



Leader Line

It's Never Too Late

I hope many of you were able to attend the Fly Fishing Show, held in Bellevue on Feb. 17-18. It was great to have the event back with its many vendors, seminars, instructors and films. Fly Fishers International hosted their Learning Center, offering walk-in instruction on fly-tying, knots and casting. I took the opportunity to ask FFI fly-tyer Ruth Sims to show me how it's done. This was monumental for me — I've never tied before. What's more, I'm no longer shy about asking "How do you do that?" Fellow PSFF member J. Michelle Swope tried to teach me once, but I was so fumble-fingered I didn't complete the attempt. It took almost an hour with Ruth's help, but my finished product was a de-

cent looking chironomid. I was so elated I screamed, scaring the heck out of all around me. Now I'm determined to learn fly-tying. Someone mentioned it may involve more money devoted to this sport. Oh well.

It helped that I had just finished reading an article on keeping your brain active and your memory sharp. One suggestion was to diversify your routines: walk instead of watching TV (walk/wade a river vs. fishing still water), spend time with a diverse range of people (learn or teach with different fishing buddies), try out new experiences (for me, tying a fly and learning to spey cast). Fly-fishing is a skill where you can always learn something new or different. I've been fly-fishing for many years and I only now am learning to tie flies. Just shows, it's never too late.

Next Meeting

March 14

Tower Lanes

6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30

Program 7:15

Don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring. Not just ready, I'm planning for it: fly boxes organized and labeled, lines cleaned, gear checked for wear and leaks; I'm waiting for that warm sunshine to put some bugs on the water. Don't get me wrong; I fish in the rain and cold, but some prolonged sunshine would definitely be welcomed. Also, I can put my new polarized

sunglasses to the test. I intend to be "stylin" just a little bit.



Tess Frazier
Club President

Outings

Lenice Is Calling

As one of the premiere desert lakes in Washington, Lenice also can be one of the most popular — especially in the spring. We may not be the only fly-fishing club sharing the 93-acre jewel. But the prospects of latching onto

when the fishing turns on. Selective gear rules in effect.

Based on past stocking numbers, we can expect a fresh batch of around 7,000 trout in addition to the numerous holdovers.



The shorelines are shallow enough to provide outstanding sight fishing. Portable watercraft are in common use, but be prepared to haul your rig on a mostly flat quarter-mile trail from the parking area to the water.

a fair number of round-shouldered rainbows are very good.

Lenice Lake is located east of the small town of Beverly in Grant County, 19 minutes southeast of Vantage and the Columbia River crossing on I-90. This productive lake produces large trout. Like many desert lakes, it can get windy and cold after ice-out,

During our time there in March, chironomids and streamer patterns are king, so bring your bobbers. The lake — which is considered one of the region's seep lakes — is fairly shallow, mostly 10-15 feet, with one area up to 20 feet.

Directions: Lenice Lake is within 3 hours from Tower Lanes, via I-90. Once across the Columbia River bridge at Vantage, turn right (south) on Highway 26 and transition onto Highway 243. At the town of Beverly, turn left onto Lower Crab Creek Road. In 4.2 miles, you'll see the lake's parking area on the left.

Camping: Tent and dry-camping for trailers is permitted. There is also a campground for tents and trailers (and one 3-room house) called Vantage Riverstone in Vantage, about 20 minutes from Lenice. Call (509) 856-2800 for more information. There is also Sand Hollow Campground, 11094 WA-243, north of Beverly, that is 5 minutes from Vantage. It has dry camping for tents and small trailers. Call (509) 754-5088 ext. 3181.

Pyramid Power

I've been anxious to get back to Pyramid Lake in Nevada since taking a small group there last spring. After speak-

ing with Rob Anderson of Reno Fly-Fishing Outfitters at the recent Fly-Fishing Show in Bellevue, I got my fire re-stoked for a possible outing in the fall, soon after the lake re-



opens on Oct. 1. Rob loves that opener period when the weather is warmer, the big Pi-

2024 Outings Schedule

MARCH

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR
Friday-Saturday March 8-9

APRIL

Annual PSFF Rendezvous

Yakima River: Big Pines Campground (BLM)
Trout: Friday-Sunday, April 5-7

MAY

Mayfield Lake

Ike Kinswa State Park
Pike, Trout
Tuesday-Thursday, May 28-30

JUNE

Leech Lake

Trout: Wednesday-Friday, June 5-7

JULY

Cedar River

Landsburg Road river trailhead, Maple Valley
Trout: 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 9

lot Peak strain of Lahonton cutthroat are hotter and angler competition is lighter. The big fish — which can often exceed 20 pounds — are in greater numbers within reach in 20-30 feet of water. We'd be using light watercraft instead of the famous ladders. If you're seriously interested, please contact me and I can advise you on logistics: dfrazier@wave-cable.com



David Frazier
Outings Chair

AUGUST

Annual Club Picnic

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11

Eglon

Coho, SRCs: 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 21

SEPTEMBER

Cowlitz River

Hosted at John & Kathy Clark, near Toledo
Cutthroat, Steelhead, Coho, Kings:
Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 17-19

Lake Kokanee

Trout: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25

OCTOBER

Pass Lake

Deception Pass State Park
Trout: Tuesday-Thursday,
Oct. 15-17

NOVEMBER

Beaver Lake — Sammamish

Trout: 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15

DECEMBER

Purdy

SRCs: 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13

Programs Gabe Madel is March 14 Speaker

This month's speaker will be Gabe Madel 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 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 focus on Munn Lake and its unique angling opportunities.

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

Membership

Welcome to March

Now that my wife and I are retired we have decided to find some sunshine each winter. This year we travelled to the Tampa Bay area of Florida for the month of February. We did go out for two days of guided fly-fishing for spotted sea trout and redfish.

It Is Past-Time to Renew PSFF Memberships

Members have been sent email reminders recently to renew your membership to Puget Sound Fly-Fishers. The deadline was Feb. 1. Please take the opportunity to renew online with a credit card or send a check or money order in the mail. See our website psff.org, scroll down to Join The Club and click the "Join Now" button. Without your renewal you will lose access to the Members Only section on the website and be removed from the online roster. So please renew.

Welcome to New Members

We had five new members join PSFF in February. You will find below a short bio and picture of recent new members to help you get acquainted with them. Please reach out and welcome them at the next meeting or outing they attend.



David Saku - Growing up in India, I saw fishing with sledge hammers in the Himalayan mountains

but never had much of a chance to do fishing myself until my mid-30's when I moved to Portland, OR. As a newbie, not knowing much, I bought an Eagle Claw combo fishing outfit and started exploring the Columbia Gorge waters with bait and rooster tails without much luck until I tied a fly on and started tossing it into the freestone creek at Oneata Gorge. Much to my amazement and delight, I had little trout jumping out of the water for my store bought Yellow Sally, and that was the end of my bait and spinners and the beginning of my journey into flies and fly-fishing. A friend helped me out by introducing me to the Deschutes River, where I decorated the trees with my flies. He then introduced me to tying flies, and in my ignorance, I thought it might save me some money. That didn't pan out as planned but the satisfaction and joy of catching fish on the flies that I've tied in the years since has been priceless. I just retired from practicing Pediatrics in Portland, a month ago and my wife, Helen, and I moved to Washington to be close to our daughter and son-in-law. I have to thank our daughter for tracking down

this fly-fishing club for me. I am looking forward to making new friends and exploring new fishing opportunities in and around Puget Sound.

Doug Bayes - I grew up in Stanwood, WA and started fly-fishing when I was 10 in British Columbia. I have been out fishing on the Sound for salmon and cutthroat. I have been doing some Steelhead fishing recently. I live in Federal Way and work as a Software Architect



Kyle Faust – I grew up in New Jersey and have been fly-fishing for 30 years. My early experience

fishing was in Roscoe NY along with the many rivers of Northern New Jersey. Target species were trout, bass, sunfish, walleye, pickerel, and perch. My saltwater experience has been at Sandy Hook for sea robins, weakfish, bluefish, flounder and striped bass. I am a product manager in the outdoor industry. I have a wife and son who also love to fly-fish. We are very active with Casting for Recovery and The Mayfly Project.



Joe Harrison
Membership Chair

Raffle News

Anniversaries/Years February:

Brad Buerststte	1
Yuka Mullen	1
Tom Case	21
Bob Ostericher	10
Dennis Ehlers	12
David Pettit	1
Bob Jimerson	18
Barbara Przasnyski	10
Brian Knutson	20
J Michelle Swope	1
Mike Koslosky	13
Mike Trask	15

We have a monthly raffle which provides members with chances to win great prizes and support club activities. We welcome donations of new or gently used fishing, camping or other related items. If you have questions regarding raffle donations, please contact Raffle Coordinator, Rachel Dagovitz, racheldagovitz@hotmail.com.

FYI. There will be a **special auction item** at the March meeting - A G Loomis 5-weight rod.

A Big Shout Out to Our February Donors!

Dennis Beardsley
Mike Koslosky



Rachel Dagovitz
Raffles Chair

Conservation

Join Us for Habitat Stewardship on Flett Creek

Clover Park Technical College invites you to be a part of something truly impactful in 2024 – Habitat Stewardship at the Flett Property! Their beautiful campus is home to a diverse ecosystem that needs your help.

What: Clover Park Technical College Flett Property Habitat Stewardship

Where: Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA, 98499
Enter campus at Hageness Drive. Please park on campus.

Why: Protect the oaks from invasive species & restore riparian habitat!

Join us in the restoration of the riparian environment, creating a sustainable ecosystem for generations to come.

When: 9 a.m. to Noon(ish) on the dates listed below

- Saturday, March 9
- Saturday, April 20 Earth Day!
- Saturday, May 18
- Saturday, June 8
- Saturday, July 13
- Saturday, Aug. 17
- Saturday, Sept. 28
- Saturday, Oct. 19
- Saturday, Nov. 16
- Saturday, Dec. 7

Questions? Contact Derek Faust at derek.faust@cptc.edu
We will be out there making a positive impact on the environ-

ment come rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy footwear. We will provide some tools, but if you have your own (gloves, loppers, shovels, weed wrench), feel free to bring them along to ensure we have enough for everyone.

Together, we can make a difference.

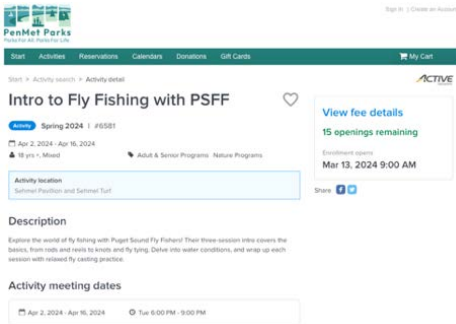


Greg Shimek
Conservation Chair

Education March 2024

Fly-fishing Intro Class

Our club sponsored Fly Fishing 101 course scheduled for the first three Tuesday evenings — April 2, 9, & 16 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. Club members are conducting the course with facilities, administrative, and marketing support from PenMet Parks. The class will be held at Sehmel Homestead Park ([penmetparks](https://www.penmetparks.org)). There is a pavilion where the classroom sessions will be held and a lit turf field where the casting lessons will happen. If club members would like to sign up, registration is on the PenMet Parks website ([penmetparks.org](https://www.penmetparks.org)) and will open March 13th at 9:00AM for PenMet tax payers and March 20 for non-residence.



Fly of the Month: Stoneflies

Learn to tie Skwala Stone and Pat's Stonefly nymph patterns and get ready for the Club's Annual Rendezvous - new to the Yakima this year.

Join us in tying these patterns at Tower Lanes on Saturday, March 23, 9:30 a.m.

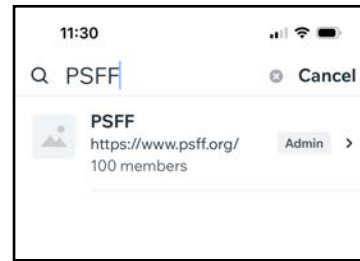


*Rob Jensen
Education Chair*

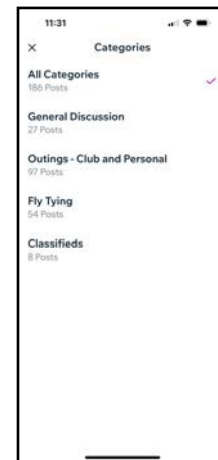
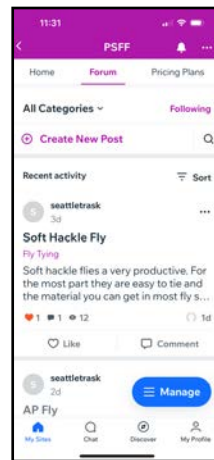
Forum Did You Know There's an App for That?

Although more than 50% of the club has enrolled to get access to the Forum (the club's social media site), I'm guessing many don't know you can download an app and skip the website to create posts and read what others are posting. Lately, there's been a lot of member activity with flash outings and fly-tying recipes from Mike Trask.

The app is called "Spaces by Wix". Once you've downloaded and opened the app, sign up and then use the search tool within the app to find "PSFF".



Sign in as a member using the credentials you would use on your computer. Once you're in, you can choose "Forum" from the top menu and then choose a category to post in or get caught up.



You can use the three dots in the upper right corner to manage notifications to your preference.



*Bryan Habeck
Newsletter and
Website Editor*

FFI Info and Youth Academy Enrollment Now Open



The NWYCFF Academy – The Academy will be conducted again June 22-29, 2024 at The Panhandle Lake 4H camp west of Shelton. Registration is open, the application and other important information is available on the Academy website – nwycffa.com. This is a wonderful opportunity for our future fly-fishers,

boys and girls, 12-16 years old. They will be totally equipped to fly fish when they leave the event.



To learn more or apply, scan the QRcode or go to nwycffa.com



Looking for a book on Fly-Fishing?

When I attended the Fly Fishing

Show in Bellevue recently, I came across a booth that specialized in “online” purchases of fly fishing and hunting books.

TheAnglingBookstore.com had an incredible display of fly-fishing books with over 7,500 titles from 750 authors. I don't normally advertise for suppliers, but this display was amazing

OCFFI – The Oregon State Council is conducting another fly-fishing event in Albany, OR. on March 8-9, 2024. 2024 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo website – nwexpo.com. This is truly an amazing fly-tying, casting event, and worth the trip to Oregon.



*Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI*

2024 PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President: Tess Frazier
Vice President: Rob Jensen
Past President: Steve Saville
Secretary: Anne Stiffler
Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1st year: David Frazier
Director, 2nd year: Richard Stone
Director, 3rd year: Dennis Ehlers

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Membership: Joe Harrison
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Programs: Mark Paul
Education: Rob Jensen
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**.

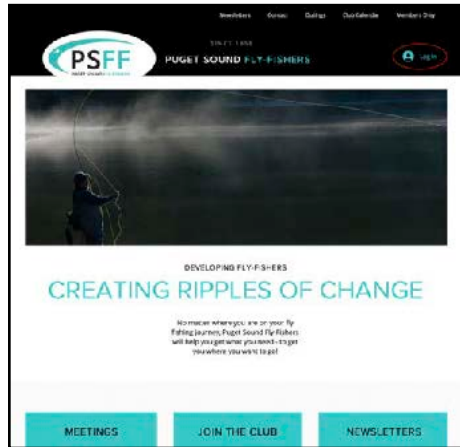


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

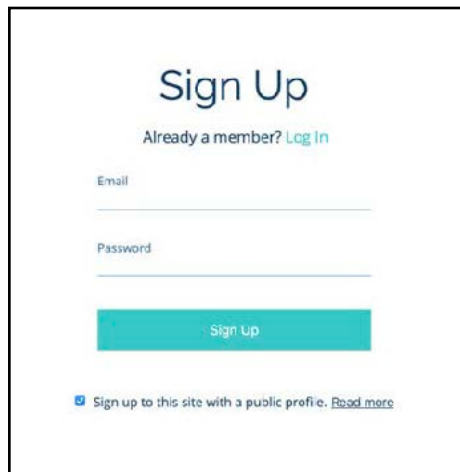


Figure 2

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 available to you

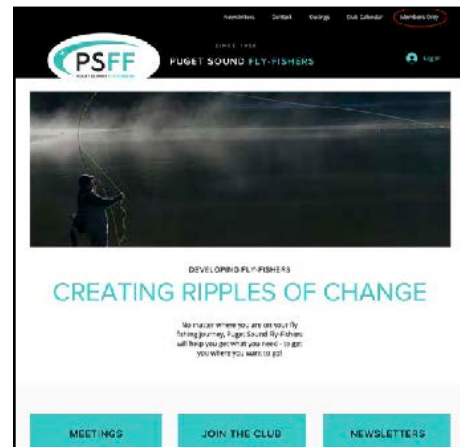


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

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

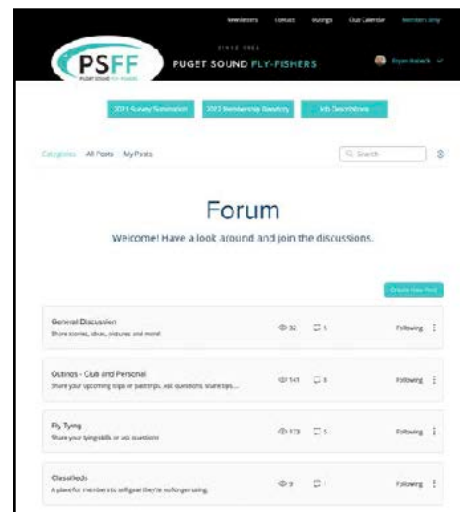


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