



# Garden Hackle



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South Sound Fly Fishers

August 2012

## Program

### South Sound FLY FISHERS Annual Picnic

- Free Drawing for Gift Certificates (1 @ \$50, 2 @ 25)
- Raffle for one day Fishing for 2 at Newman Creek Ponds in Elma . Easily fished from the bank, these ponds are home to huge, hard fighting rainbows and hybrids. Last time we went, I measured a 31" trout off, but the big ones kept getting away.
- Free Food! As always, the club will provide and cook hamburgers and hotdogs, plus supply condiments and soft drinks. We have permission from the FD to consume privately supplied alcohol, please be discreet so we don't lose the privilege.
- Members should also bring pot luck dishes and items to share. We have plenty of plates, flatware napkins etc. from last year.
- Board members will be phoning the club to get an idea of how big the crowd will be, and what side dishes are coming. If you aren't likely to get the call, email Don at donfreeman@southsoundflyfishers.org.
- If there is enough interest, we will hold a casting contest for a token prize.
- Guests welcome, this is a great opportunity to present the club to potential new members in an informal setting.

### Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

## Greetings

August is our Social Meeting in SSFF. We'll have the picnic at the Fire Department on Boston Harbor as we did last year as it worked out well for our attendance, and the station staff was appreciative of being included.

Your main concern is what you want to bring for a side dish; the club will be supplying burgers and hot dogs, along with soft drinks. Its pot luck for the snacks, desserts and any discreet alcoholic beverages you may bring. I'll leave it to John Sabo to describe the special raffle items and door prizes.

The next piece of business following the picnic is replacing the board members. Per our bylaws, a random delegation of board members is currently vetting replacement members for the board. All seats are available. Candidates for President must have served at least one year out of the last five to be eligible.

The Next Meeting is

Tuesday July 21<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 PM**

**Annual Picnic**

**North Olympia Fire Station**

**5046 Boston Harbor Road NE**

We will ask for interest in the positions at the September meeting, announce candidates in October, and vote in November. The new officers will take charge in January following the Christmas break.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic (unless I have to go tuna fishing).

Best regards

### Conservation

By Gwill Ging

I think its great to have a trophy trout lake right in our backyard. I've had a number of memorable outings at Munn Lake this year, catching some very large hard fighting rainbow trout, which convinced me to upgrade my 5 weight reels to ones with a better drag. Other SSFF members have said they have been very impressed with the quality of the stocked fish that our funding contribution to WDFW has made possible. A portion of the proceeds from our last auction, and donations from individuals and groups have provided enough funds to cover two years of our support (\$2000 per year).

Its time to begin replenishing our Munn Lake account for 2013-2014. At the last Board meeting, we discussed various fund raising options, including another auction, partnering with another group to put on a fly fishing film festival, and seeking donations from individuals, groups and business. We are still looking for funding opportunities and would like to hear your views and ideas.

If you haven't fished Munn Lake, you are missing a great opportunity. However, it has slowed down with the warmer weather.

## Fly of the Month:

August 2012

Gurgler

**Hook:** Daiichi 2720 size 2

**Thread:** white 3/0

**Body:** black and silver cactus chenille or sparkle chenille

**Tail:** bunny strip, chartreuse

**Hackle:** Saddle Hackle, chartreuse

Well it seems like summer has finally shown itself here in the northwest. Longer days mean more time fishing in the evenings. Warmer air temps entice us to kick off those stuffy waders and wet wade. Backyard barbeques, summer vacations, hiking and camping, the list could go on forever.

While these elevated temperatures are surely something to rejoice for angler and non-angler alike, there is somewhat of a bitter sweetness for some of our angling friends. Ah, the poor lowland lake angler drops his head as the water warms on his newest local catch and release lake.

Although unfit for trout fishing, never fear dear lowlander, there is another game in town that has been bolstered by your efforts to cultivate a quality trout fishery.

As it turns out, non-harvest have actually allowed the warm water species grow to trophy sizes as well as the trout we so very much adore (☒sarcastic bewilderment). So why not take advantage of this pleasant side effect. On a hot august evening, grab your 6 wt and float tube and kick towards the lily pads where you have seen these brutes jumping as you were sinking your size 18 chironomid for trout. Feel the excitement when a 4 to 5 pound bass takes that #2 popper or gurgler off the surface. Just go have fun!

Shown below is one of many variations of a gurgler. The gurgler has become sort of an encompassing name for a fly that has folded over closed cell foam on top to help it float and push water forward as it is stripped in. I have tied this one in black and chartreuse, using crystal sparkle chenille for the body and a bunny strip for the tail. Also, top water bass patterns are usually tied with a hoop that has an upturned point and a wide gape. A weed guard is also a common accessory to this fly when tied for bass as well. Tie a few and get your head up and your rod bent.



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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](mailto:ronaldvs@me.com) by Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

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I have attended this before and enjoyed it. Ron



*You are cordially invited to the 5th annual*

# *“Kennedy Creek Salmon Splash”*

*a “fun” fundraising event*

*on*

*Sunday, September 9th, 2012*

*3:00 p.m. ~ 5:30 p.m.*

*held at the*

*Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail*

*with live music and food*

*\$35.00/person ticket, or 4 tickets for \$120, includes appetizers, shellfish, beverages, and dessert  
All Splash proceeds directly support the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail Education Program*

*Every \$35 raised at Splash will support 10 student visitors*

***Parking will be at the Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail Lot***

*Please RSVP to SPSSEG by September 5th, 2012*

*SPSSEG is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit (Federal Tax ID #91-1519762)*

Detach and return this form, along with your payment, to the address below.

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I cannot attend but please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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