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Program

By Jason Small

We have the first quarter of programs pretty well established so that you can plan ahead and bring any friends or non members that have interest in the various topics. The entire year is not yet committed, because I'd like to have some input from members on preferred topics. We'll be making some suggestions to choose from, but, please, if there's something specific you'd like to have presented, let me know either at club meetings, or email me any time.

- January 18 Skip Morris - Patterns for Warm Water .
- February 15 Bob Triggs Alaska and Kamchatka
- March 15 Not Committed Suggestions?
- April 19 Yakima River Guide Joe Rotter

Leader's Line

by Don Freeman

The first meeting of the year is coming right up, and with it a new schedule of events. There's a fresh group of officers taking over our various activities, and we need you all to help us newbies get started on the right footing. Foremost is that annual memberships are due, and we can take a lot of the pressure off Ryan by getting these paid as soon as possible. Please bring your checks for \$30 on the 18th so he can put this task to rest.

Joe Uhlman has been staffing the raffle for us for the past several years. This chore requires a little of your monthly meeting time to be spent at the back of the room instead of mixing with friends before the regular activities start. You do get to greet just about everyone as they pass by and peruse the prizes though. We have a potential draftee in mind, but with a couple of volunteers, we could alternate meetings.

Next, but certainly not of least importance is identifying a member with web site familiarity who can donate time both to makeover our site, and to make sure we keep it current. Folks have pitched in and input data in the past, but we've never really found someone to take ownership of the project. We're in the process of changing hosts, and discussed some new features like a blog on club and fishing activities. I've even suggested that this might be a new board position, and would qualify for attending the wine tasting trip that I won for the staff when the weather permits.

Don't forget that Skip Morris is our speaker at the January meeting, so try to bring a friend for the show.

To sum up, your new board is excited about the coming year, and looking forward to meeting and fishing with you.

The Next Meeting is
Tuesday Jan 18th
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Skip Morris

Bass and Panfish, Patterns for Warm Water

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

Apologies to any individuals or efforts I may have missed in this introductory message.

Conservation

By Gwill Ging

I'm looking forward to being your new conservation chairman. First, I'd like to thank Don Freeman, the former chairman, for his outstanding leadership and effort on two highly successful projects undertaken by the SSFF during the past year. Getting Munn Lake to be the first selective gear lake in the region, and the design and wide spread posting of signs to protect sea-run cutthroat are great accomplishments. Members of the club that assisted Don on these two projects are to be congratulated for a job well done.

My expectation for 2011 is for the club's continued involvement with both Munn Lake and the sea-run cutthroat signage. Since 2010 was the first full year that the selective gear rules applied to Munn Lake, the SSFF can assist the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) with its assessment of fish survival and the degree to which additional stocking is needed by fishing and recording catch information. With regard to sea-run cutthroat signs, new ones will need to be placed where they have been damaged or are missing, and expanded into additional areas.

A new potential project for 2011, would be the club's participation in the assessment of the WDFW's resident coho program. There is much that is poorly understood about this fishery, including seasonal abundance and distribution, movement within South Sound, and the relative importance of their various prey resources. Since quite a few SSFF members already fish for resident coho, we could easily help with the data collection. Participation in the data collection efforts would be a great way to learn about this fishery, including where and how to catch resident coho. I'll have more details in the near future, so stay tuned.

Some of you have already expressed an interest with being on a conservation committee. Thank you. If you would like

to participate, or have an issue or project that you think would be of interest to the SSFF, please let me know. I welcome both your suggestions and active participation. I can be reached by phone at 360-866-9116, or by email at gwilljan@msn.com. Gwill Ging, conservation chairman

Outings

by Peter Brooks

For your planning pleasure, these are the outings as currently planned. Some may change according to weather or demand, but the one with definite dates are in bold type. As with all club activities, your preferences come first, so make requests at meetings or by email

Date	Location	Ghillie	Contact info
February	Puget sound	Don F	freemans5@comcast.net
		Resident Coho "Fish in"	
March	Munn Lake		
APRIL 23	Prices Lake		Ryan Haseman
MAY 13-15	DRY SIDE OUTING		Chuck Pfeil
July	Merrill Lake		
August	Pink Salmon	Puyallup/Browns Point?	
September	Coastal cutthroat		
October	Yakima River		
November	Chum Fishing		

SSFF Membership

by Ryan Haseman

Happy New Year. Hope you all have had the chance to fight the cold and get out fishing this month, this WILL be your best fishing year...right?

Remember, YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED!! It is time to renew. A renewal is only \$30 bucks for the whole year. What a deal! Make sure and bring your cash or check to the meeting on the 18th. We currently are starting the year with 10 members paid for 2011. As always, I have patches for sale at \$5.00 each and T-shirts for sale at \$20.00 each.

Tight Loops, Ryan

Fly of the Month:

by Ryan Haseman

Fly of the Month:

The Skip Nymph

Hook: Straight Shank heavy wire hook, sizes 20 to 8 (dai riki 075)

Thread: Brown 8/0

Ribbing: small copper wire

Back, Tail and Wingcase: Pheasant-tail fibers

Abdomen: Hare's mask (softer hair)

Thorax: Hare's mask (soft w/ stiffer hair mixed in)

Winter is upon us and has been for some time now. During these long nights most of us (including myself) have our dreams pointed toward the mighty steelhead. But alas, for some, these dreams are soon subdued after a few bone-chilling, no fish days (including myself). But I'm okay with that, because I know there is a different game in town. Trout.

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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 Jan 9th

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Many people are under the impression that there is a “season” for fly fishing for trout. I am constantly hearing and reading “I can’t wait for fishing season to start”, or something along that order. Some of the best days I’ve had fly fishing for trout on our local waters have been in the middle of January and February. What, do they think, that fish don’t eat for a quarter of the year?

Now I admit, you’re not going to go pick up a bunch of fish on your 3wt fishing dries, and begrudgingly I say that yes, the fishing is more difficult. But like everything else, with a little practice and patience, your favorite summer time trout waters will reveal their wintery secrets.

No dries? No 3wt? Then what do you use? Now there are whole books written on this topic so won’t go into details, and since this IS a fly of the month article I should probably start talking about a fly. But, generally nymphing is the tactic of choice, and a 5wt, plenty of warm clothes and coffee are necessary gear to bring along. Now on to the fly pattern!

Skip Morris will be tying flies for us this January meeting, so I thought one of his flies would be fitting.

The Skip Nymph is a very effecting fly used in all kinds of situations fishing for trout. This nymph pattern first appeared in Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple, by Skip Morris, and was developed in the late 80’s. Here are a couple of tips when tying this fly.

The Skip Nymph isn’t very hard to tie, but if you don’t know the trick to a nice wingcase, it could be a hassle. While holding the pheasant tail fibers where you want them, place your index finger (opposite hand) on top of the material to hold it in place. Now make a 2 loose wraps and slowly tighten them. Before you make any more wraps adjust the fibers if they moved and then make a few tighter wraps.

Another thing I have learned is that using a different mixture of hare’s mask on the abdomen and thorax, really makes a big difference in how the fly turns out. I use more guard hair in the thorax. I also put a couple wraps of lead under the thorax since getting down to the bottom is a must when fishing wintertime trout.

Now put down that 8wt, pick up the 5wt and catch some fish!



Tie & photo by Ryan Haseman

Featured Member

by Ryan Haseman

Jim Brosio

Olympia, WA

Member Since: 2006

Favorite Pursuit: Lake fishing in Eastern Washington

Jim Brosio grew up in upper Michigan. There, he and his dad would fish for brook trout in the stall streams around where he lived. He dabbled in fly fishing a little bit but was mainly a conventional gear fisherman.

It wasn’t until about 15 years ago, after moving to the Olympia area he decided to put down his light spinning gear and pick up a fly rod. One of Jim’s favorite fishing moments was on a lake in the Winthrop area. While striping his fly in from his boat he hooked up a nice big rainbow trout, his first big trout of a fly rod, and a fish he will never forget.

Jim favors lake fishing the most and makes it a point to spend a month in the spring and fall, fishing his favorite eastern Washington lakes.

Along with being a member of South Sound Fly Fishers, he is an active member of Trout Unlimited. Being retired from the DOT since 2003, Jim now puts most of his time and energy into running the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, along with Mike Clancy. There, they organize raise funds and make sure that the kids at the academy get a world class experience they will never forget.

Jim is a regular attendee at the general meetings, so if you see him, make sure you say hello and ask him about his favorite lakes. You might learn something!



Upcoming Events

November 20, 2010 – Fishing Product Demo Day – Free – Tacoma Elk’s – 12 to 4 pm, Jim Teeny & Dick Sagara present TFO

January 14 & 15, 2011 – Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo – Boise, Idaho

January 21-23, 2011 – Tri-Cities Sportsman Show – Pasco, WA.
January 26-30, 2011 – Washington Sportsman Show – Puyallup, WA.
February 18-20, 2011 – Central Washington Sportsman Show – Yakima, WA.
March 11 & 12, 2011 – NW Fly Tyer Expo – Albany, Oregon
April 10, 2011 – (Maybe) - Peninsula Fly Fishing Expo – Port Angeles, WA.
April 16 2011 – Lacey Family Fish-In
April 29-30, 2011 – FFF Washington State Council – Fly Fishing Fair – Ellensburg, WA.
June 19-25, 2011 – NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy – Lacey, WA.
June 23-28, 2011 – Big Horn Youth Adventure – Fort Smith, WY.
June ??? – Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair – Monroe, WA.
September ???? – Leavenworth Salmon Fest – Leavenworth, WA.

Education

by Chuck Pfeil

Our Winter Fly Tying classes featuring Janet Schimpf have received an enthusiastic response. The February beginners class is full and the March intermediate class still has one opening. If you want to grab that last spot in the intermediate class or want to get on a waiting list in case there is a cancellation in the beginners class give me a call or send me a e-mail. The beginners class is February 2, 9, 16 & 23 and the intermediate class March 2, 9, 16 & 23. Each class is from 6 – 8 pm at Cabelas.

We've been kicking around possibilities for additional 2011 classes. Some of the ideas include a One Day Steelhead Fishing Seminar; a Spey Casting Class; and a Rod Building Class.

If you have thoughts about any of these possibilities or want to propose other class ideas please get ahold of me.

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The 2011 Academy

By Mike Clancy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. To qualify for The Academy, the applicant, boy or girl, 12-16 years old, must edit an essay explaining why they want to attend the Academy and a letter of recommendation is required from their school counselor or science teacher. The dates for the WSCFFF and WCTU sponsored event are June 19-25,

2011. The Academy will be held at The Grinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. To learn more about The Academy, go to www.nwycffa.org. The application is available on the website or contact Mike Clancy @ nwycffa@earthlink.net. This is a life rewarding experience for our youth to learn conservation and the basics of fly fishing.

Programs members maybe interested in

The Rainland Fly Casters (RFC) Fly Fishing Club in sunny Astoria, OR is pleased to announce a special program on Saturday January 22nd from 1-5pm FREE to the public. Renowned author and fly fishing expert, Skip Morris will be conduct a special clinic at our regular club meeting space at 1132 Exchange St. in Astoria, OR. The program is titled "Making Dry Fly, Emerger and Nymph Fishing Work". In this presentation, Skip explains how to read water, fishing techniques, and tackle followed by fly tying demonstrations of some of the Northwests most productive patterns. This is a Free program to the public and guests are encourage to bring their vises and tying equipment. We would like to invite you and all of your club members to attend and encourage you to inform others through your club newsletters and websites about the upcoming event.

South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

by Dianne Ludwig

The South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group is holding their annual meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the **Lacey Community Center**. Keynote will be Joe Kane, Executive Director of the Nisqually Land Trust, speaking about a trip on the Amazon River and the health of Nisqually in our own backyard.

The Annual Meeting is open to the public.

Thanks

Dianne

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