



May Program

Bruce Bolding - WDFW

Leader Line Greg Shimek

It is with a heavy heart that I have to start this month's newsletter with the news of the passing of one of our members, Joe Johnston. Joe passed away while fishing on the Yakima River with his good friend Mike Seville on April 13th. Although Joe was only a member for a few years he stepped up and did a great job as our outings chairman until just recently. I know I will miss his smile and his willingness to help out when something needed to be done. I hope he is catching a BIG fish somewhere right now.

The WSCFFI is holding their annual event in Ellensburg on May fourth and fifth at the Fair Grounds. There is lots to see and do at this event and our club will have a number of members tying flies as well. I know I always learn something new at the Fair that helps my casting, fishing and fly tying.

Our Park Lake outing is shaping up under the direction of Outings Chairman Mike Koslosky, so get your reservations in ASAP. This is our signature event of the year and if you were at last months meeting we heard that the fishing should be superb this year. Mike has some fun activities planed so join the fun.

Don't forget to check out the library at the next meeting. Kristin Macy has done an outstanding job with the library and is adding new books and videos monthly.

Just a reminder that tickets for the Kayak raffle will be sold at our monthly meeting. \$20 each or 6 for \$100. All proceeds go to Project Healing Waters. You can pay by Credit Card as well.

By the time you read this, lowland lakes will have opened and I hope many of you enjoyed a fun fill and successful day of fishing. I expect to hear some fishing stories at the May meeting. Best wishes and be safe on the water.



May Outings

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Ellensburg, Saturday, Sunday, May 4,5

Fly Fishers International (formerly IFFF) will be teaming up with the Washington State Council of FFI once again for their Ellensburg Fly Fishing Fair. Hear guest speakers, meet fly tiers, see new products, sales reps, and connect with old friends. No fish out scheduled but there are a number of nearby ponds suitable for personal flotation devices.

Lake Devereaux, Tuesday, May 15, 8:00am

Located between Allyn and Belfair, Lake Devereaux is a 100 acre near wilderness setting with very few homes dotting the shoreline. It sports rainbow trout, kokanee, largemouth bass and pumpkinseed sunfish. Rumor has it the trout grow large enough to feed on kokanee for lunch! Portable toilet and easy boat launch. No shore fishing.

Park Lake, Friday to Sunday., May 18, 19, 20

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers annual event/trip/party/hoedown/git together is once again being held at Laurent's Sun Village Resort. Fish Blue Lake, Park Lake, Dry Falls and a number of other high desert scablands waterholes can be a trip to remember. Scenery is dramatic, stars plenty, and the fish are willing to play.

To get to Park Lake, go east on I-90 to the Ephrata Exit (SR 283, exit 151), just past George. Take SR 283 through Ephrata, to the SR 17 junction, turn left and go north through the town of Soap Lake, past Lake Lenore and Blue lake, about 16 miles. Turn right at the north end of Blue Lake and proceed to Laurent's Sun Lakes Resort. (33575 Park Lake Rd NE, Coulee City, WA, (509) 632-5664).

Contact Laurent's for reservations to camp or rent a room at their facility.

Be sure to get gas or what ever last minute groceries you may need before you leave Ephrata. Also, The Desert Angler is the local fly shop and a good source of local information.

Saturday evening is the potluck dinner. PSFF provides the entre, and members bring the side dishes and desserts. Please be sure that you sign up for the outing at PSFF meetings between now and the outing so we have a better idea of how much meat to buy. Members fill in potluck style. Last names beginning with A thru H bring side dishes, I thru P; salads, Q thru Z; desserts. Bring your own drinks... adult or other. Paper and plastic service will be available on the table, or bring your own if you prefer.

Please bring an arm load of firewood for the communal firepit. (there could be savage dancing!)

Also, pack your own camp chair and if you have a portable gas grill bring it along as a backup.

Evergreen, Quincy, Stan Coffin, Dusty Lakes,Monday - Wednesday, May 21-23

On your way home from Park Lake, take a slight detour for three more days of fishing. Situated on a high plateau above the Columbia River, these desert lakes can offer some

outstanding fishing opportunities for a wide variety of species. It's primitive camping so if you aren't fully contained, better just make it a day trip. (Portable toilets are on site.)

Evergreen Reservoir offers a variety of warmwater fishing opportunities for bass, Walleye, Black Crappie, and Tiger Musky. Evergreen Reservoir is best fished from a boat. Larger bass and Walleye style boats can be launched at this lake. Carp anglers - here is your trophy lake.

Dusty Lake has fished very well the past five years for Rainbow Trout the occasional Brown Trout and Tiger Trout. Dusty Lake sits in a shallow canyon and doesn't receive as much sunlight as other lakes early in the year. As such, this lake remains colder longer and fishing doesn't start to pick up until later in the spring. Access to Dusty Lake is walk-in only. The lake is best fished from a float tube or pontoon boat. Shoreline fishing is usually unproductive.

Stan Coffin Lake is the northern-most lake along the main access road. This lake is a very good warmwater fishery for Largemouth Bass, Bluegill Sunfish, and Channel Catfish. Larger bass and Walleye style fishing boats can be launched at Stan Coffin. Several hundred Largemouth Bass in Stan Coffin Lake have Floy tags implanted along their dorsal fin. These tags are used to monitor growth of bass. If you catch a marked fish please leave the tag in the fish. In addition, several black barrels were placed in Stan Coffin Lake in order to serve as spawning sites for Channel Catfish. If you see a barrel please do not move it as there may be a Channel Catfish inside. Anglers should also know that access to Stan Coffin Lake is through the north gate only. The south gate is closed indefinitely due to vandalism problems.

Internet Fishing Resources

Club

www.psff.org

Fly Fishing Blog

<http://www.washingtonflyfishing.com>

Fly Shops

<http://www.pugetsoundflyco.com>

<http://gigharborflyshop.com>

Weather and Tides

[https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.](https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions)

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/weather/pugetsound.aspx>

https://www.atmos.washington.edu/data/marine_report.html

Next Meeting Thursday May 10th

6:00-9:00PM

Tower Lanes Entertainment Center

6323 6th Ave Tacoma WA

May Member Anniversaries

<u>Member</u>	<u>Years</u>
Michelle Tuengel	22
Philip Moore	14
Robert Gerlach	11
Dennis Beardsley	6
Barry Berejikian	5
Jason Bordash	4
Ann Selimos	3
Steve Hill	1

Club Library



Books

Fly Fishing Coastal Cutthroat Trout	Johnson, Les	2004	Fly Fishing	CutThroat
Afoot & Afloat South Puget Sound	Mueller, Marge and Mueller, Ted	1996	Outdoors	Walks/Hikes
Olympic Mountains Fishing Guide: Olympic National Park & Olympic Peninsula Lakes & Streams	Shorett, Dave	1996	Destination	OP
Fly-Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout	Rickards, Denny	1997	Fly Fishing	Trout
Our Native Fishes	Quinn, John R	1990	Fishing	Fresh water and Marine
The Estuary Fly Fisher	Raymond, Steve	1996	Fly Fishing	Estuaries
An Introduction to Aquatic Insects	Federation of Fly Fishers	?	Entomology	
Clouser's Flies	Clouser, Bob	2006	Fly Tying	Clouser
Fly-Fishing Tactics - Trout, Bass, Panfish, Saltwater	Multi Author	2004	Fly Fishing	General
Reading Water	Mulch, Darrell	2001	Fly Fishing	Water
Curtis Creek Manifesto	Anderson, Sheridan	1978	Fly Fishing	

Library Reminders

- Only Paid members are eligible to check out materials.
- Each member can only check out 3 items at a time.
- Member can only check out items for 60 days.
- Please make sure that the library chair has your current email address and phone number.
- Make sure that the card on the item matches the item that you are checking out.
- Enter MO/YR for date out and print your name on the card.
- Please let us know about any new books that you would like to see in the library.
- If you have had an item checked out for 60 and want to borrow it again - Return it at the beginning of a meeting - if it is still there at the end of the meeting you can check it out for another 60 days.

Upcoming Programs

May 10th - Bruce Bolding

Washington State is home to over a dozen species of game fish categorized as “warmwater species”, from bass and walleye, to catfish and panfish, such as yellow perch and bluegill. Although none of them are native to Washington, all of these fish offer very popular recreational opportunities, which represent millions of dollars annually in economic benefit across the state. Warmwater fish are widespread and can be found in hundreds of lakes throughout Washington, so there is always an opportunity for fun near you. Bruce Bolding, Warmwater Fish Program Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will bring the club up to date on the program he oversees.

June 14th – Jay Paulson

PSFF member and owner of Amazing Flies Jay Paulson will talk about the Titanic fly, one that he created and has proven to be very effective for all kinds of fishing in our area and beyond.

Fly Tying Dates and Patterns

May 9

In preparation for Lake Devereaux May 15

The Fly: Prince Nymph
Imitating: Stonefly Nymph
Hook: Daichi 1710 size 6-12
Tail: Brown Goose Biots
Rib: Gold Tinsel fine
Body: Peacock herl
Wing: White Goose Biots
Hackle: Brown soft or Pheasant tail fibers

May 23

In preparation for the Rattlesnake Lake June 14

The Fly: Copper John
Hook: Daichi 1710 size 10-18
Head: Gold Bead
Tail: Brown Goose Biots
Abdomen: Medium copper wire (Green or Red optional)
Wing Case: Black Thin skin with Pearl Flashabou strand topped with Epoxy (UV optional)
Thorax: Peacock herl
Legs: Partridge hackle barbs





Kayak Larry Vaughn is selling a kayak to benefit Project Healing Waters. There will only be 100 tickets sold. The price of the tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Tickets will sold for two months and then a winner will be drawn. Cash, Checks or Credit Cards accepted at the monthly meetings.



This 2013 Nucanoe Frontier 12 is in perfect condition, garaged when not on the water and is customized with Ascend Seat, Casting Bar, Lowrance Elite 4x-HDI Fish Finder +battery, and well rigged for fly fishing. The Frontier is the ultimate hybrid fishing kayak, designed from the hull up, stable on the water, for serious anglers and hunters. Whether you are fly fishing in salt water, bass fishing in a river, or hunting in the marshes, the Frontier 12 will maximize your experience. As configured a new Frontier 12 would cost \$1,749.

Summer Outings

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Time to put these trips on your Google or Yahoo calendar or the paper one hanging on the kitchen cabinet. Sign up sheets will be available at each club meeting and detailed trip info will be sent out prior to the event.

June Outings

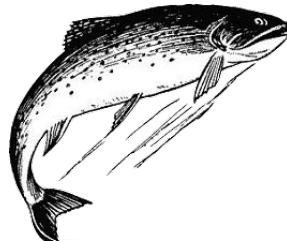
- Monday, Tuesday, June 11, 12, Bonneville Dam and Columbia River - shad**
- Thursday, June 14, Rattlesnake Lake, 8am**
- Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 and 20, Westport - Surf Perch**

July Outings

- Thursday, July 5, Naches River, 9am**
- Saturday, July 14, Skokomish River, 8am**
- Tuesday, July 17, Lake Kapowsin, 7:30am**
- Thursday, July 26, Dosewallips River, 8:30am**

August Outings

- Tuesday, August 7, Lake St Claire, 7:30am**
- Saturday, August 11, Southworth, 7:30am**
- Thursday, August 16 Lake Tapps, 7:30am**
- Saturday, August 25, Green River, 8am**



Fly Fishing Academy News

2018 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is set and ready to go. We have 22 amazing boys registered for the event. 2 from N.Y., 2 from AK, 1 from OR, the rest from WA. Unfortunately, no girls this year. All their essays and letters of recommendation are in and it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy is June 24-30 on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with FFI/CCI casting instructors, fly tying professionals and conservation experts. Last year we had over 50 volunteers. The 2018 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 1st 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 @ 360-941-9947, Tom VanGelder @253-261-8890 and Mike @253-278-0061. 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. Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy, 253-278-0061, www.nwycffa.com



GUIDE REPORTS



HOOD CANAL

"The Chum Fry are still in full force skimming the surface along the shore lines. Both Puget Sound and Hood Canal are fishing strong and giving us lots of options each day on where to fish. During the low light hours we are having a ton of success skating surface flies along the shorelines. As the sun gets high most of our success has come from tossing type 3 sinking lines and fishing larger sandlance patterns. The weather and tides are looking good through the next few weeks! Looking forward to seeing you guys out there!"

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*April sea-run coastal cutthroat trout.
photo credit: Richard Stoll*

SPRINGISH

These last days of April have been superb, with summer-like weather, and a string of warm dry days, that serve as some kind of just compensation for our having endured the wettest April on record. Up here on the Olympic Peninsula the energy of spring is building more each day. The migratory birds are passing through in droves, the herring have spawned, the osprey are back, the sculpin have appeared along the shallow beach edges, and there's salmon fry just about everywhere. The sea-run cutthroat are chasing them all over the place. The last few days that I have been out on the bay, rowing in the dory, I have gotten pink cheeks and a red nose. Too bad I have to mow the yard and trim the edges now.

Bob Triggs

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Who we are...

The 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

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of fly fishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage fly fishing 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 fly fishers, 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.

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 \$45 per household per year plus a one time (\$15 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers