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## Leader Line

### What our Membership Reveals

Mike Koslosky

**A**s promised back in February PSFF would produce a membership roster for all who were on the books as of the end of March. Well, you all know what came creeping into our state way back then don't you? Be that as it may, we have a robust roster of 101 fully paid members and Kristin Macy has just created that promised document. Thanks Kristin.

Now you have ready access to contact a bud or two, plan an outing and get yourself out of the house and go fishing. I tell Linda when she is concerned about me wearing a mask when I'm out and I tell her that fly fishing is the most social distancing activity around - if anyone is within 20 feet of you, they are way too close! Of course we still need to adhere to safe practices while rigging up or jawing beachside afterwards.

Another thing I discovered from the roster. We have over 30% of our membership that are Fly Fishers International members. That is a great percentage and those of us who are registered with FFI have access to an incredible volume of information, on-line instructional videos, fly tying tutorials, and much more. A new feature is their FFI Toolbox which includes tips on Leadership Training, Programming ideas, tips on Branding and Communication, best practices for using Social Media, and suggestions on Volunteering Training and Support. If you have not joined FFI, check them out to see if some of the features they provide are of interest to you. Hell, we're all stuck at home anyway so cruising [flyfishersinternational.org](http://flyfishersinternational.org) is way more rewarding than endless food network TV shows, predictable Hallmark movies, droning cable news network crud, and the other mindless blather flooding the airways.

Something I was not happy seeing on the roster is the scarcity of women members. There are only six currently and some of those listed may be wives/partners of members who may or may not be fly fishers. You may be surprised to learn that women are the fastest growing segment

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of the fly fishing community yet we aren't seeing them join. I know there are a group of ladies locally who meet, tie, and fish together. It's perfectly understandable for like groups to stick together, share common issues, and even do things differently than "the old guard" (ahem, us guys!), would think to do. Heather Hodson formed United Women on the Fly and locally Tacoma Women on the Fly is affiliated with Heather's nation-wide organization. The collective knowledge of the PSFF membership, both guys and gals, is voluminous and can be counted in hundreds of years. So please encourage any lady or young girl you know to come and check out our club and participate in what we do. It would definitely be a win win.

## Thanks

I would like to jump in here to give a shout out to Mark Malone and thank him for his years of service to our Club Mark has been the editor of Puget Sound Flyfishers Newsletter for several years and set high bar for me. This is my first attempt at such an endeavor and Mark has graciously offered that help is but a phone call away - may be overseas. I can only hope that I can maintain the standard that Mark set for us. I would like to tell you that Mark is going to sit back and fish but work calls and sometimes as we all know work can get in the way all of those things we would really like to do. So, hats off to you Mark and thanks for a job well done.



## Something to think about

With the Covid-19 virus still deciding what type of safe gatherings can take place, there are no conservation activities planned for the foreseeable future. As I discussed in a previous newsletter, Let's all pitch in when we are out fishing by picking up any trash or old fishing line we may see. Every bit cleaned up helps the immediate environment. I hope it won't be long before we can organize an outing of some kind. Until then I hope you can get out and fish safely.

Greg Shimek

# Our Neighborhood

Bruce Tyson is our new contact at JBLM in conjunction with the Healing Waters program. And although it's well past the 4th of July I thought these flies were just the smile that we needed in these these restrictive days.



These are serious fisherman. Now all I want to know is whether or not thematic flytying makes a difference in the catch. If so I'm in. Thanks to Jim and Gary for sharing the photos of their Patriotic Flies.

Contact Bruce Tyson Program Leader, JBLM

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re. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD - July 2020

Mike Clancy, FFI Representative

WSCFFI - We welcomed a new member to the Board, Dave McCoy, Emerald Waters Anglers.

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) - I attended the Annual FFI meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> on a webinar/zoom program. The following is a short review of various remarks from Members of the Board, to get a complete review, please go to the FFI website and click on past webinars and the meeting will be available.

Tom Logan, Chairman of the Board - called the meeting to order. He reported this is the first and probably not the last meeting they'll conduct for future meetings. He was very pleased about the turnout at around 70+ participants.

Patrick Berry - President and CEO - remarked that the meeting is being recorded for future review. More remarks later.

Tilda Evans - Secretary of the Board - The Board will be reviewing voting procedures with the goal of recruiting new members, including more ladies, young folks, broader diversity, etc. Voting will be conducted next year.

Dave Peterson - Executive Committee Conservation Chair - FFI's theme "ALL FISH - ALL WATERS". Dave reviewed policies, publications, conservation grants, actions, scholarships, education, partnerships, etc.

Dutch Baughman - Executive Committee Education Chair - Dutch talked about the Learning Center. He suggested everyone go to the website to learn what is available. It is really remarkable as to what's available for download and what to view. There are many new manuals available to download. There are 14 new casting videos in the making and many more videos in the making, leadership, membership, etc.

Jim Maus - Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair - Jim reported the FFI's finances are very strong and a balanced budget. He stated that there will be a loss in 2020-2021, however; they are prepared for it. Please go to the webinar to learn more about Jim's report. Again, please go to the FFI for a website for more complete review of all the reports. .

Closing the meeting, Patrick spoke of a number of items. There will be no national event in 2020 or 2021. There will be future regional events throughout the country. There was a Q&A period for questions. Tilda remarked, the FFI awards will be presented this year. Election was conducted earlier this year. Tom Logan closed the meeting.

# In our Backyard

There's still that "DAM" issue - August 2020 - Mike Clancy, FFI Representative

I have learned about a lot of subject matter pertaining to the Chehalis River flood control dam in the upper river area. No matter what they build, it will only control 65% of the flooding waters. The Legislature created an "Office of Chehalis Basin" which is headquartered in Olympia. One of the subjects that is being studied, are levies in the flood zones. I have learned this subject has been going on for over 10 years I can write on forever on this matter, I recommend you go to the website -

[www.chehalisbasinstrategy.com](http://www.chehalisbasinstrategy.com) to learn about - strategy, flood protection, habitat restoration, get involved and resources. This website is a great source of information. Read on.

# Beyond our Backyard

The following is an excerpt from a Meghan Barker -TU, Bristol Bay Organizer (ed. The EIR is due to be released now)

Dear friends of Bristol Bay

With the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on Pebble's proposal just few weeks away, we wanted to keep you in the loop on Trout Unlimited's Save Bristol Bay campaign and our efforts to stop the proposed Pebble mine so that you are plugged in and ready to help during this critical time:

1) Speak up or donate during this critical window. The release of the FEIS opens a critical short window for the President (via the Army Corps of Engineers or the EPA) to stop this key permit from being issued. Once the Army Corps releases the FEIS, they plan to decide on whether to

issue Pebble a permit 30-60 days later. Please stay tuned to Save Bristol Bay, take action and help encourage others in your networks to act, whether you're in Alaska or beyond.

2) We are grateful to have the shared goal of keeping Bristol Bay's fisheries healthy with a wide coalition of businesses, groups and individuals. We also recognize it's sometimes hard to know where to go for the latest information and that it sometimes causes confusion.

Please know that the [TU team in Anchorage](#) is always available to answer questions you might have, and we encourage you to follow TU's "[Save Bristol Bay](#)" website, emails and social media feeds closely over the coming weeks. If you are specifically looking to support our work in Bristol Bay, you can click on "[Donate](#)" from the [Save Bristol Bay website](#) and your gift will go directly to work on preventing Pebble's permit from being issued.

# Outings

by Jim Baker

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Wade or float your favorite water, be safe, see you in September.

## August Outings

Sorry to report the yearly club outings to either Toledo (John Clark) or Packwood (Barb Przasnyski) are cancelled this year due to safety concerns.

I hope you still enjoy your favorite beach, river or lake with friends and family.

## September - November Outings

### September

- TBD - Local rivers
- TBD - Park lake, Dry Falls lake, Rocky Ford Creek

### October

- TBD - Lenice lake and Yakima river

### November

- TBD - Spencer lake
- TBD - Kitsap lake

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