



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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Leaders Line

Greetings,

April 10th

If you follow the salmon news, you're likely aware that there's a lot of discussion regarding the seasons, closures and areas to be affected by the disturbingly low return forecasts, particularly of Coho salmon for 2016. This, of course is on top of last fall's dismal returns.

State, tribal and federal managers are all equally concerned and are contemplating a severe restriction of all human encounters with returning stocks. This will affect harvest and recreational opportunities in the ocean, sound and river. WDFW is actively seeking your suggestions to the rule changes that will certainly come out very soon. If you have a proposal for change to salt water regulations, you can submit them by contacting: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/>.

In a happier note, there are good numbers of resident Coho available in the south sound presently. Some are dinner sized fish and can be found off many local beaches. The schools move around actively so don't hesitate to keep trying your favorite local access. If you're a boat fisher, your odds go way up as the fish really are widely available right now.

Looking forward to the auction and pot luck this month on the 19th, the food and company have always impressed, and the proceeds fund our donations and support activities.

Best regards,
Don Freeman

The Next Club Meeting is -

TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2016

South Sound Fly Fishers Family Pot-Luck and Auction

South Sound Fly Fishers welcome all fly fishers to attend our Family Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Black Lake Grange Hall, 6011 Black Lake Boulevard, Olympia, next to the fire station. The dinner will be at 6:00 and the auction will start at 6:45. This is a live-only auction and all funds raised will go to the club's conservation and service projects including support of:

South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

Casting for Recovery

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Project Healing Waters at the American Lake Veterans Hospital

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail

This is a family pot-luck, so please bring a hot-dish, salad or desert to share.

We are looking for donations of "experiences and adventures" (fishing trips, vacation cabins, gourmet dinners, etc.). We are also looking for higher valued items like boats, trailers, rods, reels and gift cards to be in the live auction.

We thank the business owners, outfitters, guides, fly shops, lodges and ranches that have supported this auction with donations of outings, adventures, guided trips and experiences. We also encourage club members to contact business owners, guides, fly shops, lodges and ranches that they believe may be interested in making a donation for advertising purposes.

For more information, to RSVP, or make a donation, please contact John Sabo at chrisonquince@comcast.net, or Dave Field at d_w_field@hotmail.com , no later than April 5, 2016.

Attached is the Auction's Procurement Form. Please complete one form for each donation, and e-mail it to John Sabo or Dave Field no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Please join us for an evening of fun, fine food, friendship, fish stories, and entertainment as we generate funds to continue our club's conservation and education programs.

Tight Lines!

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SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM

April 19, 2016

Thank you for procuring an item for the auction! Please complete everything above the dotted line. Remember that the quality and quantity of detail you provide on this form will directly affect its sale at auction, so be thorough in your description. *If you have questions regarding how to fill out the form or what information to include, please contact John Sabo or Dave Field.*

When you have completed this form, please email to:

JOHN SABO		DAVE FIELD
2933 Quince St. SE		2000 42 nd Ave. SE
Olympia, WA 98501	OR	Olympia, WA 98501
360-943-6853		360-352-0167
chrisonquince@comcast.net		d_w_field@hotmail.com

Procurer (You!):

Phone:

Email:

What is the item? (ONE ITEM PER FORM PLEASE!):

Below, please describe the item **in detail**. If fishing trip, please specify a date or the available time window, what you will provide and what the bidder must bring such as a floating device, waders, rod weight, fly-line type, flies, lunch/beverages, etc. Also please indicate fly fishing skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) if this is important to the success of the trip. If you are donating a physical auction item, please provide a full description such as size, type, model year and indicate if it is new or gently used.

ESTIMATED VALUE:

Please give or deliver physical items or gift certificates to John or Dave no later than Thursday, March 31st

FOR PROCESSING ONLY (DO NOT COMPLETE):

Item received/stored at (location):

Item to be delivered on (date):

CONTROL NUMBER:

Fly Casting Techniques

By Judy Graham, SSFF Education Chair



Casting Tip: Tailing Loops

In a casting stroke, a tailing loop is when the top leg of your loop, including the leader, tippet and fly, fall below the lower leg crossing the line in the air and causing a tangled mess. We've all done it. Let's look at some of the reasons this happens and how to best fix it.

In most casting strokes the ideal path of the rod tip is a straight line path. This will create a nice tight loop on both the forward and back cast. A tailing loop is caused by a concave path of the rod tip or a dipping of it somewhere in the casting stroke, whether it be at the beginning, middle or end of either the forward or back cast. It's this concave path of the rod tip that causes the top leg to fall below the lower leg.

What causes of a concave path of the rod tip and thus a tail?

The first cause is an abrupt application of power in the casting stroke. In a successful casting stroke the application of power should be with a smooth and constant acceleration to an abrupt stop, or as Joan Wulff defines it, a "power snap." This smooth acceleration allows the rod to load deeply which stores energy. In Simon Gawesworth's book "Single Handed Spey Casting" he breaks down the amount of power applied in a casting stroke into two parts-rod power and caster power-"if the rod contributes 70 percent of the power needed to make the cast, the caster needs (only) to add 30 percent of the power."

One of the most common mistakes in casting is trying to overpower the casting stroke. Remember, the rod should be doing 70 percent of the work. By overpowering the stroke the rod doesn't load smoothly or deeply enough and shocks the rod causing the tip to move in a concave path and the line to tail. If you want to cast further, focus on a smooth acceleration to a stop. When making a long cast, lengthen your stroke, slow down and think smooth casting stroke, don't try to power through it.

A second cause of a tailing loop is not having a long enough casting stroke for the amount of line beyond the rod tip. A simple rule to remember is "long line, long stroke; short line, short stroke."

If the caster has 50 feet of line outside the rod tip but only has a casting stroke of six inches prior to the power snap, the rod has not been allowed to load or flex very deeply, leaving it impossible to gain enough line speed for successful loop formation. If the same caster accelerates smoothly through a four foot casting stroke, the rod will flex much deeper, storing more energy, thus generating more line speed at the end of the stroke, or stop, gaining more distance.

Creep is a third cause of a concave path of the rod tip and therefore a tailing loop. Creep is a fault in the cast where the caster does not hold the rod tip motionless while the back cast finishes unrolling, but instead edges, creeps or bounces it forward. This will cause a kind of bounce or shock in the rod and it shortens the forward casting stroke. If the caster is making a 60 foot cast and is carrying 40 feet in the air, there will need to be a longer casting stroke than doing a 20 foot cast. If the caster creeps forward before the back loop unrolls, they have shortened their forward casting stroke significantly and as previously stated, the rod will not be allowed to load deeply leaving it impossible to gain enough line speed for a successful forward cast.

One way you can make sure you're not creeping on your forward cast is simply to turn and watch your back cast unroll. Don't start your forward cast until the back cast has unrolled enough to look like a candy cane. Just don't wait so long that it begins to fall to the ground.

If you are really interested in improving your cast it's best to tie a piece of yarn on the end of you leader and go cast on the grass somewhere. You can lower your cast from an overhead or vertical cast to a side arm cast and turn and watch your back cast. By doing this you'll improve quickly.

Judy Graham



Class Offerings by SSFF

Fly Fishing 101 - Please note date change!!!

Date: This coming Saturday, April 16, 2016

Time: 10:00 to 2:00

Place: South Bay Fire Station

Class limit: 8

Cost: \$50 - Please bring a check with you made out to SSFF

To Register: Email judybeem@hotmail.com

Please bring your lunch!!

Fly Fishing 101 is an interactive, hands-on experience, designed to introduce new anglers to the world of fly fishing.

During the morning you will learn the essential elements of fly fishing including equipment, rigging and knots, approaching the water, assessing water conditions, basic entomology and fly selection, fly presentation, as well as fly fishing etiquette.

After a lunch break we'll go outside and learn basic casting skills including the pick-up and lay-down, false casting, changing direction and shooting line.

There is no prior experience needed. Our instructor, Judy Graham, is an IFFF certified casting instructor and will demonstrate the skills and information needed to pick up this wonderful sport. Our goal is that each new angler will be self-sufficient on the water by the very next day.

Please let me know if you do not have a rod and reel with line on it!!

Fly Fishing Education through SSFF

Fishing the Olympic Peninsula Workshop

With Jim Kerr

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Right now we have four people registered!!

Cost:

- If we have 3 people it will cost \$150 per person
- If we have 8 people it will cost \$100

To Register: Email Judy Graham at judybeem@hotmail.com

The Olympic Peninsula is more than just good steelhead fishing. In this one day workshop you'll learn about steelhead, obviously, but also Kings, resident Rainbow, Sea Run Cutthroat, summer Coho, Sockeye and saltwater and estuary mysteries.

Jim will have some maps, a ton of flies, some spey and switch rods to cast, a bag of spey lines to sort through and a boat load of techniques to try out.

A Barbecue will be included.

You need to bring a good map, a note book, waders, wading boots, polarized glasses, sunscreen, rain gear, your favorite fly rods some fly's assorted leader tippet, nippers, a camera, and anything else fly fishing you think you'll need.

The day will start at 8:30 am in Forks at Jim's house for coffee, snacks and maps, and then move out to the river for playing with gear, some fishing, and ridiculously long discussions about techniques, oh, and the Barbecue.

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY – 2016

By Mike Clancy



Applications are now being accepted for the June 19-25, 2016 Academy. Up to 22 boys and girls will attend the 2016 Academy at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must submit an essay, explaining why they would like to attend The Academy and a letter of recommendation submitted by their school counselor or science teacher. Both items may be emailed to me at nwycffa@comcast.net.

Enrollment fee is \$300, however; there are sponsorships available. So no applicant will be turned away because of funding. Again we are very fortunate to receive financial support from the fly fishing clubs, the TU chapters, individuals and corporate organizations. The event is supported by WSCIFFF and WCTU and the SSFF, PSFF & Olympia TU.

The applications can be obtained by contacting me or go to our website and download the forms at www.nwycffa.com. We now have a Facebook page with loads of pictures from last year's Academy. Just put in NW Youth and it will pop right up. If you have any questions, please contact me @ nwycffa@comcast.net. Phone: 253-278-0061. Looking forward to another great year - Mike Clancy, Co-Director, Jim Brosio, Co-Director & Tom VanGelder, Co-Director.



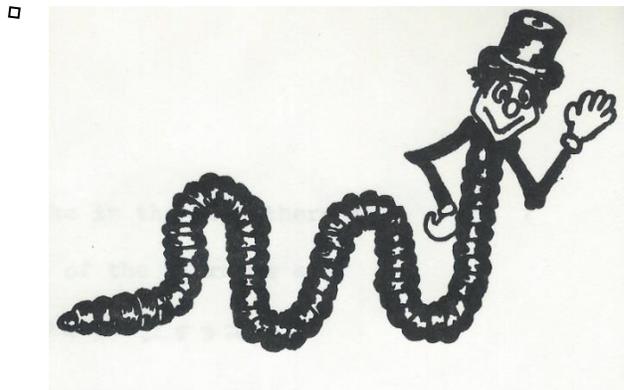
The Treasurer's Creel



Club Dues for 2016

A big thank you to all those fly fishers that paid their 2016 dues. Dues are due during the first quarter (January-March) of the year. Dues are \$40.00 for current and former members rejoining the club. It is not too late for those that haven't paid their dues. Just bring cash or a check payable to SSFF to the next meeting or just mail dues to SSFF, PO Box 2792, Olympia WA 98507. Dues for new members joining the club are \$45.00. The additional \$5.00 is to cover the cost of your name tag and club patch.

Please let us know if you have a change in your contact information—especially your email address as this will ensure the Garden Hackle reaches you.



Please -- do not park your car or truck in Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Driveway during SSFF meetings. Willy says thank you!



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Club Meetings are held the third 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. All regularly scheduled meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station) 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia WA. USA.