



Leader Line

Steve Saville
President

Salmon Time ...

It's August and that means it's one of my favorite times of the year. It means it's time to hit the beach and chase the salmon! Most of you know I like to catch big fish: dorado, sailfish, tarpon, bonefish, tiger musky, tuna, etc. You get the picture. Most of those require a long trip but in the case of salmon in August, the trip is a matter of just a few minutes to get to the right spot. I started fishing the beach for salmon about fifteen years ago and it's been a passion of mine since.

If you have read Chester Allen's book you know he described me as one who fishes for salmon "like a madman." True, very true. In just a few days, I will begin my routine of waking early and heading for the beach with my trusty 8 weight rod and stripping basket in search of coho migrating toward the local river. It's a short fishery, only about two to three

hours a day and only for about three to four weeks but the reward of hauling in a fresh coho is well worth the time spent. I once fished twenty-seven days in a row but that was in an earlier life. Now a couple of days a week will do me just fine.

It's not a technical fishery but rather one that requires only patience and a strong shoulder. It requires a lot of casting, quick retrieves, and a watchful eye for "nervous water." And don't forget the stripping basket. The salt water is full of grass, sticks, and often a moving current that can tangle your line in a second. You must also be aware of the local sea lion population and fast-moving freighter waves as well.

I'll be posting some flash outings if you would like to join me, keep an eye out on the web site for the days I'll be out there. There is plenty of room for everyone.

On another note, we do not have an August meeting. We will be gathering for our annual picnic. This year it's on August 13th at Titlow Park. There should be plenty of food, friends, and some activities for us to partake in. We will also

Next Meeting
September 8, 2022
6:00 PM

Club Picnic August 13, 2022
Titlow Park
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

have a short time to tie some flies for the upcoming beach trip in September - **note new date Sunday September 4, 2022**. Bring your tools, vise, etc. The materials will be provided.

Finally, as always, I want to put out a request for people to join in on the governing of the club. We have several open positions on the board as well as some open committee positions. The club needs you! The positions require only a couple of hours each month and as I have said before, "It takes a village to keep this club functioning at a high level."

Tight lines. Be safe and I'll see you out there!



Outings

David Frazier

North Fork Snoqualmie River River, Monday, Aug. 15

It's the height of summer, the flows are down and the bugs are in full bloom. Now's the time to take a quick jaunt to our backyard river, the Snoqualmie. The river's cutthroat trout and white fish are especially hungry during our short summer, taking every opportunity to chow down while insect activity is at its peak. Lighter rods and floating lines are ideal. Expect to toss dries, nymphs and streamers to small fish. And this is a perfect time for attractor patterns. Also consider wading wet.

Dry flies: Pull out all your attractor dry flies — Elk Hair Caddis, Skating Caddis, Humpy, Hoppers, Chernobyl anything, Royal Wulff, Blue-Winged Olive (sizes 14 to 18).

Nymphs: Beadhead Pheasant Tail, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, Prince Nymph, Copper John (sizes 14 to 18, Perdigos, etc.

Streamers: Beadhead Woolly Buggers, Minnows, Zonkers, (sizes 8 to 12).

Where to meet up: Let's gather for an 8 a.m. breakfast at the landmark Twede's Cafe, 137 W. North Bend Way, North Bend. We'll discuss best locations and caravan to our beats. Twede's Cafe in North Bend is about 52 minutes from Tower Lanes in Tacoma, but check for longer drive times due to Monday morning traffic.

Please RSVP: dfrazier@wavecable.com
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Gems of the Natches

Lots of sun, wind and perfect water conditions were had at July's Naches River outing. I never found the big fish but found lots of willing cutthroat, a few rainbows and even one brown — most taken on dry flies (skating caddis, Adams, Purple Haze) and a couple on purple Perdigon nymphs. Squaw Creek campground was filled with campers, but surprisingly few fly-fishers during this summertime prime part of the year. Our group pretty much spread out on the local waters on their own but for dinner Saturday we gathered at our RV slot for a spaghetti feed and the sharing of fishy intel. Greg Shimek showed off his gorgeous new custom split bamboo baby. Also in attendance were Ron McNeal, Richard and Beth Stone, Bryan and Teri Habeck and, of course Tess and myself. Good times!



I'm sure there are fish right there!

And sure enough...



Outings: August-December

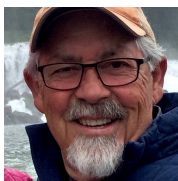
FLASH! Outing: Coho bonus day at Dash Point, next to the pier, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6-9 a.m.

September: New Date Coho at Dash Point, next to the pier, Sunday September 4, 6-9 a.m.

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.



Education
Mike Kosolsky

Tip of the Month

Not all catching is fun. Sometimes it takes brute strength to bring in your trophy. It took me 2 hours and 45 minutes to tire this beast out after blind casting with a giant tarpon bunny fly using an 11

weight rod. Casting repeatedly, swinging in the current, hoping for a connection is often par for the course. And many of you have heard how important it is to SET on a tarpon with a mighty SET. Well no one you told you that tarpon will SET right back at you as this one did and used my fly



line like a laser to slice into my stripping finger. Ouch. The resulting impacts from that battle were hematomas on two fingers, two days of pain in the crook of my arm, and an inflamed shoulder which showed up 10 days later and a trip to the ER.

The TIP here is that we need to stay in shape while we pursue this passion of ours. Rivers with slippery boulders and strong currents, algae covered rocks at low tide, wind pushing our floatation devices on open lakes or Puget Sound waters combined with major tidal swings can be recipes for disaster - especially for us anglers past our prime. Whether you work out at home or at the Y, do weight training in your garage, practice yoga or pilates, do something to preserve your core strength because you will never know when you will need to rely on it. Stay healthy friends. Stay strong.



NOON - 4 P.M.
SATURDAY
AUGUST 13

Picnic IN THE PARK



Join Us for Food, Fun & Games

Titlow Park Picnic Shelter (behind the Lodge)
8425 Sixth Ave, Tacoma. **Please RSVP**
to tessfrazier@wavecable.com

We'll provide a meat entree, water and music to the potluck. Please let us know how many will attend in your group. Bring: your own beverages and (last names starting A-M) a salad or side dish; (last names starting N-Z) a dessert.

Try your hand at the **Faulty Fly Rod Casting Competition**, toss a few bags at the Corn Hole boards, tie some Clouser Minnows for the coho outing or just hang out with family and friends. Children welcomed!

NOTE: Alcohol and smoking are prohibited by Metro Park Tacoma.

Fly-Tying

As promised at the last PSFF membership meeting, here is the fly-tying schedule for the remainder of the year. The flies selected correspond to the upcoming Outing for that month. Keep these dates on your calendar so you can plan your activities. All tying sessions will be held at Tower Lanes from 10 a.m. to noon.

- August 13** Special Edition - see below (for Snoqualmie River 8/15)
- September 3** Sand lance (for Coastal Cutthroat 9/10)
- October 8** Elk hair caddis (for Cady Lake 10/15)
- November 19** Caddis pupa (for American Lake 11/26)
- December 3** Balanced leech (for Nahwatzel Lake 12/10)

Special Edition: Bring your tying gear to the August picnic. We will tie the classic **Royal Wulff** for the Snoqualmie River Outing, scheduled for Monday August 15.

Sign-up sheets will be at every meeting. If you can't make the meeting but plan on attending the tying session, let our tyer President Steve Saville know by email at; stevesaville@comcast.net

From the Archives - Part 1

By Morry Kenton
Courtesy Mike Clancy

In the fall of 1955 an item in the outdoor news column of the daily paper, written by Elliott Metcalf, announced that an organizational meeting would be held at the YWCA for the purpose of establishing a fly-fishing club. The date and time were given and all interested anglers were invited to attend. I was well acquainted with Elliott, who called me regularly during the season for local

fishing reports. Before the meeting was scheduled to take place he called to make sure I had seen the announcement and would be in attendance and I assured him that I would.

About thirty-five interested people showed up at the meeting, including Jim Pautzke and Hank Reynolds, members of the Cascade Fly-Fishing Club in Sumner. They gave us some excellent advice on organizing a club including ways to avoid some of the pitfalls they had experienced in the operation of the Cascade Club. After considerable discussion, a committee of seven volunteers was formed to write a set of By-laws and Rules to govern the new club's activities. I was elected chairman of the committee which included among its members Steve Tyo, who became my good friend and fishing buddy for over thirty years. As we did not have unlimited use of the YWCA, I made arrangements for future meetings to be held in the Captain's Lounge of the "Top of the Ocean" a popular night spot and supper club on the Tacoma waterfront. This was easy for me to do as I was a member of the Louie Grenier Dance Band, the house band for the "Top".

The committee of seven prepared a set of By-laws, Rules and club aims, all of which were presented to twenty-three prospective club members at our first meeting and after a brief amount of discussion they were adopted. Annual dues were set at \$10.00, dinner meetings would be held on the third Thursday of each month (except August when everyone would be on vacation), club membership would be restricted to males only and once a year a party would be held for the member's wives and girl friends (so they would know there really was a fly-fishing club!). It was further agreed that the club would be called "The Puget Sound Fly-Fishing Club", officers were elected and we were off and running.

The fly-fishermen attending the initial meeting all joined the club as charter members. I was elected

president, Jack Trounce, vice president, Steve Tyo, secretary, Frank Seversen, Treasurer, and Wendell Peterson was our first ghillie. Our By-laws called for seven trustees consisting of the sitting officers and two elected members. Marvin Hoffmeister and John Roscoe were the first two elected trustees.



(Up Next: Volunteers and Committee chairs)

Natches outing with Greg Shimek, Bryan Habek
Richard Stone and Ron McNeal



PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

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