

Garden Hackle



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Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'm looking forward to being your President in 2014. This year is going to be awesome. There's a few things happening starting next month. In the past (many years ago) club member Gary Oberbillig hosted the hot pot deli. This gave club members and opportunity to show up early for the general meeting and have a bite to eat while conversing with others. I know how hard it can be to get off work, run home, shove some food down your throat and run to the meeting. Many times in the past I've pulled in right at 7:00 pm or even later and had no real opportunity to talk to anyone. The board has agreed to indulge me in my latest idea. Starting in February, club members will be able to arrive at 6:00 pm and pick up a bite to eat. I'll start with hot dogs and soda. There will be a charge but it will be minimal and I promise to bring a small condiment bar so you can spice the dogs up a little. I'll be giving this a try for couple of months to see if it proves to be successful. If it is, you may see different offerings as time goes on.

The other things you'll see in February are a couple of spreadsheets included with your newsletter. You'll receive one with our 2013 year end financial statements, a copy of our January board meeting minutes and a list of the items available from our lending library. The items available so far are rod/reel outfits, waders and wading boots. If anyone has a collection of books, magazines or DVDs you'd like to donate, we'll accept them gladly. Other

General Meeting:

January 17, 2014

7:00PM

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

Presentation by:

Skip Morriss

items that could be useful are fly tying vises and tools. I'll be in charge of the lending library. Some items I'll bring to the meetings, others will need to be requested.

Last but not least, fly fishing saltwater beaches. In your February newsletter I'll post a list of public beaches in the South Sound. Each month thereafter I'll take one beach at a time and give you information on the best times and best flies to use on these beaches. This information will not be published on our web site so if you're interested, make sure to save the newsletter to your hard drive or other external storage device.

Please know if you have any questions or comments for me I'm horrible at returning phone call. The best way to contact me is through email.

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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.

Program

Don't miss Skip Morris

World renowned fly fisher, fly tier and author, Skip Morris's presentations have become a January tradition for our club. In the past six years only once has he not made our first meeting of the year. Next week he'll be talking about fishing saltwater for both Searun Cutthroat and Pacific Salmon. Of course he'll be tying flies that he's found work excellent for both species. Don't miss your opportunity to pick up and autographed copy of one of his books or an excellent piece of fly fishing art from Skip's wife Carol. Bring your check book, note pad and maybe a cup of coffee. Skip's presentations always keep us late and we talk about it for months to come.

Conservation

SSFF Cutthroat Conservation Project

Growler sales have been excellent. We've raised over \$1,000 to date and there are still more to be sold. To get yours now go to [click here](#).



We haven't got a total from Fish Brewing but we know sales of Pints exceeded our expectations for November. We'll be updating you in the next few months on where the proceeds will be utilized.

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

Treasurer's Creel by Dave Field



“Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing”

This month we take a look at another organization your club supports through donations of both time and money. Project Healing Waters was founded in 2005 by Ed Nicholson a Vietnam veteran. Ed was recovering from cancer surgery at Walter Reed Hospital when he witnessed many young men and women struggling to recover from both physical and emotional wounds of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Ed was a fly fisher and sensed that getting these wounded warriors involved with fly fishing would greatly help their recovery. Ed also knew there was a large number of fly fishing clubs and TU chapters full of knowledgeable and caring people willing to share their time and knowhow with newcomers. From this initial idea nine years ago, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) has spread across the country and helped thousands of wounded warriors get their lives back together.

SSFF club member Chuck Tye has taken on the role of regional coordinator of Project Healing Waters. As a dynamic leader and organizer Chuck has been able to establish the program in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. Active military personnel and veterans are now experiencing fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing the rivers and lakes of the northwest and Alaska. They are learning to overcome their

physical disabilities and deep emotional scars through their involvement with fly fishing.

SSFF helps to sponsor the program at the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System--American Lake Division in Lakewood. If you wish to help with this project please email Chuck at: northwest@projecthealingwaters.org. Chuck says you do not have to be an expert fly caster or tier, just be willing to share a little time with some of the men and women who have given so much in service to our country.

Wishing you all great fishing in 2014!

Dave Field

Club Treasurer

Club Dues 2014

Dues are \$30.00 for current SSFF members and are due in January. 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 January 7th club meeting. There will be a table in the back of the meeting room where you can pay your dues. Dues can also be sent by mail: SSFF PO Box 2792, Olympia WA 98507. Please make checks payable to SSFF. Note that a recent change to membership policy allows spouses to now join the club at no additional charge.

Also, as we are at the start of a new year it is time again to verify your contact information. This will ensure the Garden Hackle reaches you and that you receive emails from the club. There will be a copy of the current club roster at the door with spaces for you to enter any changes to your information. Please take a minute to make sure your contact information is correct and up-to-date so we can better serve you.

Wishing you great fishing in 2014!

Fundraising by John Sabo

Raffle Report

We are doing well with the Raffle and T-Shirt sales, and ended ahead of last year. For the fourth quarter, last year, we had a “profit” of \$200 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. 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 January 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.

John Sabo

Fly of the Month

This feature is currently under review. Due to the loss of our newsletter chair we are asking for club member participation. If you have a favorite fly and want to share it with the club we’d love to have your submission.

Education by Eddie Simons

Greetings South Sound Fly Fishers. I am excited to be your Member-at-Large responsible for Education in 2014. I have some interesting ideas for classes this year. To help me focus my efforts, I would like to know what interests you. Classes could range in subject matter from general fly fishing 101, fly tying, spey casting or fly fishing for your favorite PNW species. No subject is too weird for me to research (Please keep it related to fly fishing). Just remember, I must be able to find an instructor before we can have a class. Catch me at a meeting with your ideas.

Also, I would like to keep you informed about educational opportunities outside of our club. For example, the 26th Annual Washington Sportsmen’s Show will be held January 22-26 at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. There will be an indoor “Steelhead River” and many seminars related to fly fishing.

February 15-16 will be the Fly Fishing Show at the Lynnwood Convention Center. This two day event is packed with seminars and classes, all relating to fly fishing.

I will try to keep you informed on other educational opportunities throughout the year. If you know of any class, seminar, or show that you would like to share with the club, let me know and I will make sure the word gets out.

Eddie

**Northwest Youth
Conservation and Fly Fishing
Academy** by Mike Clancy, Co-Director

2013 has ended and we are now going full throttle into 2014. So is The Academy. We will be accepting new applications effective January 1, 2014 for another wonderful event for our youth 12 to 16 years old. What a great opportunity for these kids to learn about conservation and fly fishing. They will spend a great week at Gwinwood Christian Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. June 22-28th. In clean, warm, cabins with showers and comfortable bunks.

We are looking for mature and serious minded youth willing to learn the sport of fly fishing and conservation – willing to participate as a future fly fisher and conservationist.

The applicant must write an essay, stating why they would like to attend The Academy and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher.

Any questions may be directed to Mike Clancy @ mtclancy39@comcast.net or Jim Brosio @ brosioj@q.com Applications are available on our website – www.nwycffa.com Our email address – nwycffa@comcast.net. And we are on Face Book.