

# Garden Hackle



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## We'll miss you Doug



We are saddened to report that Doug Rose has passed away. Doug, an Olympic Peninsula Guide, renowned author and champion of wild fish, passed away on March 11<sup>th</sup> after a battle with cancer. Doug was passionate about Northwest fly fishing history and culture and certainly did his part to contribute to that. Details about his memorial service are yet to come as well as a formal eulogy. Please keep Doug's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

March greetings to everyone. I took Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> off work and headed to Westport for a sunny day of fishing, crabbing and clamming. When I arrived my first order of business was to

### February General Meeting:

March 19th

7:00PM

### North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

**Presentation by:** Chester Allen

drop my crab pots off at one of the many docks in the area. After that I headed to the jetty in hopes of catching some black rockfish. Several years ago I had a conversation with a friend who told me to head to the end of the jetty, so I made that my plan. I only found out after my return home that the jetty is a mile long. That doesn't sound that far but boy was it ever.

It started out as pretty easy rock hopping, but the farther I got the larger the boulders got and the harder it was to find a path forward. By the time I got to the end it was all I could do to find a spot the place my hand that wasn't covered in seagull or cormorant poop. You may ask why I needed a place to put my hand. Well, every step took careful consideration and my hands were needed to hold onto the rocks to keep me from slipping. I got as far as I could go, about a hundred feet from the end, when I realized there was no way for me to get to the water. Not anywhere. It took me two hours to get to that point and now I was tired and turning back. It was all I could do to figure out how to turn around and get to some fishable water. I guess I didn't remember my conversation too well. After another hour of hiking, I finally reached what I have come to know now as the old jetty.

The rocks are smaller and there are plenty of places to climb down and fish. On my first cast I was greeted by a hungry fish that liked my fly. I have no idea what it was but I do know it got my fly before I got to see it. I cast again for a while before hitting a second spot. This time I was once again treated to a hungry fish. I landed that one, a nice Black Rockfish of about three pounds. Feeling confident that my trip wasn't a total bust I tried a few more spots and landed one more Black Rockfish. I thought about fishing longer but knew I needed to get going if I was going to dig razor clams.

I reached my car and drove to Grayland where the beach had hundreds if not thousands of people who also wanted Razor clams. I sized up the scene and chose my destination. Shortly before hitting the surf line I saw my first clam hole and dug one up. Thirty minutes later I was heading back to my car with a limit. I headed back to Westport to pull my crab pots and was rewarded with one keeper Dungeness. What a day. I came home with rockfish, clams and crab. It's been a great weekend of seafood at my house!

As for club business, things are moving right along. At our last board meeting we discussed a few things we can set up to add value to your membership. It's easy to show up and watch a presentation or two without paying membership dues. What we've got in store for paid members is exciting. The first is access to the South Sound Fly Fishers guru network. Over the next few months we'll be learning more about each other. We're going to put members in touch with those members who can help with every aspect of fly fishing. From where to go and how to fish, to teaching a new tying technique or maybe you need a little help with your casting. We're looking at this as a way to support our current club members and hopefully boost our membership numbers with more new people.

In addition to the guru network, we are starting a lending library. Do you know someone you'd like to take fishing but don't have the gear necessary to bring them along? Maybe you've

got an extra outfit but no waders to lend them. We're going to have you covered. From waders and boots to pontoon boats, rods, reels, books and videos, a collection is beginning to form. If you've got items that you'd be willing to donate permanently or maybe just lend out if asked, we'd like to know. Before the next meeting you'll be receiving an email with a form to complete. We're calling it the South Sound Fly Fishers member profile. This will help us all. If you don't bring it with you, don't worry. I'll be bringing copies that you can complete at the meeting. In the end it is my goal to make this a more vibrant club that works together to foster our fly fishing comradely.

## Program by Jason Small



Chester Allen was the fishing and outdoors columnist for The Olympian newspaper from 2002 through January 4, 2010. He spent more than 14 years at The Olympian, and much of that time involved rushing off to Puget Sound beaches to fish for sea-run cutthroat trout. What started as a way to while away the time between trips to the Yakima or Deschutes rivers became a full-blown, happy addiction. Chester started fly angling at the age of 8, which is when his mother said: "Chester, you can't fish every day." Chester has spent the past 42 years proving that he can indeed fish more than most people. Chester's first book, "Fly Fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat" was published by Stackpole in January. The book, like his columns, isn't just about fishing, but it's mostly about fishing.

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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.**

Chester, a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, now splits his time between Portland, OR and Hood

River, OR, but he still manages to pester Puget Sound sea-run cutts. Chester's day job — the one that supports his fishing, surfing and traveling addictions — is as executive editor of Sports Car Market and American Car Collector, which cover the nutso world of buying, selling and collecting old, valuable cars. Chester drives a Subaru Outback

## **Conservation**

We are currently looking for projects and/or "causes" to put our 2013 auction funds towards. Please bring your suggestions to the general meeting.

### **Mark your calendars!**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Nisqually Reach Nature Center will be holding an open house for forage fish identification. Doors will be open from 12-4pm.

September 14<sup>th</sup> - SSFF will be arranging a Deschutes river clean-up.

October 12<sup>th</sup> – SSFF will be arranging a Nisqually river clean-up.

### **The Native Fish Society 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**

Every April the Native Fish Society, 300 wild fish fervents, and 100 generous donors come together under the big top at Montgomery Park in Portland, OR to create the largest wild fish fundraiser/party in the universe. This year's auction theme is Homewaters Reflect Hopes; as we acknowledge the good work and resilient wild recovery that has begun in so many of our Pacific Northwest watersheds. This year's auction will feature a delicious dinner by Food in Bloom Catering, beer by Goodlife Brewing, and wine by Willamette Valley Vineyards and Lange Estate Winery. We hope to see you there!

Tickets are currently on sale for \$100. To register for Homewaters Reflect Hopes online click our logo in the banner in the upper right hand side of this page. If you would prefer, we also can register you over the phone by calling our Oregon City office at 503.496.0807.

## Treasurer's Creel by Dave Field

2013 dues are pouring in to the club like spring runoff.

A big **THANK YOU** to those members that have re-upped by either bringing in their checks or cash to club meetings or mailing in their checks to SSFF PO Box 2792 Olympia 98507-2792. For those of you that have not yet paid please pay your dues at the club meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to make the meeting, please, put them in the mail by the end of March.

Dues this year remain at \$30. Dues are \$35 for new members, the extra five bucks covers the cost of your SSFF logo patch and your name tag.

## Fundraising by John Sabo

### Raffle Report

We are doing well with; the Raffle, Garage Sale, and T-Shirt sales, and are ahead of last year. Remember, all "profits" are deposited into the Club's bank account, to help continue the club's activities. Thank you; to all the club members who participate in the club's monthly raffle and to all of you who donate raffle items or fill fly boxes. We are looking forward to even more interesting and useful raffle prizes in the coming months.

### South Sound Fly Fishers Dinner and Auction

The club's Potluck Dinner and Auction will be at the Evergreen Shores Beach Club on Black Lake on Saturday, November 16, 2013. We are looking for donations of "experiences and adventure" (fishing trips, vacation cabins, gourmet dinners, etc.), and for club members who would like to be on the auction committee

and support the club. If you would like to participate, please see me at the raffle table at the club meetings, or e-mail me at: [chrisonquince@comcast.net](mailto:chrisonquince@comcast.net).



Do you know where this is? Wanna go in April?

## Fly of the Month by Ryan Haseman

March 2013

### Serendipity

**Hook:** TMC 2457 #14-20

**Thread:** Uni-thread 6/0-8/0 to match body

**Body:** Z-Lon twisted into a cord color to match the hatch

**Thorax:** White or natural deer hair



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Spring! Trust me, even though it still looks like winter in the Northwest, its coming. Spring is an exciting time for the Northwest angler. The

search for the elusive chum fry hatch begins, rivers and lakes start to come alive and bygone- it you can still feel your fingers after a couple hours of fishing.

The big meaty dragonfly and damselfly nymphs are contemplating their suicide mission towards the lakeshore and that is definitely something to look forward to, but we cannot forget what has kept us sane through the winter. Ah, the ever so unappreciated midge/chironomid, blasphemy in some circles, godlike in others. Whichever circle you hang your rod in; imitating chironomids doesn't necessarily have to involve drowning 18 feet of leader.

The Serendipity is a pattern designed to imitate a midge or chironomid emerging from its pupa. It was developed by Ross Marigold in the 1980's. There are many variations to this pattern, including a bead head version, but it is mainly the Z-Lon twisted and then wrapped that is the common "thread" of all these patterns.

This pattern is definitely a must have in your lake and stream fishing box. Happy tying.



### **NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY**

Applications are now being accepted for the June 23-29, 2013 Academy. Up to 25 lucky boys and girls will attend the 2013 Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must submit an essay, explaining why they would like to attend The Academy and a letter of recommendation is to be submitted by their school counselor or science teacher. Both items

may be emailed to me. Tuition is \$275, however there are sponsorships available. So no applicant will be turned away because of money. Again we are very fortunate to receive financial support from the fly fishing clubs, the TU chapters, individuals and corporate organizations. The applications can be obtained by contacting me or go to our website and download the apps. at [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). We now have a Facebook site with loads of pictures from last year's Academy. Just put in NW Youth and it will pop right up. If you have any questions, please contact me @ [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net). Phone: 253-278-0061.

Looking forward to another great year – Mike Clancy, Co-Director & Jim Brosio, Co-Director

## **Spring Outing @ Price Lake**



We are holding an outing at Price Lake on the last Saturday of April. (that's April 27th) This outing has become a bit of a tradition for us at South Sound Fly Fishers. The last two times we have done this outing, we all had outstanding times.

The plan is the same as before. If you would like to come, sign up at the general meeting on Tuesday, or email Ryan at [ryanh@southsoundflyfishers.org](mailto:ryanh@southsoundflyfishers.org) Even if you decide to come spur of the moment that's okay too. We will all meet up in Hoodspout at the Hoodspout Grocery store. We will need to

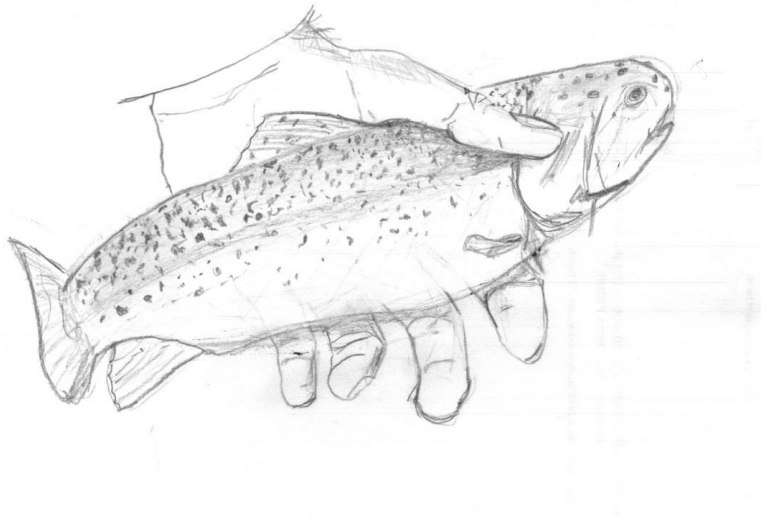
park a few cars on the South side of the store, and car pool up because there is limited space up by the lake. This lake is only fishable by a floating device such as a pontoon boat, float tube or small lightweight car topper boat. It is a bit of a hike into the lake so make sure it is light enough to carry.

For more info on the lake and how to fish it, here are a few references:

[Price Lake Takle, Bugs & Misc](#) – By Mel Hurd

[Deer Hair Dragon](#) – By Ryan Haseman

[Marabou Damsel](#)- By Ryan Haseman



Crappy drawing of a hand holding a fish.

-Ryan Haseman