

# The Garden Hackle



## February Program

## Leader's Line



Janet Schimpf, Professional Fly Tyer, will be tying a variety of flies, including the "Smidget" and a "Flashabou Comet" at our February meeting. Janet has been very supportive of SSFF, including doing many excellent presentations at our meeting and has also taught several fly tying classes for our club. Don't miss her presentation.

**By Tom Bolender**

It's February, the Super Bowl is over and now I've got my Sundays back. It's a good thing because this is the time of year Cutthroat become more abundant in the salt. I find it best to fish closer to their home streams. Although streamer and attractor patterns will pick you up a few fish, it's not a bad idea to try an extra large olive scud pattern.

I'm looking forward to a March outing for Cutthroat at Tahuya State Park. Will you be there on March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon?

I regret to say that I will not be offering dogs through the Spring and Summer. I have determined the time it takes me to prepare is more than I have. In addition it's hard to keep track of everything going on before the meeting. On multiple occasions people have given me things and I didn't remember it happening or told me things that never stuck in my brain. Please make sure to get something to eat before the meeting.

Tom

## NOTICES !!

### 2015 DUES ARE DUE

⊗ NO HOT DOG SOCIAL THIS MONTH ⊗

By Don Freeman

Conservation and Political Chair  
South Sound Fly Fishers

Greetings South Sounders. This is the first Garden Hackle note of my tenure as your conservation chair. Don't expect to have to plod through one every month, I'll only submit when I have something of interest to the club.

At our February meeting, Bill Young, a tireless champion and advocate for Sea Run Cutthroat is going to make a short presentation and request for volunteers. He and a number of other biologists and volunteers who have been working with WDFW, (notably James Lossee who has spoken to the club on several occasions) will soon be publishing a paper on their SRC work here in the south sound. To prove the validity of their sampling methods, they want to compare the results of the redd counts performed by experienced field technicians with those of lay persons like ourselves.

Most of our coastal cutthroats return to spawn between late January and early April. At some point, most often in early March, the greatest numbers of fish will be back in the streams doing their business. When the run is at the peak, Bill will decide it's time, and the volunteers will be contacted to walk a section of a local stream one time in the mid morning. Their results will be compared to those of the professionals. That's all there is to it.

If you can commit to this valuable study, I will serve as the coordinator to get folks deployed on the given days. This isn't grueling work, but volunteers must be prepared to walk a couple of miles of stream bed, in serviceable wader gear, being prepared for moderately inclement weather. The work will be done under as close to ideal conditions as possible so the stream bed will be easily visible, and low enough to allow wading.

Bill will provide more detailed information at the meeting, but all you need is waders, boots, rain gear and polarized glasses. A wading staff is highly recommended.

See you all February 17. Don Freeman

**NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy** – Once again I would like to remind folks of this incredible opportunity for our 12-16 year old boys and girls to learn about our great sport of fly fishing and conservation. In the past, our club (SSFF) will sponsor one youth and the Allen Harger Fund will sponsor youth. So if you have a grandchild, neighbor, son or daughter that would like to learn our sport, have them write an essay on why **they** would like to attend and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or science teacher. The Academy next year is the last week of June. June 21-27, 2015 at the Grinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey WA. We are on Facebook with lots of pictures and applications are on our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) or you can call me at 253-278-0061, or Jim Brosio at 360-943-9947. Mike Clancy – Co-Director

## 2015 Family and Youth Events

by Mike Clancy

### **2015 PROMISES TO BE A GREAT YEAR FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION IN OUR SPORT OF FLY FISHING**

There are a number of events coming up in 2015 for families and youth to learn or improve their skills for fly fishing.

- May 1-2, 2015 – the WSCIFFF will conduct the annual Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. The program will have a youth program on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for boys and girls 12-16 years old. The youth program will begin with classes 9-12am, after lunch a more hands on time either for casting or fly tying. The cost is \$40 which includes lunch and a new fly rod outfit. This event is still in the planning stage, but it will happen. Sign up is via the WSCIFFF website. [www.washingtoncountycliff.org](http://www.washingtoncountycliff.org).
- June 21-27, 2015 – The NW Youth Conservation and Fly

Fishing Academy will be held again on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey, WA. The week long event will cost \$300, but financial support is available. This year the limit will be 22 boys and girls, 12-16 years old. Enrollment starts January 1, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). or contact Mike Clancy @ [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net), Tom VanGelder @ [tvlg@comcast.net](mailto:tvlg@comcast.net) or Jim Brosio @ [brosioj@q.com](mailto:brosioj@q.com).

- August 11-15, 2015 – The International Fly Fishing Fair will be held in Bend, OR. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for The Federation and this is going to be a fun event. Fly Tyers from all over the world attend this event along with casting instructors. There will be a 2 day Youth event during

the event, it is still in the planning stages. Information may be obtained by going to [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

- The local Fly Clubs have their own events during the year.

2015 promises to be a good year for our families and especially our youth. The future of our sport is in the future of our youth. So let's get them out doors, in or on the water, away from their electronics and have some fun. Mike Clancy

**Pay Your Dues Now and Save!****Treasurer's Creel**

Hello Fly Fishers,

It's that time again for club dues. With the start of a new year your \$30 dues are now due.

You can bring your dues to the club meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> or you can mail your checks to SSFF PO Box 2792 Olympia 98507-2792. Please make checks payable to SSFF. For any new members joining the club by March 31<sup>st</sup> dues are \$35.00, the extra five bucks covers the cost of your SSFF logo patch and your name tag.

This year's dues remain at \$30 if they are paid by March 31, 2015-- after that date they increase to \$40.00. After many years of dues at \$30, the club board reluctantly voted to increase club dues to \$40 starting April 1, 2015. So, until April 1<sup>st</sup>, dues remain at \$30.00 for current members paying their 2015 dues. Take advantage of this opportunity by paying your dues by the end of March!

You can pay your dues by either cash or check. There will be a table in the back of the room for dues payment. There will also be a club roster on this table for your review. Please take a minute to check that your contact information is up to date especially the email address you would like the "Garden Hackle" emailed.

Thank you to all the members who paid their dues at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dave Field

Club Treasurer

The SSFF "Garden Hackle" is uploaded to the club website each month, as are other items of interest to flyfishers and club members. **Also if you "like us" on Facebook you will automatically get a notice when the newsletter or any other information is uploaded to the SSFF website.**

Plan to attend our February 17 meeting at the North Olympia Fire Station. We have another excellent program scheduled. Gene Rivers Editor

## SSFF 2015

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General Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month except December, starting at 6:30pm.

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm.

Meeting are held at the North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)

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