



Leader Line

Fall Has Arrived At Last

Yep! It's here and the leaves are turning rapidly. I spend several hours each week raking up what has dropped. Our fishing opportunities are dwindling a bit as the weather turns colder and the snow has arrived in the mountains. It's time to hunker down a bit and begin to refill our fly boxes and do a really good clean-up of our gear. Even though the weather has turned there are still some chances to get out. I was on the Yakima a couple of weeks ago. It was a beautiful fall day; seventy degrees with bright sun all day. The river is historically low, and we saw several bank anglers enjoying the day. We did scrape the bottom a few times in the drift boat, but our guide was very skillful, so no damage

occurred. And we caught fish. That's always a bonus on a beautiful day. The winter steelhead fishing should begin to pick up shortly on the Olympic Peninsula. Hopefully the regulations will allow some good opportunities in the near future.

I'm also looking forward to our next outing to Johns Creek, near Shelton. The chum salmon have arrived according to Outings Chairman David Frazier so our upcoming jaunt on November 10th should be fun and hopefully productive. We also had a chum salmon fly tying session at the Tower Lanes on Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 to 11:30. It was good to see all of those who participated.

The year is rapidly coming to an end and our December meeting is slated to be a celebration of the past year and years prior. There will be a

Next Meeting

November 9

Tower Lanes

6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30

Program 7:15

slide show and enhanced raffle with some nice items up for auction. Plan on attending this event as Jim Baker is putting a great deal of effort into the planning. Thanks Jim!

It's time again to rake some more leaves. Tight lines everyone.

Outings

Walking the Dog (Salmon)

Johns Creek

First outing: 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9

**Lunch at 11:30 a.m.,
Blondie's Restaurant,
628 W. Railroad Ave., Shelton**

Second Outing: 1 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10

Lunch at Noon., Blondie's

Planning a club outing can be tricky, especially in estimating attendance. For our upcoming chum outing at Johns Creek, we're fortunate to have a signup sheet with over 14 members, twice our usual turnout. This is great news, but we must also be mindful of overcrowding.

To address this, I've added a Thursday outing to split our group. I've contacted most on the list to see who can switch, and I believe we have it



sorted. If you're not on the list but want to join, let me know, and I'll try to accommodate.

We'll meet for lunch, timing it with the incoming tide. I can help you find parking near the trailhead, just across from a Shell gas station on Highway 3. This peninsula, once a golf course, is now the Bayshore Preserve. If you're not with our group, follow the main loop trail past the outhouse until you see a signpost reading "Johns Creek Estuary," leading you to our fishing spot.

Traditional fly-fishing norms are set aside. Bring an 8- to 10-weight single-handed rod with a floating line or sink tip. Have chum fly patterns on sturdy hooks. I usually carry chartreuse, pink, green, and purple, but this year, pale yellow

I'll see you at the November meeting.



Steve Saville
Club President

seems to be popular. If using a Type 3 or heavier sinking tip, bring large foam flies in bold colors. Attach a short section (2-3 feet) of 15- to 20-pound fluorocarbon for your leader. That's all you'll need. The Johns Creek estuary is in the Bayshore area of Mason County, off Highway 3 and Oakland Bay. It's about an hour from Tower Lanes in Tacoma via Highway 16, or a bit



Chum salmon at Johns Creek estuary

longer via I-5 to Highway 101. If you're coming from Shelton, our lunch meet-up spot at Blondie's is only about 6 minutes away.

As always, please contact me if you are attending:

David Frazier,
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Island Lake Report

Pretty close to perfect: The October day was unseasonably warm, the light breeze was pleasant, the before-launch breakfast at Blondie's in Shelton was mighty fine, the club turnout was awesome (10) and the fishing was great. There were at least two double-digit rods (rainbows from 12 to 16 inches, plus lots of small bass, perch and bluegills) and smiling faces all over the lake. An unexpected plus: The lake's parking area was practically empty — on a Saturday no less.



Thanks so much to these eager PSFF members for joining Tess and me: Jim Baker, Mark Paul (on his new peddle fishing kayak) Mike Koslosky, Bryan Habeck, Julie Kelner, Tom Krughoff, James Lindsey and Mr. Mason County Lakes himself, Phil Oliver.

Upcoming Outings

DECEMBER

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



David Frazier
Outings Chair

November Speaker

Thursday, November 9

This month's speaker will be Gabe Madden from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Gabe is a district fisheries biologist who's district includes the Tacoma Narrows South including the Puyallup and Nisqually Drainages, all of the independent tributaries in the deep south sound and associated inlets as well as the East Kitsap.

His presentation will focus on inland lake management in South Puget Sound and will cover our inland lake trout program and stocking strategies for trout throughout the region. He will fo-

cus on Munn Lake and the unique angling opportunity Munn Lake provides for a Western Washington Lake.

He grew up on the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana fishing and hunting before heading to the University of Idaho for a B.S. in Fishery Resources. He then went to Central Michigan University where he completed his M.S. in fisheries.



Mark Paul
Programs Chair



FFI Hits the Road in 2024!

FFI will lead events in Seattle and Vancouver and participate in a Bellevue show in an effort to take FFI's message on the road to as many people as possible. Since the Covid pandemic fly fishing has enjoyed a surge of popularity in Washington and nationwide. Fly fishing was a logical pursuit during pandemic because of social distancing is built into the sport.

2024 outreach will kickoff in February at The Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue where WSCFFI will host the "Learning Center" at the show at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.

May 4, the Washington State Council will host its third Fly Casting Fair in Ballenger Park in Mountlake Terrace. The May event will feature a rotating series of the best fly tiers in the Northwest, introductory fly tying classes and a full day of casting classes for beginners and advanced fishers.

September, the Council will host a Fly Casting Fair in Vancouver area to reach the large fly fishing community. The site is to be determined at a later date.

We have discovered a wonderful potential event site in Lacey, WA. at the Lacey Senior Center for future events. There is a beautiful pond/small lake with good shore, plenty of lawn for casting instruction and a nice big room for fly tying, a separate room for a banquet etc. Also, plenty of parking.

Membership Renewals Upcoming

Renewal notices will be sent out early December. You'll have ample time to renew before the deadline which is February 1. There will be options to renew, so stay tuned for updates.



Tess Frazier
Membership Chair

128 # of PSFF Members

Welcome to New Member:

Jerry Brown

Anniversaries/Years November:

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| Wayne Binns | 8 | Doug Quail | 11 |
| Mirae Brooks | 1 | Greg Shimek | 10 |
| Bill Bulis | 4 | Richard Stone | 9 |
| Susan Johnson | 10 | Chic Sundahl | 9 |
| Rick McCabe | 1 | Brian Villa | 4 |
| Ryan Puddy | 1 | Mark Yuhasz | 8 |



The NWYCFFAcademy – Enrollment is now open for the June 22-29, 2024 Academy to be conducted again at the Panhandle Lake 4H Camp west of Shelton. Go to the website – nwyccf.com to learn about the event, the applica-

tion is available and more important information. To learn about the Panhandle 4H camp, go to panhandlecamp.com. It's a beautiful facility. Sadly, the facility that we conducted the event for years, had a major fire and the main building was destroyed.



Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI



To learn more or apply, scan the QRcode or go to <https://nwyccf.com>

December 2023 Celebration

Get ready for a December meeting like never before! We're shaking things up to add a dash of excitement to our usual routine. While there won't be a guest speaker or library setup, fear not, because we've got something special in store!

Join us for a delightful evening filled with good company, tasty eats, and plenty of surprises. Our main event? A scrumptious, upgraded dinner featuring mouth-watering chicken parmesan (turkey just couldn't make the cut this time!). And the best part? It's all for just \$20 per person!

But wait, there's more! We've amped up the fun with an incredible raffle and silent auction extravaganza. We're talking top-notch fly tying tools, fly gear, reels, and more, including some packs loaded with member-crafted flies that practically guarantee a great catch! Bidding starts at just \$10, so bring your cash for a chance to snag some amazing deals.

And let's not forget the cherry on top – your favorite holiday desserts! We're calling on you to bring a bit of sugary magic to

share with the group. Let's make this gathering a sweet success!

But that's not all! We've curated a captivating slideshow of member photos from the current year and years gone by, sure to leave you in awe and maybe even bring a smile to your face. So mark your calendars and come join the fun – it's going to be a December to remember!

Jim Baker



PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President: Steve Saville
President-elect: Vacant
Vice President: Rob Jensen
Past President: Greg Shimek
Secretary: Amy Weller
Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1st year: Richard Stone
Director, 2nd year: Dennis Ehlers
Director, 3rd year: Bryan Habeck

Committee Chairs

Membership: Tess Frazier
Librarian: Tom Krughoff
Raffles: Jim Baker
Programs: Mark Paul
Education: Rob Jensen (Oct. start)
Outings: David Frazier
Web Site Editor: Bryan Habeck
Newsletter Editor: Bryan Habeck
Legislation/FFI: Mike Clancy
Conservation: Greg Shimek

Having Trouble Joining the Forum?

1) Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in **Figure 1** and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Sign-up or Log-In form in **Figure 2**.

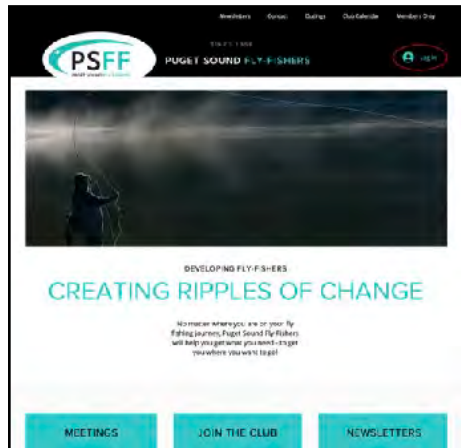


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

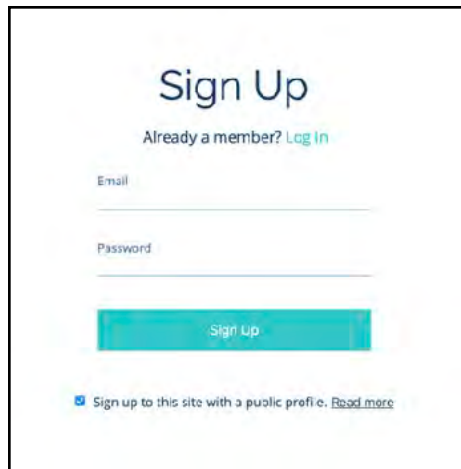


Figure 2

If you are registering as a new FORUM member, Sign Up first as shown in **Figure 2**. Enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done that and have received confirmation that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access,

then log in (clicking the teal type seen in **Figure 2**) and click on the Members Only link as shown in **Figure 3**.

3) Members Only will now be available to you

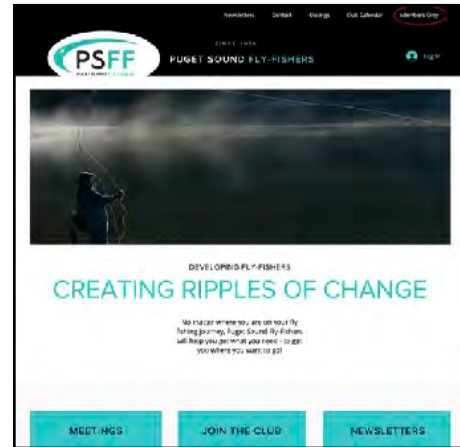


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

Explore the different categories of discussions and learn about where others are fishing, and what they're tying.



Figure 4