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Leader's Line

Tom Bolender

Tom has been busy this month and has no report. However he still has contributed his monthly article about saltwater fishing spots. Members will find Tom's saltwater article on the final page of this month's Garden Hackle. Also Tom said to post the "Go Hawks" logo on this page. Not sure how he has time to watch football with his busy schedule!

November Program

Presentation by the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.

This is one of a few groups we contribute to yearly. Their dedication to the preservation of Salmon Habit on Hood Canal is impressive to say the least. Through the work of staff, donors and an ever increasing group of volunteers they fund research and restoration projects. At the same time they carry out education that demonstrates how salmon, humans and agriculture can coexist. This group's

I also asked Dave Field to see if he could provide some information about the Hood Canal SEG's upcoming program. Here's what Dave was able to find: The HC SEG will be there to chat about some of the HC SEG's current and recent restoration projects as well as their work to rebuild the summer chum and steelhead runs in Hood Canal.

Should be a fascinating program!!

**GO
HAWKS**

SSFF Elections In November

Club elections will take place at the November meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting. This is our final meeting of the year.

Happy Thanksgiving

Remember—there is no club meeting in December.



NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy History - by Mike Clancy, Co-Director

It all started with idea of the founder, Dick Nye, a retired Tacoma middle school music teacher. Preparations for the Academy started in 2002 with Dick attending a youth camp, the nationally acclaimed, award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Boiling Springs, PA. After 2 years of preparation, Dick conducted the first Academy on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. at the Gwinwood Christian Community Center in 2004.

The Academy is sponsored by The Washington Council of TU, The Washington State Council of the IFFF, hosted by the members of The Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma, Olympia Chapter of TU and the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia.

Dick Nye retired after the 2008 Academy. Jim Brosio and I took over the responsibly of The Academy with our first challenge for the 2009 Academy. With the financial support of the Washington TU Chapters, the IFFF Fly Fishing Clubs, corporate and individual sponsors, we gave it our best and it worked. In all the years that Jim and I have been co-directors, we have been assisted by at least 50 volunteers. Without the support of the groups I mentioned, this Academy would not happen. Ron Smorynski and Jim Brosio, TU/SSFF/PSFF, have been involved since the very first Academy in 2004. Tom Van Gelder, TU/PSFF and Dave Bryant, PSFF/SSFF joined the staff, Matt Tuttle is the current Camp Director for the week event. Bob Triggs has also been Camp Director in prior years.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in environmental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, fish biology and behavior. Students also learn the skill of fly fishing, including fly tying, casting instruction provided by IFFF-CCI's, knot tying, stream side ethics and water safety. The Academy is for boys and girls, 12-16 years old. All equipment is supplied, enrollment fee is still \$275, however; no one will be turned away because of money. Each applicant needs to write an essay, explaining why **they** would like to attend and a letter of recommendation from their science teacher or counselor. The Academy for 2015 will be June 21-27 at The Gwinwood Center, on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2015. You may download the application at our website – www.nwycffa.com or view information on our Facebook page, our email: nwycffa@comcast.net.



2014 Fly Fisher of the Year –Howard Nanto

President Tom Bolender (right) and Past President Don Freeman (left) are pictured with SSFF Fly Fisher of the Year Howard Nanto (center). Congratulations Howard!!!!

Raffle Report—John Sabo

We are doing well with the Raffle and T-Shirt sales, and are ahead of last year. For this year's third quarter we had a total profit of \$200 which was deposited into the SSFF 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. Fly tying season is almost here and we have some empty fly boxes to be filled...fly tiers; please see me at the back of the room at the next meeting.

Also, in answer to a question made to me by a club member, I would like to remind the club members that the "raffle" is a self sustaining, independent subcommittee of the club. It uses no club funds but donates its "profits" to the club and only exists to provide fun and entertainment for the club members while raising much needed club revenue.

Editor's notes:

As the club year draws to a close it occurred that there is a lot to be thankful for in being a member of SSFF. We have a wealth of expertise and knowledge in club members. For new members I would say, "Start a conversation with someone—you will be surprised what you will learn." For old timers I would say, "Start a conversation with someone you don't recognize—you will be surprised at what you will learn."

Earlier in the year I decided to go to a Board meeting out of curiosity. That led to being "volunteered" into newsletter editor and webmaster. It's been an interesting journey.

Treasurer's Creel—Dave Field

With the recent arrival of fall days of wind and ugly fishing weather it is a good time to spend a few hours replenishing the fly box. Once in a while it's fun to try and tie a fly that you've never attempted before. "YouTube" on the internet provides a good way to learn new patterns but an even better way is to attend a fly tying show.

One of the best shows in the fall is the Pacific Northwest Fly Tyer Rendezvous down in Portland. The most recent edition of this show was held Saturday (November 8th) at the Jackson Armory just off I-205 near the airport. This one day event provides a chance to sit down with experienced fly tiers and pick-up some of their tips in tying new and different fly patterns. You will see fly patterns for trout, salmon, steelhead being tied by both professionals and amateurs, men, women, young and old alike.

The Rendezvous is staged by a number of fly clubs in Washington and Oregon. Proceeds from the event is split among the clubs to support fisheries conservation, protect the environment and encourage the growth of fly fishing.

This is a fun event and well worth putting on your calendar for early November next year.

As I attended more Board meetings, I came to realize the amazing amount of time and effort put into SSFF by your Officers and Board members. I gained a ton of respect for these people and was amazed at their energy and dedication.

The club is in good hands with these hard working people. I have been amazed at the knowledge of the Board members and Officers, their dedication and their volunteering of their time. So I have gained a more thorough understanding of how hard they work for SSFF. Say thank you to these people—and to past Officers and Board members for their commitment. Their names and positions are listed on the next page. Gene Rivers--Editor

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming November meeting—our final meeting of 2014.

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