



**Puget Sound Fly Fishers**

**June 2016**



***Streams are opening!  
Are you ready?***



**June Program - *Small Stream Fishing Strategies and Wildlife Safety  
with Molly Semenik***

**The Leader Line  
By Paul Fournier**

**All 'Bout That Bass**

Cast, mend, strip, pop, gurgle, wait, wait..., wait..., strip, strip, wait...., SPLASH!  
Set the hook and hang on for the ride  
It is a still morning surrounded by desert cliffs bathed in an early morning mist  
Heart pounding with the sound of excitement, volume set to 11  
It's not always about the fishing and catching, until it is  
A few videos, loads of photos, a high five  
Memories now etched on to the walls of our minds  
We ride back to camp, hearts filled with all the good things a fishing trip provides



Area Lakes are fishing great and streams (not far from Tacoma) are just about to open. You will find Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Rock Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout,

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Brook Trout, Channel Catfish and Tiger Muskie. Fishing for Sea Run Coastal Cutthroat is also still open on area beaches. Lots of good fishing to be had!

This time of year, I inventory my stream equipment and prepare to revisit my favorite mountain hideaways. Along the way I plan to explore new blue lines on the map. Before you head out this summer, be sure to make a plan, inform others where you are headed and be safe.

This year we tried something different on the Park Lake outing. We invited a guide from the Desert Anglers fly shop to join us for the weekend. The idea was to have a presentation on area waters on Saturday morning followed by fishing. Matt Paluch was our guide and was well received. In fact I heard from many members on how valuable this was. It was suggested that we try to do this on future outings. Matt enjoyed our group so much he took a number of members out on essentially "guided" trips throughout the day. If you would like to see more of this please let our Outings chairs Larry Vaughn and Joe Johnston know.

Cheers,



## PSFF NEWS

***Our Next Meeting***  
**Thursday, June 9th**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Tower Lanes Entertainment Center**  
**6323 6th Ave.**  
**Tacoma WA 98406**

### June, 2016 Program

#### *Small Stream Fishing Strategies and Wildlife Safety with Molly Semenik*

Molly Semenik's business, "Tie the Knot Fly Fishing," focuses on: observing the environment, understanding the food source, how and why fish eat, where they live, how to present a fly and how to catch and release a fish. Her business is about learning patience, careful observation skills and the art of fly fishing. This month Molly will share content from her new book, "25 Best Off-The-Beaten Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams," where she will zero in on small stream fishing strategies, wildlife safety (how to avoid a trip ending injury) and locating and fishing a pod of rising fish - sipping midges and/or Blue Winged Olives.

Molly has been fly fishing for over 40 years and has developed a respected skill set as a guide, outfitter, member of the International Federation of Fly Fishers Board of Governors and Board of Directors, Certified Master Casting Instructor, teacher and author. She is respected throughout the American fly fishing world and her advice and

techniques are included in several fly fishing books and videos. She can be seen sharing her special love for casting at many of the northwest fly fishing shows.

## FFF EVENTS



### ***Regional FFF Events in 2016***

June 3 - 5 - Renton, WA / The Atlantic Salmon Fly International  
[www.asfi-expo.com](http://www.asfi-expo.com)

August 2-6th - Livingston, MT / International Fly Fishing Fair

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## ***Upcoming events and news***

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### **60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION**

After much research of various venues, the Board approved the selection of The Emerald Queen Convention Center in Fife for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner celebration. Please save the date of November 5, 2016 for this great event. Not many clubs can celebrate 60 years. We are still in the planning stage, but the venue is very good as a "one-stop-shop". The folks are very nice to work with and their program will work for our needs. I welcome anyone to join myself, John Brett, Greg Shimek and Joe Johnson to help plan this event. We have a lot of talent in our Club, and we welcome any of your ideas to make this a memorial event. More to come.

Mike Clancy

### **Kayak Demo Day**

Hey guys. I am organizing a demo event for Alpine Fly Fishers and Puget Sound Flyfishers to try out 12-15 different fishing kayaks and SUP's (stand up paddle boards) on Lake Sammamish. I have worked out a deal with the Kayak Academy to offer this demo time for no charge

#### **Kayak and SUP Demo on Lake Sammamish**

When: Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9AM – 10:30AM

Where: Sammamish State Park – swimming area

Costs: \$0 (the Kayak Academy is providing this demo at no charge to the club)

#### **Details:**

This is a great opportunity to paddle several different styles of fishing kayaks and SUPs (manufactures like Eddyline, Jackson Kayaks, NuCanoe, and Wilderness Systems). A dozen or more vessels will be available for us to take turns paddling to see how they handle (both sitting and standing). So come on out and see for yourself what the differences are between sit-in and sit-on kayaks.

Organizer Contact Info:

Gene Jackson

RSVP: While an RSVP is not required it would be appreciated.

## **Raffle news with coming items**

By Thomas Lamphere

The raffle had a very good turn out last meeting. With 3 items over 50 tickets each we will try to repeat the success of what we had then.

Item 1. First item We have a box of bass flies, 6 streamers and 6 poppers. Universal for largemouth and smallmouth.



Item 2. Here we have your second fly box. A box of all dry flies. May flies and midges to be more precise. Perfect for all river fishing.



Item number 3. This is a Fishpond fly holder. It's great for butting all your rigs for the day together for fishing. This will also have 6 double fly rigs set and ready to go.



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Item 4 This is a materials packet to tie mouse patterns. Yes we fish this in both salt and fresh water. A. Sample will be in the bag.



Item 5 is going to be a surprise item. So keep a look out for what is on the table....

Last thing, there will be a board for a sage rod built by Mike Trask. The squares will be \$5 each. The rod is the Sage VXP 5wt 9ft. A great lake or stream rod. Also perfect for cutthroat in the sound.

### **Library**

So we are looking to spice up the library a little bit. We are looking for new books and videos that you think should be in the library. We will have a sheet of paper there for you to write down the title and if it's a book or video. So keep your eyes open for something that might peak your interest and let us know.

In the meantime, the next time you swing by the library look into books that are geared towards streams and spring time fishing. Still water is a great way to go. Also, maybe a book on entomology to study up on hatches that will be going off soon.

# HOT SCOOP

## The Digital Angler

by iFish

I hope a few of you had a chance to check out one or more of the podcasts, games, or internet radio shows I posted last month. There is tons of great information out there and you can certainly increase your fly fishing knowledge and improve your skills just by listening in on the conversations between the host as the guest.

This month I want to recommend the podcast **Anchored with April Vokey**. April is a BC fly fishing guide, a conservationist, renowned steelhead angler, Certified Casting Instructor, fly tier and all around fly fishing addict. Her podcast features face to face interviews with notables such as Steve Rajeff (an awesome interview not to be missed), Trey Combs, Kerry Berkheimer, George Cook, as well as international fly fishing celebrities. Download her podcasts through iTunes and subscribe to get new ones as they are released.

Next up is **The Open Fly Podcast**. Here you can learn about efforts to free the Snake River, the stories behind Bristol Bay in Alaska, drought in the West and its impact on fishing, native fish versus hatchery stock, traveling the world in pursuit of 300 species of fish on the fly and tons more. I know many of you travel to visit family, to vacation, or to explore new worlds to fish. Tune into these podcasts to get inside tips for your next adventure.

*(Ed. – As of March, 2016 The Open Fly Podcast has ceased production of new material. The old 'casts are still available for listening or downloading. "Life got in the way". Derek Young moved to be close to his beloved Yakima and Evan Burck left Allen to take a job at Rajeff Sports, which also required a move.)*

To add some new skills to your bucket, download **Animated Fishing Knots**. This app has video feeds for a wide variety of knots plus information about each knot including when and where is it best used, the knots' inherent strength, and a little history behind the knot. No need to carry a booklet with you on the river - just pull out your smart phone and get a quick 15 second video of your knot.

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## PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

Soft and Wild

Us older tiers with stiff, gnarled fingers have a tough time gathering up those soft hackle fibers around the hook eye to put the final wraps on. There always seems to be one or two that refuse to come into the fold. I know of three remedies for that situation and I use all of them in different circumstances. My first suggestion is to get yourself a small square or circle of that flexible plastic such as those bubble packages are made of. About 2" x 2" or 2" in diameter is plenty. Use a paper punch to cut a small hole in the center and a slit from the hole to the edge. you can slip your thread through the slit and then push the 'dam' over the hook eye to capture all those soft hackle fibers and push them back out of the way while you tie them off.

Another item that works as well or better for this is the latex material your dentist uses as moisture dam when grinding points on your teeth; ask him for a couple squares of the stuff next visit.

Lastly, and this is really slick, is a short section of a plastic soda straw about 1/4 inch will do fine slipped over the thread bobbin before starting the fly. One of the larger Mickey D's types is the best. At the crucial time just slide it up the bobbin and over the hook eye and over the offending fibers and make those final wraps without interference.

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## Membership News

### New benefits coming exclusively for PSFF Members

There will be more information at the June meeting, but look for a new members-only Facebook group coming soon. This group will complement our Yahoo group but will only be open to current PSFF members. Add this to the long and growing list of benefits of being a PSFF member.

Since there was no May meeting there are no guests to thank or new members to welcome this month. We are through the official membership renewal season but still look forward to a few more renewals coming in as folks that have been away for the winter re-

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turn home for the summer.  
Thanks to the 100+ current members of Puget Sound Fly Fishers for being a part of the Club and making it the great organization that it is.

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## **Education Corner**

**By John Brett**

The last couple of Saturday classes have been sparsely attended, or in one case canceled, all for the same reason. We, as a club, and as individuals, have so many things going on that it is sometimes difficult to add new events into our schedule. Hopefully June 25<sup>th</sup> is still available on your calendar so you can catch up in your fly fishing education. Three items, all in one Saturday class at Tower Lanes, 9:00am.

First, two months ago, there were several members wanting to know more about knots who were unable to attend, so we will have a knot “expert” with all the tools to show which knots are appropriate and where we should use them. The correct knot tied correctly can help make your day, just as the wrong knot or tied incorrectly can result in you planning your fish dinner in the back of a Safeway store!! If you want to find out about fishing knots, this is where you want to be.

Next, again several months ago, we had a sparsely attended class on beginning fly tying. This is a good class for all and an excellent place for the new tier to set his cornerstone in a new hobby. Beginning with a show-and-tell on the tools and materials and ending with each tier creating several productive flies directed at the local area fishing. The club will provide all the tools, materials and instruction required so you are only required to provide curiosity.

For something new, fishing for sea-run cutthroat is fun and easy. The fishing is easy; the catching can be a bit more challenging. One of the more appetizing meals for a cutthroat is a sculpin. They are a small fish about the size of your kid’s fist (or grand kid’s depending on their age) and their structure appears less organized than if you threw mud against a wall. Tying a sculpin isn’t difficult but it uses most of the techniques available to a tier and does seem a bit cumbersome. Thankfully the finished product can add to your afternoon’s fun. Hopefully the morning class will have a homemade skulpin imitation to be added to everyone’s arsenal when lunch is done and you head out to annoy the local fish.

Below are some pictures of real sculpins. Just try to envision tying something that looks like that and is good enough to eat!!!!



Wikipedia uses this as part of its description:

“Sculpins are benthic fish, dwelling on the bottoms of water bodies. Their pectoral fins are smooth on the upper edge and webbed with sharp rays along the lower edge, a modification that makes them specialized for gripping the substrate. This adaptation helps the fish anchor in fast-flowing water.”



## Puget Sound Fly Fishers Mentorship Program

As a member of the Puget Sound Fly Fishers, you are eligible to enroll into the Mentor Program; this program can assist you in getting acquainted with the other club members, the club's activities, and have knowledgeable members share their fly fishing skills.

To begin the process and determine your fly fishing skills, you are requested to fill out a mentor request form.

Based on this information, an experienced fly fisher will be matched to you as a mentor.

Your mentor will work with you as necessary to learn local waters, accompany you on club outings, help with gear purchases, teach basic casting or fly tying skills if needed, and share destination knowledge.

Your mentor will also introduce you and help you meet the club officers and membership.

We want your membership in the PSFF to be a long and productive one, one where you feel an integral part of the club and the greater fly fishing community.

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## Fly Fishing Academy News

**2016 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy** is set and ready to go. We have 18 boys and 2 girls. All their essays and letters of recommendation are in and it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy is June 19-25 on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with IFFF, CCI casting instructors, fly tying professionals and conservation experts. Last year we had over 50 volunteers. The 2016 Academy would not take place if it was not for the generous support from the Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, corporate and private donors.

The kids will be fishing at new ponds in Graham, and the Deschutes River in Thurston County. Everyone is welcome to visit us during the week to learn what is happening (please call 1<sup>st</sup> to insure we are available), if you are available for guiding, we could use your help, especially in the evenings on the river. If you want to help – please contact Jim Brosio @ 360-481-5184.

Seriously folks, we could really use your help with the guiding in the evening on the river. It's really not guiding, it's being there to make sure the kids are safe, but you could share your experience on fishing a river with them. We will provide the transportation to the sites.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy,  
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***"They said it couldn't be done. It was a tough job, and he knew it.  
But he took that job they said couldn't be done,  
and by God, he couldn't do it!"***

***"You can't catch sea-runs on dry flies"***

**By Bob Triggs**

[www.searuns.com](http://www.searuns.com)



***The Royal Wulff***

***Once upon a time there was a big-time pro fly fisherman, you might even say that he was an "expert."*** And in passing one day, at the local fly shop, he asked me how the sea-run fishing was going. I told him that we were getting them on the surface, on dry flies that week. He stopped and frowned at me:

***"Don't be ridiculous, you can't catch sea-runs in the saltwater on dry flies."***

I didn't know what to say, so I just shrugged. I knew that I had been catching sea-runs on dry flies for a few years by that time. He walked out of the shop. I didn't think much more about it until a few weeks later, when I had a father and son out on the beaches fishing. At one point the boy asked, (in that way that only a teenager can ask):

***"When are they going to jump up into the air, like you said they would?"***

Now, the interesting thing about *fishing karma* is that sometimes things can happen that can't be explained. But by the way that they happen you get a sense that the fish, or the universe, is listening to you. Or maybe just trying to tell you something. Like the way someone will announce:

***"This is my last cast!"***

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And then, as they are winding in the fly and line, a fish will slam the fly. This is especially rewarding if they have not caught anything all day. Stuff like that.

Just as I was trying to come up with an answer to this boy's perfectly reasonable question, a big trout jumps up out of the water and cartwheels through the air, about fifteen feet in front of the boy. He was astonished. (So was I. But I did also feel a sense of relief as this burden of credibility had so conveniently been lifted from me in the moment.) Now this boy was a beginner and he couldn't cast much more than that short distance anyway. And to help him see the fly more easily I had tied on a Muddler Minnow for most of the day. But he had beaten most of the Muddlers that I had tied on for him into the rocks and shells and barnacles, on the beach behind him, all day. And I was out of Muddlers by the afternoon. So I had tied on a nice, fluffy #12 Royal Wulff fly, and greased it up to float. Because you just never know. And they are trout, after all. And trout eat bugs. I told him to try to drop the fly right where the fish had just jumped. And he did just that. Perfectly. There was a slow swirl around the fly, and a flash of silver and spray of water, as the big trout crashed down on the fly. Boom! And the game was on. It took a minute or so for the boy to get it together, with a little coaching, and he got the fish into shallow water. I got the fish off of the hook, and we had a moment to look at a bright, strong, wild sea-run cutthroat that was every bit of 18 inches or more. I let the trout slide off of my hand and swim away. We were breathless.

Here's the fishing karma part. As the trout swam away I heard a familiar voice exclaim:  
**"Hey, that's a huuuuuge cutthroat!!"**

And here, breathlessly stampeding up the beach, comes the big-time fly fishing pro! Like any fisherman would, he asked:

**"What did you get him on?!"**

So I held up the fly, dripping wet and still attached to the tippet, and I said:  
**"A number 12 Royal Wulff."**

And the big-time pro fly fisherman said:  
**"Don't be ridiculous! You can't catch sea-runs on a dry fly in saltwater!"**

**True story.**

**Another exercise of incredulity.** One afternoon I was watching an older fly angler working a fly off the beach for a while. He was fishing in close, in just a few feet of water. He seemed to be "high-sticking" this fly through some riffles with a dead drift. Gradually raising his rod tip at the end of each drift, lifting the fly to the surface, and repeating the presentation. He had no strike indicator, but I could have sworn that he was *nymph fishing in saltwater!* I watched him catch and release a few fish this way. When he walked back to the parking lot I had to ask him:

**"What did you get him on?"**

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He pulled his fly box out of his vest, (*only tourist visitors wear a fly fishing vest on the beaches here*), and he opened it up to reveal a few dozen black and yellow Kaufmann's Stone Fly nymphs.

***"They're taking the yellow ones today."***

He was holding one up for me to look at, and it was still dripping wet, tied to the tippet.

***Who was I to argue with this?***

***Trust yourself!***



***Black Giant Stoneflies. Real ones!***  
*photo credit @vonbeardly*

**One of my fly fishing heroes is Lefty Kreh.** Aside from his living-legend status as a master angler, fly casting instructor, inventor, and author, he's also a great raconteur. One of Lefty's great quotes goes like this:

***"Watch out for the experts . . .  
An ex is a has-been, and a spurt is just a drip under pressure"***

## Examinations of the connection between food and fly fishing.

Dinner 1955

By Walter Hodges

“To the lord let praises be, it’s time for dinner now let’s go eat.” Lyle Lovett.

Dad and Carl were self professed “fishing fools”, as opposed to “fish bums”, which my father Bob always thought sounded irresponsible for an adult and parent of age in the Eisenhower era. I had just turned nine, and we all liked Ike. At nine, most kids change from being a child to being an eating machine. Personally, I decided to become an 18-wheeler eating machine, and in Michigan, that meant I could have extra axels on my truck, so, short of sauerkraut, no food was safe in my presence. More to the point, one spring morning, Dad and Carl got up early and took some poppers, their state of the art Fenwick fiberglass fly rods and those Flueger reels with the ivory handles out on Lake Fenton, near Fenton, Michigan. The locals called the exact spot Hidden Cove, because you couldn’t see the entrance from all the underbrush and overgrown trees. Today, a house on the Cove might cost a million or more, but this particular day, 61 years ago, Bob and Carl took long wooden poles and pushed the rowboat through the brush and into the little bay. The electric green of spring was spray painted on the oak and maple trees that helped mask the presence of the cove. The sweet scent of spring hung thick on early morning shafts of light that stretched out on the carpet of Hidden Cove’s morning mists. Summer’s humidity and masses of mosquitoes were close by, but held at bay by an easy cool breeze from the north. There were soft shell turtles on logs in the sun, and lazy sounds of bullfrogs milling about in the marsh grass forests surrounding the cove. All this and several billion sex-crazed small-mouth bass. No, I’m telling you, that’s the truth. Billions of spawning smallmouth, and every single one of them wanted to properly kick a popper’s ass and did so. More than once.

That late afternoon, families, friends and neighbors gathered together at Carl and Gretchen’s house on Lake Fenton for a Sunday afternoon mid west fish fry. Everyone squeezed into the kitchen, because as you know, the kitchen is the beating heart. The room was filled with laughter from inside jokes only family and close friends could possibly understand, along with bravado laced anecdotes from dad and Carl born from the heat of The Great Hidden Cove Small Mouth War of 1955. Frying pans smoking hot. There was more Crisco than the human mind can grapple with. Then buttermilk. Then flour. Then salt and pepper. Then a touch more of butter. Then the secret dash or more of granulated sugar. Then last year’s home canned beans, boiled red potatoes and sliced Michigan peaches. The air in the room was fried with fish.

To the casual observer it was just a blur of eating. It was so good, I think back on it and imagine I made the whole thing up, but there I was nine years old and for me, it was simply impossible to stop eating. Between bites there was adult talk about the Tigers and what Al Kaline might do that year, and some serious worry about what Bobby Lane’s sore throwing arm might mean for the Lion’s prospects in the fall. There was lots of talk about upcoming opening day fly-fishing potential on the rivers up north. There were grown up discussions about whether Elvis Presley was the signal the world was coming to an end, and I think there was a couple Henny Youngman jokes told when the women were busy frying up a couple billion more small mouth. Food casualties keep falling off the ledge. After all, a person can eat just so much and then it stops. But I didn’t speak for probably an hour because I simply didn’t have extra room in my mouth for words. I didn’t stop eating for another hour and the adults just finally left me at the table and went out to watch the sunset. That left me, and the bass and the beans and the peaches. No one could believe it. My parents claimed I actually became a small-mouth soon after that. Carl kidded I might die from small mouth disease brought on by eating fish till I puked. I remember thinking “considering the food, how bad could that possibly be?” I mean really, let’s be realistic here. I could have eaten forever and still be eating.

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Upon surviving till the next day, I asked my dad to teach me how to fly fish, how to drink cold beer instead of lemon aide, and how to use Crisco and corn meal to make fried fish. From a historical perspective, I soon scored on two out three of those requests, and the third on my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Not bad. Not bad at all. I never looked back and to this day I still drive that 18- wheeler, with a tank full of small mouth bass and some Michigan peaches.

Buttermilk Fried Small Mouth Bass:

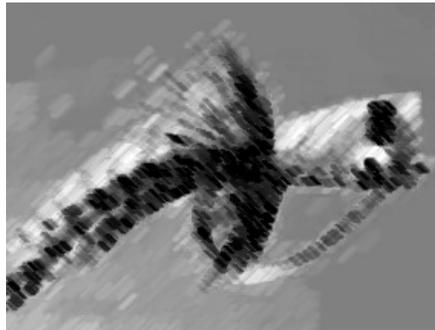
Crisco – as needed  
2c buttermilk  
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper  
2.5 lbs boneless, skinless smallmouth bass filets  
1.5 cups all-purpose flour  
1.5 tsp kosher salt  
1.5 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
2 tsp paprika

Put a bunch of Crisco in a hot cast iron skillet. In a large bowl, combine buttermilk and cayenne pepper. Soak bass filets in the buttermilk mixture for ten minutes. In another large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, pepper, and paprika. One at a time, lift bass fillets out of the buttermilk, letting excess buttermilk drip off. Dredge each fillet in seasoned flour with the secret extra sugar. Shake off excess flour and drop into the pan. Fry until golden brown and crisp on both sides. Drain on paper towels and serve immediately with steamed green beans and those little red potatoes.

# *Fly of The Month (flashback)*

Credit to FFF Website

Federation of Fly Fishers Fly of the Month  
**June, 2000- The Hairbug**



## **The Hair Bug: An all-American fly for an all-American fish By Jim Abbs**

National surveys tell us that fly fishers in the U.S. prefer warmwater species over trout or even saltwater fish. Indeed, as summer kicks off, thousands of fly anglers across the American Midwest, East, South and even the West are heading for their favorite lakes and ponds, seeking the most popular fish in the country---the Largemouth bass. This fish is an American original, long said to be the best fighter pound for pound in all of fresh water.

There is simply no question that even a small bass on a fly rod is great fun and the experience is especially grand if you can catch it on top with a floating fly. With most bass strikes there is no sipping, gentle rise forms or picky last minute refusals. You present the fly perfectly into a dinner plate sized mini-pool, right between the partially submerged log and the lily pad, just 6 inches off shore. If you are a practiced warmwater fly fisher you wait patiently, counting to 10 or even to 20 slowly and then just as you are ready to pick up the fly and cast again, there is an explosion of water and the fight is on. This is a warmwater fly fishing experience that never fails to raise your heart rate.

To make this classic bass scenario complete, you need to use a classic fly. For that, the only choice is a hair bug. Hair bugs have been around a long time. Somehow, in the 19th century, fly fishers started using deer hair to form the head and body of a frog fly imitations.

The challenge was in creating a good sized fly-enough to excite the appetite of a 3-4 pound fish---that was light enough to be cast properly with a fly rod. James Henshall, author of the famous 1881 book, *The Black Bass*, is generally given credit for creating the first clipped deer hair bug. Henshall was exclusively an American angler, so the spun and clipped deer hair fly, like the bass---also are native to America.

The process of spinning hollow animal hair to form a solid appearing body or head is beyond the scope of this short note. Needless to say, it is not difficulty to learn and with practice all kinds of very interesting and effective flies can be produced. The pattern chosen for this month's Fly of the Month is Whitlock's Most Whit Hair Bug. This is a basic fly for bass and it can be found commercially in fly shops across the U.S., priced between \$3 and \$5. At that price if you want to learn more about materials and how to tie a basic hair bug, follow the instructions and tie some of your own. Remember, this fly does not have to be picture perfect to be effective.

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## **MATERIALS**

**Hook:** Stinger type hook, Mustad 3366, sizes 2/0 to 6

**Thread:** Monocord to match body color

**Weedguard:** Stiff monofilament 20-25 pound

**Tail:** Marabou and wide saddle hackles in colors to complement or match body style

**Skirt:** Hackle to match tail

**Body:** Dyed deer or elk hair

**Legs:** Rubber

**Eyes:** Hollow doll eyes in size to match hook size

## **TYING STEPS**

1. Sharpen the hook
2. Attach the weedguard along the back side of the bend of the hook, tie about halfway down the bend
3. Tie in clump of marabou for the tail (or post) approximately the same length as the hook shank
4. Select a couple of pairs of saddle hackle in colors to complement or match the body. Line up the tips and clip the butts. Tie at least two on each side of the marabou tail, spaying outward (away from each other on each side).
5. Select a complementary or matching hackle and tie in for the skirt over the tie in point for the tail fibers.
6. Select a bunch of deer hair (the size of a pencil is a good start), remove underhair by combing it.
7. Tie the deer hair on to the hook shank immediately in front of the skirt. Tighten the thread in such a way as to spin the hair on the hook so it flares.
8. Push the flared deerhair back and repeat the spinning/flaring with a second bunch of hair.
9. Repeat this process with the same color deer hair or different colors. With different colors you can achieve a layering effect often seen on hairbugs.
10. At two points ( $1/3$  and  $2/3$  the distance of the hook shank) tie in some rubber hackle for legs, with a length extending at least a couple of inches on each side.
11. Pack the deer hair clumps to increase the density of the body.
12. Take a single edge razor or a sharp scissors and shape the flared deer hair so as to create the tapered body and the flat surface near the hook eye.
13. Use tying cement to stiffen the flat face of the deer hair body, tie in the weedguard underneath the hookeye, trim the rubber hackle to the desired length, and go catch some bass!

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.  
You can direct any questions or comments to FOM at [flyofthemoth@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:flyofthemoth@fedflyfishers.org)

# PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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5 Atlantic Salmon Fly Expo, Renton	6	7	8 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	9 PSFF General Meeting 6:00	10	11 Outing - Skokomish River Kayak Demo Day @Lk.Sammamish
12	13	14	15 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	16 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	17 Outing - Dosewallips State Park	18 Outing - Skokomish River & Dosewallips State Park
19 Father's Day Outing - Dosewallips State Park	20	21	22 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	24	25 Education - Tower Lanes 9 AM
26	27	28	29 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	30		

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3	4 4th of July	5	6 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	14 PSFF General Meeting 6:00	15	16 Outing - Leech Lake
17	18	19	20 PSFC Fly Ty- ing 6:00	21 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	22	23
24 / 31 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM 7/24	25	26	27 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	28	29	30

**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](http://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 as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing.
4. To promote both "Fellowship" and "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's mission and 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 gillies 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 per household per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

**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 though 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.