



Leader Line

There's so much going on!

Wow! There has been a bunch of stuff happening during the past month and some will continue on. First, and of interest to all, the annual Washington State Trout Derby is now in full swing. The WDFW has planted tagged trout in more than 100 lakes statewide. This is done each year and anyone catching a tagged trout is eligible for a prize from a pool of more than \$40,000.00. More information on the derby and how to collect a prize is available on the WDFW web site. Get out there and collect a prize!

For local salmon anglers, Area 11 opens on June 1st, Thursday through Sunday only. It's not

a complete opening as there are parts closed through July 1st, but it means that boat and beach anglers can now fish for salmon in the Tacoma area. Be sure to check the regulations as they change often. This year we should have a reasonable Pink Salmon return. It's always a welcome year for some fun fishing. It will have a direct impact on our club picnic as we will have the opportunity to fish that morning and then enjoy some food and camaraderie at our club picnic on Saturday, August 19th, in Dash Pt. and then later, a club outing. More information on the picnic will be coming in the near future.

Also of some interest, I attended a community meeting regarding the Dash Point fishing pier. The Pier closed in 2021 due to structural issues. Our own Penny Mabie is a member of the exploratory committee so we will be well informed on the subject in the future.

Next Meeting

June 8, 6pm

Tower Lanes

6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30

Program 7:15

Unfortunately, the re-opening of a new pier is several years away. The design choice for the new pier, parking lot, and surrounding park are now being narrowed down to a single choice and the next step will be the dreaded permitting process. The latest projection is that it will be three to four more years until the new pier will be in place.

For those who might want to take a trip, Christmas Island has finally re-opened after three years. I have been trying to get back there for three years. There are no Covid restrictions and from the latest report the bonefish have grown in size and are willing fly takers. It's a great trip to a far-off place but well worth the time. There are now several outfitters booking trips to the island. It takes a trip to Hawaii and then on to the island, but the weather and fishing is exceptional.

I had the opportunity to attend the Skagit River "Speyapalooza." It was held on the 20th of May at the Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport. The weather was perfect and even though the river was extremely high, there were

more than a hundred attendees who took part in the lessons and demonstrations. The second annual event, spearheaded by the Confluence Fly Shop in Bellingham, was well worth the trip since the Sandy River Spey Clave is no longer being held. For anyone who uses a two-hand rod or wants to learn more about them, it is a good place to start. I have enjoyed two handed fishing for many years, and it is so much fun. The newer, lighter spey rods for trout are a blast!

Finally, all reports on the annual Park Lake outing are positive. The weather and fish cooperated and all who attended had a great time. Thanks to David Frazier for the planning and to all who attended. If you have never been on the outing, it should be on your calendar for next year.

Tight lines, everybody. Get out there and fish!



Steve Saville
Club President

Outings June Double-Header

Ohop Lake,

Saturday, June 10, 7 a.m.

Here's your chance to register a Super Duper Grand Slam. First, consider all the naturally reproducing spiny rays in Ohop Lake: black crappie, yellow perch, largemouth bass, bluegill, brown bullhead, catfish and pumpkinseed sunfish. There are coastal cutthroat and hatchery

rainbow trout (about 11,000 stocked so far this year). At 218 acres, this year-round fishery has plenty of water and shoreline access. I'm suggesting an early start to find bass before the sun pushes them to deeper water.

Leech Lake,

Friday-Monday, June 23-26

Elevation of Leech Lake

4,416 ft.

We've had a long, cold, wet winter for the record books. Will June at Leech Lake still be shirt-sleeve weather? We can only hope. If so, think damsel fly nymphs and adults, plus caddis adults (sometimes skated), mayflies, leech patterns,

chironomids, ants, small baitfish patterns ... And did I mention damselfly nymphs?

Also known as White Pass Lake, this jewel of a fly-fishing-only highland lake is located at the crest of White Pass, just off Highway 12 in Yakima County. At an elevation of 4,416 ft. and 42 acres, it's home to a couple species of fish, including brook trout and rainbow trout. Large rainbow trout. Stocking usually occurs within the first two weeks of June. The lake is fairly shallow — to about 15 feet. Bring rods 4- to 6-wt and reels loaded with floating, sink-tip or intermediate lines.

Special Note: Washington Discover Pass and Washington Fish and Wildlife Access Permit are **not** valid parking or access passes. There is a \$5 per vehicle Day Use Fee, payable at the “iron ranger” post near the put-in site. Facilities include a U.S. Forest Service campground and boat launch, but use of boat motors is prohibited. The campground fee is \$8 a night; extra vehicle fee is \$5 per day. Campsites accommodate trailers up to 20 feet.

For non-campers, The White Pass Village Inn is at the summit. To reserve a condo, visit staywhitepass.com/, or call 509-672-3131. The Kracker Barrel Convenience Store (next to the Village Inn) has a deli, grocery, gas station, coin-operated laundry and showers. Approaching from the west, the closest town is Packwood, about 25 minutes from the pass. Leech

Lake is 2 hours and 42 minutes southeast of Tower Lanes, Tacoma.

Park Lake Report



We had a pretty good turnout for our annual rendezvous at Park Lake in May — 17 by my count. In addition to Tess and myself, we had Bryan Habeck, Rachel Dagovitz, Jim Baker, Tom Krughoff, Ron McNeal, Mark Paul, Dennis Ehlers, Deb and Kevin Ryan, John and Kathy Clark, Paul Fournier, Bob Jimerson, Jeff and Valerie Pettigrew.

Much of the fishing was dictated by the weather, which was hot (mid 80s to low 90s — I did say May, didn't I?) and windy, often too windy to fish. At least we didn't experience the thundering hail storm of 2022. Still, many fish were caught and released. Park Lake was unusually stingy in giving up its rainbows this year, but as a welcome surprise this year were the number of large smallmouth caught in Blue Lake. Dry Falls was tough, too, but some nice rainbows were netted there, and more given long-distance releases. Even Rocky Ford with all its warm-

weather weed beds produced (way to go, Rachel!).

We had lots of great conversation with friends new and old. It was so good to see the Ryans and Clarks, Bob Jimerson and Paul Fournier trading fishing stories over dinner and a camp fire. This is what makes these outings so powerful.

Mineral Lake Report



The weather was glorious and the lake was not nearly as crowded as I had feared for a Memorial Day Weekend. Lots of “catchable” rainbows were caught and a lot did the old hit and run. I even caught a native cutthroat and a 15-inch brown. Fast-sinking lines seemed to be the ticket, and everyone seemed to have their favorite flies. All types of black leeches worked. Club members I met on the water included Mike Koslosky, Mark Paul, Bryan Habeck, Penny Mabie and, of course, Tess Frazier.

Upcoming Outings

JULY

Merrill Lake (Hexagenia hatch),
Friday-Sunday, **July 14-16**

AUGUST

Little Deschutes River,
Saturday, **Aug. 12**, 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

a) Dash Point Pier (Coho & pinks),
Saturday, **Sept. 2**, 6 a.m.

b) Cowlitz River (Coho, cutthroat,
steelhead),
Saturday-Monday, **Sept. 16-18**

OCTOBER

Island Lake (Mason County),
Saturday, **Oct. 7**, 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER

Johns Creek (chum salmon),
Friday, **Nov. 10**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

DECEMBER

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



David Frazier
Outings Chair

17 # of PSFF Members
at Park Lake



PSFF June Program - Redo

Carp - How to Catch a Freight Train - David Paul Williams

Dave is normally a very steady and dependable fellow fisher, but for those who don't know he was conspicuous by his absence in the May meeting. Chic called and David immediately knew what had happened. Chic did his best to make him squirm for a few minutes until he sensed that he wasn't going to get anything more at the moment. And when Steve announced that the speaker didn't show up, the excitement in the room was palpable. People scattered like a rat nest exposed in the yard at high noon.

They call them Golden Bones, Mississippi Steelhead or Queen of the Waters. Local fly-fishing dignitary, David Paul Williams, reveals all about carp on the fly with his discussion of the fish,

their behavior, what to use, and how to catch these finny freight trains. Our speaker is the author of "Fly Fishing for Western Smallmouth" a program about which he had presented to our club. He has written articles for over a dozen regional and national publications, serving on the editorial staff in some cases. And in his spare time, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fly Fishers International and Editor-in-Chief of the *Flyfisher* magazine. Many of us will recognize him having attended his presentations in sporting shows and in past programs for our club. He is also known for his simple, yet effective fly patterns, developed during his fly-fishing life since the age of ten.

PSFF Library

Do you ever feel the need to drag yourself away from your smartphone, YouTube videos, computer screen, and TV? Do you remember the tranquil days of your youth, curled up in an easy chair by the fireplace, reading a favorite book? You can still hold a real book, flipping through its pages while picking up some fly-fishing pointers. Just stop by the PSFF Library at the next meeting. Some reminders of library policies:

*Check out privileges are for current paid members only.

*Please check out no more than 3 items at a time.

*Fill out the card month/year checked out and your name.

*Remember to return books within 60 days.

*When checking out or returning items, you can give the card or book to the librarian, or just place them in the Catch & Release Basket.

Happy reading!

Tom Krughoff
Library Chair

FFI/WSCFFI

Support The 2023 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy at Panhandle Lake, Shelton WA June 18 through 25.

After 20+ years, funding for the 2023 Academy will be extremely challenging. We have raised the per student tuition to \$500 for the all inclusive (including room and board) week long program but tuition only covers a small percentage of the \$2200 program costs per student.

We need your help and ask PSFF members and newsletter readers to make a donation of any size. You may also earmark your contribution of \$500 toward providing tuition to a deserving young person (named or unnamed) or a specific scholarship amount if less than full tuition. Please remit your contribution by check to :

NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

% John Gravendyk

818 291st Ave NE

Carnation, WA 98014

The Academy can be a life changing experience for young people as they develop an enlightened understanding of stewardship, conservation and fly fishing. Please help us preserve this program!



Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI

New Programs Chairperson Announcement

First off, the board members would like to thank Chic Sundahl for his many years of service arranging speakers for the monthly meetings - especially through the zoom years. Not an easy feat.

We're excited to announce that Mark Paul has stepped into Chic's shoes and will be taking

over arranging speakers for the foreseeable club meetings. We appreciate Mark stepping up to help the club and look forward to seeing who he brings in each month.

If you'd like to help the club, we still need a new Education Chair and will also need new officers at the beginning of 2024. Now's the

time to reach out to any officer and let them know you're interested. We'd be happy to talk to you and as a reminder, all positions have roles and responsibility documented on the website at: <https://www.psff.org/general-5> if you wish to see what is entailed for any position.

PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

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