



Garden Hackle

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Leader's Line by Don Freeman

Greetings,

Make it a priority to attend our final club meeting of the year on the 15th. We have a great program scheduled, especially for those who enjoy fishing the Peninsula, or who want to learn about the great opportunities there. Bring your old raffle tickets, we'll have the quarterly drawing for a gift certificate as well as new items, and of course, elect officers for the coming year. This is also your opportunity to see a lot of your friends and club members before the holiday season and related travel. This is a good time to plan a winter steelhead trip based on what you'll learn from Doug Rose in his presentation. Other winter options should include our local Munn Lake, recently stocked with a few hundred more pounders, and producing some respectable catches from reports I've heard.

This also marks the mid-way point of my stint at being your president, so please let me know of any new directions you'd like to see the club take, suggest areas we need to improve, and services or activities you want to enjoy in the future. It's not too early to start thinking about which members you'd like to see in leadership positions for 2013 so we can start grooming them for smooth transition.

November General Meeting:

November 15th

7:00PM

**North Olympia Fire Station
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE**

Presentation by: Doug Rose

Don't forget to remember our veterans next week, and I mean especially the ones who slip through the cracks. Thousands are out of work, live on the streets, spend the rest of their lives in hospitals, or are simply forgotten and left behind. A backslap on November 11th makes us all feel good and patriotic, but find a way to help a vet somehow the rest of the year too.

Best regards,

Don Freeman

Program

November's program will feature Doug Rose and his presentation will be "The color of winter fly fishing for winter steelhead on the Olympic Peninsula" Doug is outdoor writer and a fly fishing guide based out of the Olympic Peninsula.

His books include:

- The color of winter fly fishing for winter steelhead on the Olympic Peninsula.
- Fly fishing the Olympic Peninsula
- Fly fishing guide to the Olympic Peninsula- a fully revised edition.
- Washington River Maps.

Doug also writes for several outdoor and fly fishing magazines.

Doug lives in Forks with his wife Eliana and their black lab Ruby.

This will be an interesting program, hope you all can make it.

Conservation by Gwill Ging

Lake Lenore- For many years, South Sound Fly Fishers have enjoyed fishing Lake Lenore for its very large Lahontan cutthroat trout in a very beautiful setting. In recent years, however, the catch rate has declined dramatically to disappointing levels. Current regulations for this lake call for catch and release between March 1 and May 31, and allows for a daily one fish limit between June 1 and November 31, when the season closes.

A member of this club suggested that our club petition the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to change the regulation for Lake Lenore to a year round catch and release fishery to allow the cutthroat population to recover and provide the exceptional fishing experiences that occurred in the past. I contacted Chad Jackson, the WDFW area biologist, to get his view on the topic. While he was at least open to the idea, he was not convinced that

the decline in catch was directly attributed to a decline in the fish population, but could be related to some other factor like the increasing occurrence of algal blooms. Also, he would first want to know if enforcement and the local community would support the change in regulation.

It seems pretty clear that the push for change in the regulation needs to come from a fly club in eastern Washington. We will try and find an eastern Washington fly club to partner with that would be willing to take the lead.

I would be interested in hearing about your Lake Lenore fish experiences as well as what you think about the club advocating a change in the fishing regulation.

Nisqually River Cleanup---November 12 (Saturday)

I'm both surprised and appalled at the amount of fishing line, lead weights, hooks, bait containers and general trash that gets left in and along the banks of our rivers and lakes. Places that give us so much enjoyment should not be used as a dumping ground. Besides being unsightly, discarded fishing gear poses a hazard to fish and wildlife through entanglement with or ingestion of discarded lines, lead weights and hooks. Perhaps you've worried about your own safety while wading in the water, knowing that lost and discarded lines and hooks could spoil your outing with an unexpected trip and fall or a sliver of steel stuck in your leg.

The Nisqually River is right in our own backyard. Unfortunately, it seems to attract its share of anglers that are too lazy to pick up their trash. Saturday November 12th, from 10 AM to noon, SSFF will sponsor a cleanup on the Nisqually River at the WDFW handicap fishing access. Nitrile gloves and trash bags will be provided. Following the cleanup, we plan to head over to Norma's for lunch. Directions: from Olympia, take the Nisqually exit. From the off ramp, turn right and go straight past the stop light on to the Nisqually Cut-off Rd SE. Proceed for about 1.25 miles and turn left on to Kuhlman Rd SE. At the next stop sign, turn left onto Old Pacific Highway SE. Proceed about .25 miles and turn right onto 6 Ave SE. Follow it to the WDFW fishing access at the end of the road. From Tacoma, take the Mounts Road exit. Take the overpass over I-5 and proceed for about 2.5 miles. Turn left onto 6 Ave SE. Follow it until you reach the WDFW access. Bring your parking permit. Hope to see you there. If you have questions, you can reach me at 360-866-9116, or gwilljan@msn.com.

Outings by Peter Brooks

No Report

Membership by Ryan Haseman

Well, it looks like we are going to finish the year off with 75 members. Not a bad year! I would like to thank Jason Small for lining up some great programs to help gain some attraction to the club. A big thank you to Chuck Pfeil for putting on all those fly tying

classes. They were a great help in getting the word out about our great club. Also, thanks to everyone who brought a guest to the club or helped.

Remember to visit our website for more fly fishing videos, articles and other fly fishing news. You can find it here:

www.southsoundflyfishers.org

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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).

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fly of the Month by Ryan Haseman

November 2011

General Practitioner

Hook: Partridge Bartleet Style Size 2 (depends on preference)

Body: Orange Seal, or Angora Goat

Rib: Sm Oval Tinsel

Hackle: Orange Hackle (long barbs)

Shellback: Red Golden Pheasant Breast

Eyes: Natural Golden Pheasant Tippet

Thread: Orange

It is this time of year where I am sure I look like a kid in a candy store. I literally stand in front of my gear and argue with myself, “Sea-runs? Salmon? Trout? Steelhead?” Then, when a decision is finally made, the car ride out to my agreed upon destination is rife with the pangs of passing by fertile water and thoughts like “Hmm, maybe I should have gone there” or “I wonder how that’s doing now?”

This month’s fly is a somewhat challenging fly to tie, but since we are heading towards the end of the year, I figure everyone is up for the challenge. The General Practitioner is a very well-known fly, but misjudged. When asked to name ten classic salmon fly patterns, I bet the General Practitioner would be on more than one person’s list. While this fly suggests a sort of Dee style fly, its origins are far from what most would call a classic salmon fly. In fact the only real commonality is that this fly was intended for Atlantic salmon.

The General Practitioner was created by Colonel Esmond Drury in 1953 (not the 1800’s). It is a model for most of today’s shrimp imitation patterns, and for good reason. Apparently Drury created this fly after his favorite salmon river’s regulations were changed, forbidding the use of prawns. Originally tied on a smallish salmon

hook, GP’s are fished on a range of hook sizes, and in many different colors.

I am not going to go over every step to tying this fly, I am not sure I could do it in less than 2 pages. I will however, offer advice.

For your first GP, I would suggest taking things slowly. Go online or get a good book, and follow along with the instructions. Lay out all of your materials beforehand so you have them ready to grab. This means clip your pheasant tippets and get them exactly how you want them.

When you are tying your fly, do it sections. Tie in your tail, make a half hitch, reset yourself, tie in the back section up to the first set of eyes, or shellback, half hitch, reset. While you are “resetting” look at what you have just done, adjust it and make it just the way you want it before you get too far ahead of that section. You will be surprised how much this technique helps. Another tip for the head of your fly is to smash flat the stem of your final shellback. This makes it easy to tie in and also makes for a smoother head.

Have fun and get out and fish!!



Education by Chuck Pfeil

During 2011 a variety of educational opportunities were provided including four fly tying classes (2 beginner and 2 intermediate), spey casting and an all-day trout and steelhead clinic in Forks.

Looking ahead to 2012 I want to provide some more fly tying (perhaps shorter sessions focusing on one or more of our traditional outings) and a casting clinic. I'd like to hold one or more small on-the-water clinics like we did in Forks. I could really use some input from you on what you might be interested in. Do you want to have tying instruction around a specific type of fly? Would you like to see a certain type of experiential clinic? Drop me an email so I can include your ideas in my 2012 education planning.

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RAFFLE REMINDER!! by Joe Uhlman

This month's raffle will feature along with the two club logo fly boxes and flies, four books that every Washington fly fisherman should have in his or hers library. They are: Fly fishing guide to the Olympic Peninsula and The color of winter fly fishing for winter steelhead on the Olympic Peninsula both by Doug Rose.

Fly Fishing For Coastal Cutthroat Trout by Les Johnson.

Fly Fishing For Pacific Salmon II by Les Johnson, Bruce Ferguson and Pat Trotter Also don't forget to bring your September and October tickets as we will be drawing for the Quarterly Fifty Dollar Gift Certificate to the "Fly Fisher".

GOOD LUCK!!!

Violet Amherst- by Ryan Haseman

