

Garden Hackle



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Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

Happy May everyone. My boat is not working and I've been waiting for a part since March 22nd. They tell me it's due to be shipped on May 15th. How's that for a long wait. I've got so many plans boating this year it's hard to imagine how I'll get it all done. I'm already late for the start of some great cutthroat and resident coho fishing and I can't wait to start dropping crab pots in July. The Pinks will start showing north of Tacoma in early August and make their way south to the Nisqually by early September. I've got to figure out how to get to north Hood Canal during the same time period for some top water resident coho and the chance to catch and release a chrome bright returning Coho. If I'm lucky I'll hook a few nice cutthroat while I'm at it. I'll have to take a few days of work off when the weather's good and head to Westport with my 10 weight for some Ling Cod and Black Rock Bass. Then there's the drive to the Tri Cities for small mouth fishing after the first frost. I've got so many plans to sit on my duff in my boat, I'll have to be sure and make it to the gym for some exercise. It's a good thing my kids are growing up. My daughter Brooke will spend more time fishing with me than in years past. With any luck she'll start casting a fly rod this summer and catch her first cutthroat. These are big plans. I hope everyone has some great plans of their own. Let's talk about them on the 21st.



April General Meeting:

May 21st

7:00PM

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

Presentation by:

Club tie-in!

Program

Club member tying and casting.

Bring your vise and tying material and show us your favorite fly to tie. You can come and watch club members tying dry flies, nymphs, tube flies, articulated flies and who knows what else. If you've got a technique you're interested in learning this is a great opportunity to ask some not so famous experts.

Maybe you're not so into tying but need some tips on casting. Your board members will be rotating in and out of the building to help on both fronts. Come out behind the fire house and there'll be casting practice and help. It's also a good time to just chat with other club members and maybe make plans for a trip or two.

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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).

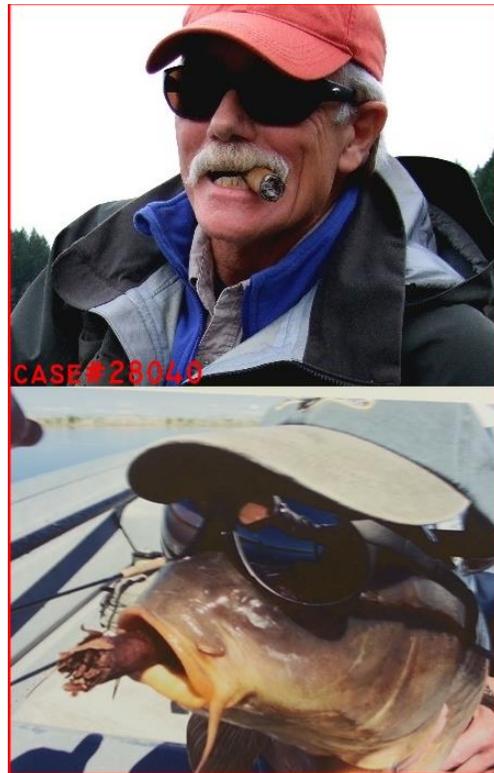
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership

FFF HEALTH ADVISORY

The Federation of Fly Fishers along with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are coordinating a multi-state investigation of a rare but serious condition called *Excessive Angling Syndrome* or EAS. Symptoms include but are not limited to; Irritability when not close to or on a body of water, obsessive behavior, fascination with bright colored feathers and shiny objects, and a complete lack of interest in anything but fishing.

Long term effects of this syndrome have been shown to cause curmudgeony-ness, crustiness, and old-salty-ness. In severe cases victims have shown certain mutations to better assimilate with their quarry.



Please be cautious when around such individuals, and be on the lookout for any of the previously mentioned symptoms. There is no cure!!

Where is this? Hint: it's in Washington. Name this river at the next club meeting and you will be entered into a raffle to win 5 free raffle tickets!



Conservation

Now that the weather is nicer, more people are fishing our local Deschutes river. While that is not a bad thing, some have chosen to ignore the selective gear fishing regulations that protect our Deschutes from the Henerson Bridge up.

If you see any poaching on the Deschutes please contact the WDFW to report it. Also, please avoid any conflict between you and the violators. The poaching hotline is

877-933-9847

Mark your calendars!

September 14th - SSFF will be arranging a Deschutes river clean-up.

October 12th – SSFF will be arranging a Nisqually river clean-up.

Reflections

 by Gary Kellogg

Saturday April 27th SSFF outing to Prices Lake with gillie Ryan Haseman gave me a flash back to my first year as a member of SSFF. The year was 1998 and where I meet my fishing mentor John McKenzie who passed away May 4, 2006. I remember so clearly, John waiting on the road

side under an awning he set up at the back of his pickup (it was raining as usual) and an extra cup of coffee in hand to share with me. This was the beginning of my introduction to a great group of fishing buddies.

If I remember right, the catching wasn't much better fifteen years ago than it was on this trip. But, I have found out over the years, it is not the catching that makes an outing fun (doesn't hurt though). I want to thank Ryan for organizing the outing and it was good to see new members Peter Brooks, Jim McAllister and an older member than myself, Kevin Ryan. Outings are always a great place to learn and have fun fishing for the elusive catch.



I encourage new and old members to attend outings – it is not the fishing itself, but the experience others get from their fellow fishermen (persons).



Treasurer's Creel by Dave Field

If you have not yet paid your 2013 dues please bring a \$30 check or cash to the April club meeting. If you can't make the meeting just mail a check to: SSFF, PO Box 2792, Olympia 98507-2792.

At the last board meeting it was decided that if both spouses are club members the \$30 annual dues covers both members. The dues for new individual members remain at \$35 and covers the cost of name tag, the club logo patch and welcome South Sound Finn. If both spouses are new members the dues are \$40. The additional \$10 pays for two name tags, two patches and two Flies.

Fundraising by John Sabo

Raffle Report

We are doing well with the Raffle and T-Shirt sales, and are ahead of last year. For the first quarter, this year, we had a "profit" of \$130 which was 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. However, we have not had much interest or participation in the club's "garage sale", so that program has been discontinued and the remaining items have been transferred to the raffle. 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.

Learn to Build a Fishing Pram

Several SSFF members are building a stitch & glue wood pram and I am looking for an assistant. You get the opportunity to build an eight foot wood pram under the guidance of shipwright Nate Slater.

I am looking for someone to help me in June for four weekends (Sat & Sun). I will provide transportation to the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor where we will be building the boats. For your help you learn to build a stitch & blue boat and I get a new wood pram.

If you, your son or grandson are interested, give me a call: Gary Kellogg @ 360-754-4429

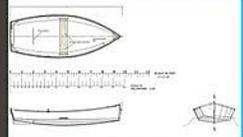
Late flash: there may be one opening for another paying customer. If you are interested in building an eight foot wood pram, call Joe Uhlman for more information. I also heard a SSFF member who built a stitch & glue 10ft row boat in April will do a show-and-tell at May's meeting.

Harbor History Museum is Excited to Present Our

MARITIME WORKSHOP SERIES



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Half-Model Shenandoah	Stitch & Glue 5x10 Skiff
	
<p>Historically, half-models were created as a part of the boat design process. The shipwright would carve a model "to his eye" from which the plans were drawn and then "lofted" to scale. We will create half-models of our fishing vessel Shenandoah. Shipwright Nate Slater will teach the basics of lines drawings, tool use, and carving techniques while you create a beautiful 30" model in Alaskan cedar. Cost includes materials.</p>	<p>Personal craft have always been an important part of the maritime history of the area. In this workshop, shipwright Nate Slater will guide participants through the construction of their own Sam Devin 5x10 skiff. Using stitch & glue construction, we are able to create this traditional-looking skiff using modern methods in reduced time. The finished skiff is small and light enough to fit in the back of a pickup truck. Cost includes materials.</p>
<p>Dates: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, & 16 Times: 2 pm - 4 pm (possibly to 5 pm) We have a maximum of six work "stations" (each station can have one to two participants) Cost per station: \$150 HHM members, \$200 non-HHM museum members</p>	<p>Dates: April 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 27 & 28 Times: 2 pm - 5 pm We have a maximum of four work "stations" (each station can have one to two participants) Cost per station: \$400 HHM members, \$450 non-HHM museum members</p>
<p>Registration is now open. Contact shenandoah@harborhistorymuseum.org to sign up.</p>	<p>4121 Harborview Dr. Gig Harbor, Wash. 253.858.6722; harborhistorymuseum.org</p>
<p>This program has been made possible by grants from</p>  	



NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

The applications, essays and letters of recommendation are in the file and we have 23 very enthusiastic boys and girls this year. The essays are very serious and some are very emotional. Some talk about being able to fly fish with grandpa in his pond out behind the barn. Jim Brosio has been organizing the instructors and we are going to have another great program. We will need volunteers again this year to help out on the guiding down at Nisqually Pond and on The Little Deschutes. Thank you to all the folks that have contributed funds again this year, we have experienced great support from the fly fishing community and local businesses. So let the party begin. Mike Clancy, Jim Brosio – Co-Directors

ANGLERS: Do you need a life jacket?

FISH SAFE: *Wear a Life Jacket!!* Some life jackets are designed with anglers in mind, offering the “look” and convenience of a fishing vest, while still providing flotation. Make sure all life jacket or inflatable vests are U.S. Coast Guard approved.

A Life Jacket is “**REQUIRED**” to be on board when any of the following conditions exist:

- Angler sits above the water surface and uses the vessel for transportation, i.e. – a pontoon boat and small rafts.
- Vessel is designed to be rowed or paddles. Angler also might use kicking fins.

- Vessel has a 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN). (A HIN is not the same as a state-issued vessel registration number.)

A Life Jacket is “**NOT REQUIRED**” but recommended when:

- Angler’s body sits in the water, i.e. float tubes or belly tubes.
- Vessel is propelled by kicking fins and does not have a HIN
- Please note: If a motor is attached, it is considered a boat. It may be necessary to register the vessel as a motorboat, and a life jacket is required to be carried on board.

For more boating safety information, call (360) 586-6592. Washington State law (RCW 79A.60.160) requires all boats to carry a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. Children 12 years and younger are required to wear a life jacket when on board boats under 19 feet long.

The information for “ANGLERS: Do you need a life jacket?” is copied from a poster that is published by The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. This poster should be displayed at every boat ramp in the State of Washington. Anytime I get on the water in my pontoon boat, I wear my inflatable life vest. Two years ago, the sheriff in Grant County was writing tickets on Park Lake for those folks that were not in compliance with the law. There are many times I wear my life jacket when I’m wading in a river and I definitely wear it when I’m floating a river.

-Mike Clancy