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October Program

Longtime club member Don Freeman will be talking about tube flies. How to tie them, how to fish them. Don't miss it!

Hot Dog Social

President Tom Bolender will again be providing polish dogs and all the fixings. Sodas and water also available. \$5.00

Chum Outing

See articles by Eddie Simmons and flies by Tom Bolender regarding our upcoming club outing and *flies to use for Chum*

Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

This month I would like to give special thanks to one club member and one past club member this month. Over the course of my tenure I've had grand ideas about having a lending library of fly fishing related paraphenalia. This month I've got a list of gear, books and DVDs. Gary Kellogg is the main donor of books and DVDs while past club member Whittier Johnson donated a few books and some tying equipment that will be available at this month's meeting. These donations are exactly what I've hoping for. I'll bring a bin to the meetings in case anyone would like to check something out.

These donations are a great example of a way you can support your club without emptying your pocket book. Typing up the list made me realize I've got some books on my shelf that others might enjoy. I'm especially flush on fly tying books. Look for the additions with next month's newsletter.

Another way to donate to the cause is with your time. When I say the cause I mean helping out groups our club has chosen to donate to or something you find on your own. Your time commitment doesn't have to be ongoing. Even an afternoon spent helping can make a big difference. Soon we'll have the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group give our club a presentation. They're doing fabulous work on salmon fisheries and often have one day/one time opportunities. Our club chose last month to make a donation to WDFW for a Sea-Run Cutthroat project. I'm sure as time goes on and we get more details we'll find opportunities there as well.

Next Meeting Tuesday October 21, 2014 7pm North Olympia Fire Station



ALAN HARGER AWARD

Presented to

DAVE FIELD
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Member Dave Field is awarded the Alan Harger Award

The Board of Directors of the South Sound Fly Fishers hereby recognizes Dave Field for his sustained, superior service to the SSFF and its Board for the period 1997 to 2014. Dave has been a board member, an energetic supporter and an example of service and dedication to us all. In addition to keeping us afloat as Treasurer, and even doubling his duties at times as Secretary, Dave has been counselor, advocate, champion, and a voice of reason and experience on countless issues before the Board. His steadfast and valued guidance has been and continues to be essential to the success of the Club. He represents the finest traditions of service to his fellows and is an example to be emulated by our general members and by Board members who succeed him.

In recognition and acknowledgement of the standards of devotion and service exemplified by Al Harger, this award for service to the SSFF Board of Directors shall be awarded to Dave Field.



The Award was presented to Dave by President Tom Bolender, Past president Don Freeman, Past President Joe Uhlman and Past President Gary Kellog, pictured above.

Editor's note: In receiving the Award, Dave Field spoke very highly of Alan Harger. I became curious to learn more about Alan Harger and have included information graciously submitted by Burt Sarver. Burt was Alan's fishing partner for 19 years. Read Burt's article below.

THE HARGER AWARD

What is it?

By Burt Sarver

At the September 10, 2014, Dave Field was presented the Alan Harger Award. Some members asked what is it?

The following is the motion passed by the Board, in 2008 creating the award honoring Alan:

The Board of Directors of the South Sound Fly Fishers hereby recognizes Alan Harger for his sustained, superior service to the SSFF and its Board for the period 1984 to 2007. For nearly a quarter of a century, Al has served as a member of the Board in numerous capacities and has been counselor, advocate, champion, and a voice of reason and experience on countless issues before the Board. His steadfast and valued guidance to the Board was essential to the success the Club enjoyed over the past decades. It represents the finest traditions of service to his fellows and is an example to be emulated by our general members and by Board members who succeed him.

Therefore, in recognition and acknowledgement of the standards of devotion and service exemplified by Al Harger, this award for service to the SSFF Board of Directors shall be known as 'The Alan Harger Award.'

In 2008, Alan presented the award to John Wood its first recipient .Mel Hurd as also received the Award, in addition to Dave Field, the most recent recipient. Alan died May 2009, after a long illness at the age of 62. I should state for "full disclosure", that Alan was my fishing partner for 19 years and the Board honored me with the award in 2010.

We also established the Alan Harger Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund was established in Alan's memory. He was an active supporter of the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, contributing both his time and resources toward supporting northwest youth to learn about the art of fly fishing and the importance of conservation. Alan donated his fly fishing , fly tying equipment and supplies to the club. Through direct donations and through the sale of Alan's fly fishing gear, a fund was established to continue Alan's support of the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Scholarship Fund is used to annually contribute to the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. On March 1, 2010, the Scholarship Fund beginning balance was \$5,258. The balance as of September 19, 2014 is \$3468.



By Mike Clancy

2015 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY

Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 21-27, 2015 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy - **for** the kids. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fishing gear.

The event is supported by WCTU and WSCIFFF, and members of South Sound FF, Olympia Chapter TU, WFFC, and Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma.

The cost to each student is still \$275, but sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, FFF fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of money.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2015 until April 15, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from our website – www.nwycffa.org, via email to mtclancy39@comcast.net or call 360-753-1259. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why THEY want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor. We have a Facebook page listed under our name for viewing pictures from previous events.

We are very proud of The Academy; this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.

THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE FOR OUR SPORT OF FLYFISHING

2014 Project Healing Waters Event (PHW) by Mike Clancy, Proud Navy Vet Volunteer, PHW

Again this year, the 5th annual 2 Fly PHW event took place on The Yakima River with headquarters at the KOA camp grounds in Ellensburg, WA. on September 20th. Saturday, Chuck Tye, PHW coordinator for the NW, put 23 guided boats (all guides were volunteers) on the river from 5 different launches. Each boat had a vet, rower/referee and volunteer. Fishing could have been better, out of the 23 boats, one boat had a fantastic day, catching around 18 fish, other Vets had a great experience on the river with super weather. No smoke, no wind, the river level was okay, just a beautiful day. The winning vet landed a 19" trout and he was presented with a custom made bamboo rod. The evening event was started by a wonderful dinner of prime rib with trimmings, cooked all day long in a smoker oven, prepared by Chuck's partner, Jerry Daschofsky. Jerry does an incredible job in preparing wonderful meals in his metal cooking wares. Then he presented 3 different delicious deserts.

Chuck proceeded to present the awards and then Jerry conducted the raffle, everyone took something home. This is a wonderful event, the goal is to entertain our vets and give them the experience to fly fish, maybe for their first time. One vet, a Navy lady, was absolutely thrilled with her new experience. She had never cast before, Chuck gave her a quick lesson, and she was doing a great job. She told me, I now have a new sport. She picked out a new vest in the raffle. She's on her way. There are so many people to thank for their participation in this event, not only the guides that donated their boats, the cooks, the folks that tied the flies for the event, the referees, the folks that donated items for the awards and raffle, the folks that moved all 23 vehicles from launch to take out, and the local Ellensburg fly shops, Troutwaters, Reds and Worley Bugger Fly Shop. - thank you.

The 6th Annual 2 Fly Event for next year, will be conducted September 19th, 2015. Same place, KOA Ellensburg.

In the great words of our leader - "Thanks for piling on folks"



Support SSFF

Every month there are opportunities to support the South Sound Fly Fishers.

Participating in the Hot Dog Social and the monthly raffle help SSFF financially. Consider contributing items such as flies you have tied or fishing equipment, books videos to the club to be used in our lending library or monthly auction. Consider volunteering for one of the open positions as our annual election nears.

The Garden Hackle is “your” club newsletter. Consider submitting an article or sharing a fishing experience that other members will likely find interesting.

Lastly, a big Thank You to everyone who submitted material for this edition of the GH.

Gene Rivers--editor



Education

by Eddie Simons

Chum salmon are the most prolific of the salmon species in the Puget Sound. They do not get much attention from local anglers because the flesh is very mild when compared to the other pacific salmon species. That does not make them bad to eat, though. The chum salmon do “turn” very quickly once they hit their spawning phase, however. If you are fishing in the salt, or very low in the drainage, you have a good chance of catching a nice chum for the grill or smoker.

Chum can also be quite easy to take on the fly, even in salt, under the right conditions. They tend to run shallower than their more popular cousins, the chinook, and cruise near the banks of the estuaries. Hooking into a 10 pound chum in an estuary can be a battle to remember.

When fishing for chum, the consensus is nothing lighter than an 8 wt. rod. A floating or intermediate sink tip would be ideal since they are usually found near the surface. The common knowledge says that chum salmon prefer the color chartreuse, but I would make sure I had some pink, purple and black flies as well. Earlier in the season, baitfish and squid patterns may be productive as well. There is a special set of chum flies such as; chum candy, pink lady, chum sport, and so on. If you are not going to tie your own, or you are just looking for ideas, visit a local fly shop for a nice selection of flies.



Chum fly patterns submitted by Tom Bolender





More Chum patterns submitted by Tom Bolender



Editors note: Judging from the fly patterns submitted by Eddie Simmons and Tom Bolender I think it might be wise to bring some flies in a green pattern if you are fishing for chum!!

Trip Report, Sierra Mountains California

By Terra Hegy

It has always been a dream for me to backpack into the eastern Sierra. I was lucky to be able to go fly fishing there in early September. My friend Debby and I took 2 days to drive down. We camped near the Bishop Pass trailhead near Bishop CA. I used my South Sound Fly Fishers raffle prize to buy a non-resident California fishing license (\$45). We hiked into Saddlerock Lake the first day and to Dusy Basin the second. Almost everyone that passed us had a fishing rod with them. Once in the basin, at 11,000 feet elevation, we stayed put for 3 nights. There were so many lakes, ponds, and tarns up there that we actually lost count.

The lakes were deep and so clear and were various shades of blue and green. Fish were extremely plentiful. One place I particularly liked to fish was from the shore where I could see a ledge dropping off just a few feet off shore. Rainbow trout could be seen cruising along the underwater ledge. By throwing my dry fly above the ledge, I was able to catch a few. Seems like they would hit on anything. The highlight was catching some golden trout because of their beautiful coloration. I recommend this area for any fishing fanatics.

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**SSFF OUTINGS by
Terry West**

| Date | Location | Species | Details | Ghillie (Scottish term for person who acts as an attendant on a fishing expedition) |
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| 10/25/2014 | Third Annual Nisqually River Cleanup | | Meet at 9:00 a.m. at either Frank's Landing or handicap area on 6th Avenue just off of Old Pacific Highway. Bring your gloves, garbage bags or buckets, boots and a lunch. Good family outing and part of our conservation efforts as well. | Tom Bolender |
| 10/26/2014 | Nahwatzel Lake in Mason County | Bass, trout. Lake is stocked with rainbow trout. | 10:00 a.m. meet at DFW launch. From Hwy 101 at the Matlock exit go West on Shelton-Matlock road, then 10.6 miles to Nahwatzel Lake Access area just before the store, turn right. Restrooms available. Launch available for motorized boats. Also good for floating pontoon boats. | Terry West (360) 790-2193 or terrywest1@comcast.net |
| 11/2/2014 | Chum Casting Clinic | Chum Salmon | Clinic begins at 9:00 a.m. Meet in Allyn at Allyn Waterfront Park. Drive 18 miles on Highway 3 to Allyn and then right on Drum Street. Bring your 8 weight rod or floating or intermediate sink tip line, hip waders and brown bag lunch following the practice clinic. There is a burger joint across street too. Chum flies available at Fly Fisher Shop in Lacey. Restrooms available | Tom Bolender |

SSFF Outings continued

A Ghille or attendant is responsible only for researching the fishing location and offering information on the details so others who wish may join in fishing at that location.

You assume your own risk in fishing at a location which may have hazards such as current, logs, other boats, etc. Be safe and always wear your life jacket. Do your own research about the location and know where you are going.

Outings Chair: terrywest1@comcast.net or (360) 790-2193

Other events :

- Bass Pro Shop opening in Tacoma. Ribbon cutting ceremony 10/22 at 6:00 p.m. Grand opening 10/23 - 10/26. Address is 7805 South Hosmer Street off of I-5 and 72nd Street.

Tube Flies—How to tie them and how to fish them

October Program
By
Don Freeman

Tuesday October 21, 2014