



December 2012

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## Leader's Line by Don Freeman

Greetings,

First, I want to give a reminder that there will be no general club meeting this month, so the regular third Tuesday, December 18, is a by for the holiday season.

The board met for our last meeting of the year on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and roughed out much of the calendar for next year's programs and outings. We have a sterling show for January in Skip Morris, some options for the club to choose from, and several speakers already booked. We'll post the annual calendar after the January club meeting. Think about what kind of programs you want, and bring suggestions.

Speaking of the January meeting, club dues are, well, due! Returning members, please bring a check for \$30 to the first meeting you attend, or mail it to:

SFF

PO Box 2792

Olympia, WA 98507

No one has volunteered to take over the Membership chair; so the board is sharing the load between us. For the first meeting, we'll have a drop off for checks at the raffle table. The sooner we can all get caught up, the more energy the board can spend on fun stuff. Checks will make it easier to track, so please....

### General Meeting:

**No Meeting in December**

**North Olympia Fire Station**

**5046 Boston Harbor Road NE**

If we get a weather break this winter, don't be shy to try your hand at winter lake fishing. Some local waters continue to produce nice catches, not the least Munn. Hint: There is unusually good Coho fishing to enjoy just north of here, with Titlow Beach showing some 16 and 17 inch silvers, and fish spotted throughout the area. That's right, 16", in December. I don't want to talk about the rivers.

Finally, this is my last contribution to the Hackle, so I want to express how rewarding it has been to take my turn at the helm of SSFF. I've been proud to represent you. I get input and feedback from a number of sources around the area, and South Sound Fly Fishers has an outstanding reputation among shops, anglers, and DFW, to name a few. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I urge members to take a turn on the board when you can. I've made some excellent friends there, and I thank you guys for the all the help and support.

Best regards

Don Freeman

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### **General Meetings**

**When:**

The 3rd Tuesday of every month except December.

**Where:**

North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

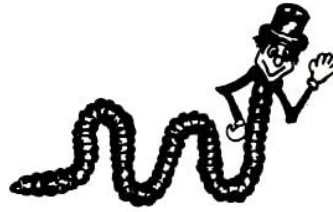
**Time:**

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.**



## **Membership**

Next general meeting is a new year! That means its time again to renew your membership. Make sure you bring your checks and potential new members to the next meeting.

You can support the club in more ways than one! There is room on the board if you would like to participate. Also, don't be discouraged if a board position you are interested in is taken. Your help in any way is always appreciated. It is a great opportunity to help out and get more out of the club.

Remember to visit our website!

[www.southsoundflyfishers.org](http://www.southsoundflyfishers.org)

Do you know where this is?



Don't you wish you were there!

## Education

No Report... but don't we learn just a little bit every day?

## Raffle – Year End Report

by John Sabo

We had a successful year. The Raffle, Garage Sale, and T-Shirt sales, provided \$320 to the club's treasury, to help to continue the club's activities. In addition to the monthly raffle prizes, we also awarded \$150 in gift certificates to lucky winners. Thank you; to all the club members who participated in the club's monthly raffle and to all of you who donated raffle items or filled fly boxes. We are looking forward to even more interesting and useful raffle prizes in the coming year.

## SSFF Dinner and Auction

**Save this Date!** The Club's Potluck Dinner and Auction will be at the Evergreen Shores Beach Club on Saturday, November 16, 2013. We'll have more details for you in the coming months. This is a chance to support the club while having a good time with your fellow club members.



## A word from the NWYCFFA

It's not too early to start thinking about a candidate for The Academy for 2013. Any boy or girl 12-16 is eligible to attend the Academy. They have to write an essay explaining why they would like to attend and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school science teacher or school counselor.

This experience is an invaluable life event for the youth that they will carry through their future lives. No youth will be turned away because of money. The event is sponsored by WCTU and WSCFFF and hosted by SSFF, PSFF and Oly TU. So please give it a serious thought, would your boys and girls, grandkids, friends or neighbors be a candidate for The NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy for 2013. The Academy will be held the last week of June 2013. Mike Clancy, Co-Director (We are now on Face Book)