10lb rod for this year's salmon run for which I'm very excited. I'm an insurance agent for PEMCO insurance as an account manager and my family is very close and see each other often. I also enjoy golfing, hunting, shooting at the range, and I'm currently reading some of the classic monster books like Frankenstein and Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde.



September Anniversaries/Years

Jim West	1	Rob Jensen	7	Curt Stoner	9
Aaron Frolichstein	1	Kara Jensen	7	Nick Rajacich	36
		Catherine Walters	9		

PUGET SOUND FLY FISHERS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The PSFF board of directors approved the formation of a scholarship in support of the Fisheries program at the University of Washington at their monthly board meeting in June. The intent is for PSFF to add \$2000/year to an existing scholarship for an upper-class student in the Fisheries department.

The plan is that the \$2000 will be funded by money raised in our annual Holiday Auction. The idea for this scholarship was brought to the board by Fred Olin. The board has approved Joe Harrison as chair of the scholarship committee.

Additional members are needed to serve on the committee, please talk to Joe Harrison or send a message to jjmmkk@comcast.net if you have interest.

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

So You Like To Tie Flies, eh!

Troubled by how to make a better hackle, frustrated with packing deer hair, need to know how to use the latest materials that come on the market each month? Not happy with grainy YouTube videos filmed in someones dank basement with loads of laundry hanging in the background?

Give the FFI [“Fly Tying Group”](#) page a serious look. It's FREE and may prompt you to join this organization and benefit from this and many other educational services FFI offers.



[Fly Fishers International](#) has a comprehensive collection of fly tying information on their website that is free to use whether or not you are an FFI member. Topics range from their Whip Finish Journal, to Fly of the Month selections, a Forum where tiers can share information and help each other, a fabulous video library of fresh, saltwater, and warmwater flies. You can ask for a video on a specific pattern you'd like to tie or choose to follow a particular tier.



There are also links to publications for those brand new to the game, beginner fly tying manual, saltwater fly tying manual, and an opportunity to upload your own video creation to the FFI Library.

We all know fly fishing is a thinking person's game with no end to the special skills or techniques you can add to your repertoire to increase your success. Give it a go. You'll be glad you did.



Mike Koslosky
WSCFFI Membership Director
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FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Fly Shop presents “FFI” Flyfest 2026 Sept. 24-26, 2026 in Redding, CA.

Registration is now open. FlyFest offers 3 full days of educational presentations, fly tying and casting demo, a trade show, and time set aside for fly fishing, food and fellowship, all under one roof and covered by a single registration fee. Go to the FFI website to register for this event.

SSFF will be hosting their second annual fly casting skills development course at Tumwater Historical Park, (802 Deeschutes Way SW, Tumwater, WA.) on **September 12, 2026 from 9:30AM – 3PM**. There will be testing available for the bronze, silver and gold casting levels.

Clark-Skamania Fly Fishing Club of Vancouver, WA. are planning a casting fair for **Fall 2027**.

Fly Fishing for Searun Cutthroat in South Puget Sound by Mel Hurd, longtime member of SSFF.

We request a donation of only \$10 or MORE to cover the postage and printing. My labor is free. Payment can be made via the PayPal link, or mail a check to Lee Yeager, the treasurer of SSFF at: SSFF PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA. 98507. It's a wonderful booklet, easy reading, 20 pages, on where and when to fish for Searun Cutthroat in South Puget Sound. It also, recommends what equipment to use.



*Mike Clancy
Legislation & FFI*

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Consider including PSFF in your estate planning to invest in future generations
of fly fishers, with our thanks.