



Garden Hackle



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South Sound Fly Fishers

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Program

By Jason Small

This month we will be drawing on the membership's knowledge for a program consisting of multiple stations. Among the topics we will be covering are casting, equipment, knots, bugs and tying, photography, safety, and conservation. As always, the meetings are open to the public, so bring a friend.

Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

First off, this is one of several reminders that you'll get that our May 17 meeting will be at **Gloria Dei Church at 1515 Harrison**. We'll still start at **6:30**. This is a "roll your own" format. Our members will share their personal interests and skills with the rest of the club. We enjoy a wide range of angling specialties and skill levels. What is commonplace for you as a steelheader might be new and exotic to a member who only fishes lakes. A couple of our guys are accomplished and certified casting instructors, and will be on hand to help polish your skills. Bring your own gear you want to operate better, and ask them for pointers. I will bring in some tackle to share some techniques that can help with equipment when you can't get to a fly shop. I'll demonstrate installing end loops on your lines, connecting line and backing, knots that work with new materials and so forth.

I'm hoping some of our expert tiers will share some of their art, and encourage all of you to think of something you either want to learn, or can offer. No matter your skill level, I guarantee you have picked something up that will benefit the group.

Incidentally, today's sporting page in the Olympian and News Tribune gave a fishing report that gives the impression that Munn Lake is a great spot to go fill your limit of trout. Don't be misled, the rules did NOT change this year, the water remains catch and release. If you go there and see folks beginning to retain their catch, politely let them know that it hasn't changed, and

The Next Meeting is

Tuesday May 17th

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Club Members

Casting, equipment, knots, bugs and tying, photography, safety, and conservation

Gloria Dei Church

1515 Harrison, Olympia WA

show them a copy of the new regs, which hit the shelves this week.

Conservation

By Gwill Ging

Elwha River Restoration- When Elwha Dam was constructed in 1911, without any provisions for fish passage, it blocked off most of the spawning areas used by chinook, coho, pink, chum and sockeye salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. Moreover, it eliminated a crucial and enormous source of nutrients supplied by the returning salmon, and also by the salmon fry migrating to the sea. As a consequence, the Elwha River's fish populations are a shadow of its former abundance.

Now after 100 years of being dammed, removal of the two dams and restoration of the river and its basin will begin later this year. To celebrate this historic restoration event, there will be a series of activities held in the Port Angeles during the third weekend in September.

Outings

by Peter Brooks

The May outing is the annual "Dry Side" event. It will be held on May 15th in the coulee north of Soap Lake, Washington. For more information, please contact Chuck Pfeil. His contact information is listed under officers in this newsletter.

The destination of the June outing is Leech Lake at White Pass. This outing will be held on June 25th. A sign up sheet will be available at the May 17th general meeting at Gloria Dei church.

Looking ahead, the July outing will be at Merrill Lake to fish for large Brown and Rainbow trout during the Hexagenia hatch. An exact date for this outing is yet to be determined but will be either July 9th or 16th depending on how the season progresses.

Jim McAllister has graciously offered to host an outing at Scott Lake. This outing will be held on June 11th. The Scott Lake homeowners association will be stocking the lake about a week before for the annual kids fishing derby. Word has it that the kids don't catch many fish. So, the lake should still have lots of fish for our outing. Details about this outing will be provided at the May meeting and in the June newsletter.

Finally, we are trying out a weekly outing at Munn Lake. If you are interested, **go to Munn Lake on a Thursday evening**. You just might find other SSFF club members there.

SSFF Membership

by Ryan Haseman

Hello everyone. We currently have 65 paid members for 2011. If you would like to continue your membership and have not renewed for this year, PLEASE make sure you get your \$30 to me as soon as you can. We will accept cash or check either at the general meeting or you can send your checks to PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507.

We are making progress on the new SSFF website. A few club members and I have gotten together to talk about what kind of things we would like to see on the site. If anyone has any suggestions be sure to speak up.

There are SSFF t-shirts, and patches for sale for \$20.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

Fly of the Month:

by Ryan Haseman

Fly of the Month:

Mayl 2011

Furled Body Stonefly

Hook: TMC 206BL size 8-10

Body: Poly yarn (color to match hatch)

Hackle: Color to match hatch

Wing: Elk Hair, darker colored

Thread: Color to match hatch

Spring fishing for me means a lot of things. Towing big dragonfly nymphs, harassing horny bass, and searching for that elusive "chum fry hatch", come to mind. I probably get most excited about spring time stoneflies though, little black stones, salmonflies, golden stones, and skwalas, to be exact. Golden stones and skwalas have a special place in my heart though. Why? Because I can find them about 5 minutes from my house, on my favorite river!

Right about this time of year big(ish) meaty skwalas will start hatching on the Deschutes and right after that golden stones will come off. Resident cutts and hungry sea-runs, thin from an arduous winter, attack these river dwelling creatures in both their nymph and adult form. When you hit it right, a fisherman can have a great day fishing big dries without the long trip over the pass.

What should you use? I suggest a furled body stonefly. It's a pattern showed to me by a shop owner down in

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General Meetings

When The third Tuesday of every Month except December.

Where North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

Time 6:15 PM Doors open,

6:30 P.M. Social Time

7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at

6:00PM at North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire

Station) Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@me.com by Apr 9th

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Clackamas Oregon. His pattern was mainly meant for salmonflies on the Oregon Deschutes, but is easily adapted to any stonefly you would like to imitate. This fly is not very hard to tie, but has some interesting techniques that are not commonly used. Here's how you tie it.

First attach your thread and wrap the first 3rd of the shank, I use a short shanked hook because the body is what we call an extended body, which protrudes off of the fly. Tie in your poly yarn. This yarn can be whatever color you need to match the hatch with. It can be a single color, or you can combine colors for a more "realistic" look.



Then you are going to take your bodkin and place it on top of the poly in the spot where you want your body to end. Then fold over your poly, hold it down to the shank with your forefinger and pull your bodkin out from the loop you just made.



The poly should twist upon itself (like a binimi twist knot). Tie the tag end down with your thread and trim away the excess. Now you are going to tie in your elk hair for the wing. The wing can be very sparse here. This fly has a poly body, elk wing, and hackle, keeping this fly afloat is no problem at all.



Next you need to take the poly and twist it. You will twist it until it doesn't want to twist anymore.



Trim off the butts on your wing, and tie in your hackle. Use 2 hackles about the same size. Strip off the fluffy stuff but keep the bare stems on the fly, we will use these. Tie in the hackles (bare stems first), wrap them up towards the head and tie them down. Now you can position the bare stems to look like antennae and trim them to an appropriate size. Whip finish the head and your fly is complete. Your fly should look something like this



Ties & photo by Ryan Haseman

Featured Member

by Ryan Haseman

Doug Ogden

Olympia, WA

Member Since: 2009

Favorite Pursuit: Trout, Salmon, Steelhead

Doug Ogden lives in the Scott Lake area of Olympia. He started fly fishing in the mid 90's when he lived in Alaska. There were some fly-only waters that he was dying to fish, so he decided to take up the sport and was hooked ever since.

Some of Doug's favorite fishing moments were up in Alaska on small creeks sight fishing for 24inch rainbows. He really misses the fishing up there since he has moved back to Washington. He has a personal goal of catching a steelhead down here.

Doug is devoted to the sport he loves and was very active in different organizations for the care and management of the Alaskan fisheries. He now works for the state as a building inspector and has a professional photography business.

Make sure and say hi to Doug when you see him at the meetings.

Upcoming Events

June 19-25, 2011 – NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy – Lacey, WA.

June 23-28, 2011 – Big Horn Youth Adventure – Fort Smith, WY.
www.bighornriveralliance.org

June 18, 2011 – Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair at Tye Lake – Monroe, WA. www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com

July 16-17, 2011 – 12th Annual Metolius River FF & Bamboo Rod Fair, Camp Sherman, OR. www.campshermanstore.com

August 31 – Sept. 3, 2011 – FFF National Fly Fishing Fair, West Yellowstone, WY., www.fedflyfishers.org

September 29- October 2, 2011 – Wenatchee River Salmon Fest – Leavenworth, WA.

Sept. 29 & 30th = Student Days, October 1 & 2nd = General Public - www.salmonfest.org

Education

by Chuck Pfeil

2010 Alan Harger Service Award

Three years ago our club established the Alan Harger Service Award to recognize members who have demonstrated superior and sustained service to South Sound Fly Fishers as a board member. To be considered for this award an individual must have (1) served on the SSFF Board of Directors for five or more years in at least two different board positions; (2) contributed to the success and sustenance of the club and its membership; and (3) must have served as a model of community service to the club and its members. This award reflects the exemplary service modeled by its namesake Alan Harger.

At our April club meeting we were pleased to honor Burt Sarver as our 2010 recipient of the Alan Harger Service Award. Burt becomes just the third person to receive this award. Previous recipients who are also noted for their years of dedicated service on the board and to the membership include Mel Hurd and John Woods.

Like Alan, Mel and John, Burt Sarver has provided many years of service as a board member and active club participant. His service through the years and his continued participation contribute to the mission and values of South Sound Fly Fishers. Congratulations Burt.



2010 Fly Fisher of the Year Award

For nearly 20 years now our club has annually recognized a member as Fly Fisher of the Year. This award is given to a member who regularly attends club outings, shares their knowledge of fishing with other club members and generally represents the club as a fly fisher.

Ryan Haseman is the recipient of the 2010 Fly Fisher of the Year Award. Since joining the club five years ago Ryan has been active in club outings and has served as ghillie on several outings in the last two years. In addition Ryan regularly shares his fly tying talent and "favorite flies" by writing a Fly of the Month article for the Garden Hackle. Congratulations Ryan for your contributions to fly fishing.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

I am happy to report that we will have 23 boys and girls in The Academy again this year. All their essays and letter's of recommendation are in, and we're going to have a great group of kids again. It's amazing to read their essay's and learn about their enthusiasm in their willing to learn about conservation and fly fishing. These kids are the future of our sport and it's going to be fun to watch them become the fly fishers of the future.

The Academy is scheduled for June 19-25th, at The Grinwood Christian Community Center on Hicks Lake. I would like to thank the Club for their support financially as well as some individuals. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check things out anytime. Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy