

Garden Hackle



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Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

Time for a change

This month brings some changes to our club. First is the hot dog social that starts at 6:00 PM. This month I'll bring German Sausages with big buns and lots of condiments. For a dog and soda or water you'll need to bring \$5.00.

The next change is the addition of attachments to the newsletter email. In those attachments you'll find our current financial statement and the approved budget for 2014. Another attachment has a listing of our current lending library items. The lending library items are too large to bring to the meetings so if you're interested in checking something out, please contact me so I can bring it to the meeting or make plans to meet with you at another time.

Last but not least is the addition of my South Sound saltwater beaches segment. I had originally planned on starting with a list of the beaches but decided to dive right in and start by featuring a local beach. I hope you enjoy to information.

Program

Janet Schimpf - Fly Tying

By now I'm sure Janet has tied over a 1.5 million flies. From custom orders to tying for big names like Orvis she has become one of the most renowned tyers in the country. We're lucky to have her talents in our back yard. Janet has made many appearances at our club meetings and we're always excited to have her stop by. Check Eddie's column to see how you can learn from this expert.

General Meeting:

February 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

Presentation by:

Janet Schimpf

Conservation

SSFF Cutthroat Conservation Project

With a donation last week from Fish Brewing of \$350 from Novembers sales of Urban Legend Ale, we are now up to \$980 in profit which will be used for Cutthroat conservation projects.

Protect our Deschutes River

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



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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

Treasurer's Creel by Dave Field



One of the responsibilities of the board of directors is to make sure that the club's money is well spent. As you know the club traditionally donates money to a number of organizations dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of our fishing resources. Beginning in January and continuing over the next few months your board will continue talking directly with these organizations.

Dave Kangiser and Seth Elsen from the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group and Bob Margulis of the Wild Steelhead Coalition met with the board in January. They discussed their project priorities and looked for ways SSFF volunteers could help on their projects. Hood Canal SEG has many different salmon and steelhead projects underway and several volunteer opportunities are available for SSFF members. Take a look at their website to learn more. The link is: <http://pnwsalmoncenter.org/>. The volunteer coordinator Michele Myers at 360-275-3575 or by email at: michelle@pnwsalmoncenter.org.

The Wild Steelhead Coalition is primarily at policy formulation group. As such they do not have hands-on volunteer projects. What they will have are policy initiatives promulgated from time to time that need the active support of the fly fishing fraternity—and that's us. So stay tuned.

Club Dues for 2014 are now due. Dues are \$30.00 for current members. Dues for new members joining the club are \$35.00. The additional \$5.00 is to cover the cost of your name tag and club patch. Dues can be paid in cash or check at the February 18th club meeting. There will be a table in the back of the meeting room where you can pay your dues. Dues can also be paid by mail. Mail to: SSFF, PO Box 2792, Olympia WA 98507. Please make checks payable to SSFF.

Education by Eddie Simons

Would you like to learn the basics of tying your own flies? Maybe you have been tying your own flies for many years but you would like to hone your techniques a little. Well you are in luck. Janet Schimpf has agreed to teach one (maybe two) multi-session fly tying classes this spring. What I need from you is an idea of who is interested and what level of a tyer you are. I will have a survey at the February meeting with a few questions so that I can nail down the details with Janet. If there is enough interest, we may have a couple classes, divided between abilities so do not think that it will be over your head (or below your abilities). If you have any interest, please fill out the survey or contact me at trout.fly.hunter@gmail.com.

This does not have to be the only educational item on the agenda for this year. If you have any other interests that you would like me to look into, either catch me at a meeting or shoot me an email with your ideas. I have heard from a couple of you and I am working on arranging something for you as well. (you know who you are)

Fundraising by John Sabo

We seem to be lagging in Raffle and T-Shirt sales, based upon the good attendance we had at our January meeting. With your help, we expect to see some improvement at our February meeting. We will also have growlers for sale for \$15 in order to support the club's Coastal Cutthroat Project. 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. By the way, we have some empty fly boxes to be filled...fly tiers, please see me at the back of the room at our February meeting. Also, I would like to remind the club members that the "raffle" is an independent subcommittee of the club that is self-sustaining, and uses no club funds, and only exists to provide fun and entertainment for the club members while raising much needed revenue.

Sound Fly Fishers Dinner and Auction

The club's Potluck Dinner and Auction will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Black Lake Grange Hall, next to the fire station on Black Lack Boulevard. 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.

Fishing Report by Tom Bolender

Are you looking forward to Spring as much as I am? These cold days and lack of light make it real hard to get enthusiastic about fishing. I took a trip with my fishing buddy Ryan Haseman to Westport with boat in tow, counting on good weather for crabbing and rock fishing. The weather report looked good so I thought we were in for a spectacular day. Turn out that as soon as we pulled up to the boat launch it started raining. We didn't let that stop. Shortly after leaving the marina it was clear the waves were too big to try to tackle. We decided to drop our crab pots, tie the boat up on one of the docks and walk to the outcroppings for some fishing from the rocks. As we walked to the closest outcropping we were stopped by a Westport city worker. He was curious about what the two guys with fly rods walking down the street were doing. I gave him the run down and he said we'd better get back in the boat and pick our pots up. Apparently we dropped them in a fast moving current and he figured we'd lose them. He gave us some tips about where to fish (the Ocean Shores Jetty) and where to drop our pots. We headed back out and relocated the pots before driving to the main jetty. After a bit of rock hopping we found where we wanted to fish. Both our lines went fishless. We picked up the pots and came home with two nice Dungeness crabs. That's a lot of work for no fish.

If you'd like to write about your latest or maybe most memorable fishing trip please send your submission to TomBolender@comcast.net. It would be great to share your experiences and expertise with the rest of the club.



