



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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Greetings,

It was a pleasure to meet with everyone at the auction/pot luck benefit last month. Along with the gourmet food, lots of social time and welcome guests, we raised a pot full of money. In-fact it is nearly the exact goal the board set in the budget. Thanks to all the attendees, and once more, though not enough, to our fund raising maven; John Sabo.

It's Sprummer! That's my new invented term for the weather we're having this spring. After the record hot April, the days are long and the traditional migration over the pass to the Eastern Washington lakes is on. Club members are flocking to the blue ribbon trout lakes over the region. I hope to make at least the Omak Lake Lahontan fest myself, but may miss some of the other action.

I just received notice, so May 18, I'm going to attend the community meeting regarding the proposed hatchery expansion on the Deschutes and the related facility at Pioneer Park. The future of Chinook fishing in the sound is more than ever in question with the recent closures, and the facility at Pioneer Park is literally in my back yard, so I may have to pass on some trout fishing. The hatchery is an established icon in Tumwater, but the future of salmon fishing in the sound is unclear.

On a brighter side, Sea Run Cutthroat fishing remains open conveniently available right here in our neighborhood. So, I'll be able to go fishing with Bill Vasek, the generous winning bidder of a salt water outing with yours truly.

Enjoy the multitude of fishing opportunities we get right now, and see you at the May meeting, back at the fire station.

Don Freeman

TUESDAY May 17, 2016



SSFF Presents Darrel Martin

Darrel Martin, well known author of six fly fishing books, will present a program titled, "*The River Itchen: The Queen of Waters*"

Darrel Martin's first article was published years ago was: "Lakes that Grow Dragons" in *Fly Fisher* magazine. It described the Eastern Washington desert pot-hole lakes, the dragonflies and the muscular trout that took them. Since then Darrel's articles, artwork and photography are found in *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fishing the West*, *The Fly Fisherman*, *Sports Afield*, *Fliegenfischen* (Germany), *Fly Only* (Germany), *Flugfiske i Norden* (Sweden and Norway), *Fly Fishing & Fly Tying* (UK), *Tightloop* (Japan), and *Muskareni a Vazani* (Czech Republic).

Among Darrel's books you will learn much from *Fly Tying Methods* (1987, Lyons Press) which won the United Fly Tyers' "The Book of the Year" award. This book includes some notable European tiers and patterns as well as unusual chapters on aquatic plants, the artistic rendering of fly patterns and electron microscopy of tying materials. A Norwegian

edition of *Methods* (*Fluebinde-Metoder*, Bokklubben Villmarksliv) appeared in 1987.

Darrel's interest in small insects and patterns later produced *Micropatterns* (1994, Lyons & Burford). This work—based on hook size 18 and smaller—included detailed information on small insect identification, hook-stress graphs and tying methods. Dr. Sherman Nornes, Professor of Physics Emeritus, constructed the hook-stress measuring apparatus, and guided the research on hooks. The results were unique computer-generated "ramp charts" that revealed how small hooks behaved under stress. The numerous insect drawings in *Micropatterns* were made with Rapidograph pens and "painted" with carbon dust. Darrel always does his own artwork and photography, finding pleasure in "painting" with words, ink and film.

At present, Darrel is a Contributing Editor to FLY ROD & REEL magazine. Previously he was the magazine's Fly-Tying Editor. Darrel also been a past editorial advisor for THE FLYFISHER magazine (FFF), a past field editor for FLY ONLY (Germany), and past contributing editor ("From the Other Bank") for FLY-FISHING & FLY TYING (UK). Darrel is a Northwest Consultant for the Whitlock-Vibert Box for trout propagation.

For over 40 years Darrel has taught various fly-fishing classes including fly tying, fly casting and angling entomology. His fly patterns and prose appear in THE ART OF THE TROUT FLY (Chronicle Books, 1988); trout species photographs appear in TROUT AND SALMON OF THE WORLD (Wellfleet Press, 1990).

Darrel has a lifetime of world wide fly fishing experience and he will present a program you will find both interesting and informative on one of the premier dry fly and nymph chalk streams in all of England.

Tight Lines!

GENE RIVERS

PROGRAM CHAIR

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Fly Fishing the Olympic Peninsula with Jim Kerr



This is a fly fishing workshop organized by

Judy Graham, SSFF Education Chair

When: Saturday, June 11, 2016

Cost: If we have 3 people it will cost \$150 per person. If we have 8 people it will cost \$100 p/p. As we go to press we have 4 people signed up.

To Register: Email Judy Graham at judybeem@hotmail.com. Registration cut off is May 26th.

The Olympic Peninsula is more than just good steelhead fishing. In this one day workshop you'll learn about fishing for Steelhead, King Salmon, resident Rainbow, Sea Run Cutthroat, summer Coho, Sockeye and learn saltwater and estuary mysteries on the Olympic Peninsula.

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.

From the Desk of Judy Graham, SSFF Education Chair

"QUESTIONS TO BRIAN CHAN" in the Osprey Newsletter of the Osprey Flyfishers Club of British Columbia.

Night Vision of Trout

Question: I have read that trout have excellent night vision but that their day vision shuts down sometime "in the dusk" and only after a lag of about 30 minutes does their night vision come into operation. Is this correct?

Brian's Answer: The eye of a trout is actually quite similar in basic structure to that of a human eye despite the differences in our environment. Light impulses enter the lens of the trout's eye and then radiates to the cells of the retina, which is basically the inner lining of the eye. The retina is lined with rods and cones, which are light receptor cells that telegraph images to the brain. Rod cells are efficient in detecting images in low light conditions but they do not detect or transmit color. Cone cells detect color and are used almost exclusively during daytime light levels. Both types of receptor cells are retractable, so that during bright light conditions the cone cells are dominant. During low light periods, the rod cells are prominent and the cone cell is retracted.

The majority of fish vision research indicates that the change from daytime to nighttime vision occurs gradually, meaning it takes time, in some conditions up to several hours to complete the transformation. As sundown approaches, the rod cells are almost fully extended; and by the time it is completely dark their vision is confined to seeing silhouette and size rather than color and size.

Fish use of a very sensitive lateral line to give them the ability to search out food. These factors have had a significant influence on fly pattern design and fishing techniques that emphasize movement and imitations of larger food sources.

Photos of Beda Lake courtesy of Tom Case



REPORT ON SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS POT-LUCK AUCTION

By John Sabo Fundraising Chair

The South Sound Fly Fishers had our Family Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Black Lake Grange Hall. The dinner was at 6:00 and the auction started at 7:00 with Kevin Ryan serving as Auctioneer. It was a live-only auction and all funds raised went to the club's conservation and service projects including support of:

South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group and Salmon Center

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Project Healing Waters at the American Lake Veterans Hospital

Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail

Casting for Recovery

The family pot-luck was a success, with an abundance of hot-dishes, salads and desserts.

We auctioned donations of “experiences and adventures” (fishing trips, gourmet dinners, etc.), and valuable items like rods, reels and gift cards, art, and fishing supplies. By the end of the evening we raised more than \$3,000 for the club.

We thank everyone who supported the auction with their donations. And the members who joined us for an evening of fun, fine food, friendship, fish stories, and entertainment as we generated funds to continue our club's conservation and education programs.

Thanks Again, *John Sabo*

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY - 2016

By Mike Clancy



2016 NWYCFFAcademy - I am happy to report that we are going to have another Academy again this year with 20 boys and girls. I am also happy to report that all of our instructors from the past years are going to return, and we are blessed to have some of the best in our area. What we will need now is support from the fly fishing community to help the kids at the River and Ponds. The ponds that we are going to fish are in Elma and Graham. We lost our ponds in Nisqually. We need folks that are willing to make sure the kids are safe and help with their fishing. If you would like to help, please call Jim Brosio @ 360-943-9947, Tom VanGelder @253-261-8890 or Mike Clancy @253-278-0061. The fishing is in the early morning and in the evening after dinner starting Monday evening. The event is June 19-25 at The Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. Mike Clancy, Co-Director.



Note: This is a continuing series of articles about new members of the SSFF and Board of Directors. This month the board welcomes the return of Jim McAllister.

In lieu of an article, our capable Web-Master Kenny Hong will introduce himself at a club meeting and talk a little about his fishing experiences and share a few thoughts about the club website.

Introducing James McAllister-- SSFF Outings Chair

At their last meeting the board welcomed back James McAllister. He joined South Sound Fly Fishers about 10 years ago. James served as outings chair for several years when he took over from Dan O'Brien when Dan moved back to Florida.

James (jim to all his friends) grew up on Cooper Point and the salt water of the South Sound was his play ground. At the tender age of five years he began catching anything that swam. When Jim was a teenager his family built a home on Scott Lake and he learned to fish freshwater. Jim still lives on Scott Lake and spends many evenings fishing the lake.

Jim grew up fishing, but it was his young son, Loren, who got him into fly fishing. At a very young age Loren became fascinated with fly fishing. His interest did not go unnoticed by SSFF members Dick Nye and Joe Uhlman who perceived Loren's natural talent for the sport. Dick encouraged Loren to attend the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy which Loren did the following spring. As Jim says, my son left for the Academy as just another kid who liked to fish but he returned from the Academy as a dedicated fly fisher.

Soon jim and Loren were regulars at SSFF outings. Jim found that club outings became the key to his development as a fly fisher. Jim learned the nuances and intricacies fly fishing while on fishing with other club members. Jim also started tying flies and now does tying demonstrations at countless shows, conventions and sport shops.

Jim volunteered for the club's Outings chair when he saw this post was vacant. Jim wants to have club outings once or twice a month. He is currently working on an outings calendar that will be posted to the club website. Jim says SSFF will partner with other fly clubs on outings. Jim wants to schedule some outings close-by and a few others out of the area. When the weather wet and the rivers go out of shape, Jim wants will hold fly tying sessions so that club members can learn from each other on tying flies, swap fish stories and share some fun.

Welcome Jim. Great having you back in the club.

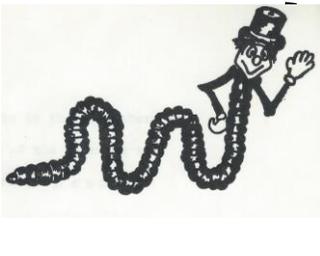
The Treasurer's Creel by David Field Club Treasurer

Thank you to all those that attended the dinner auction. Together we raised over \$3000 for conservation and other causes SSFF supports. One of the auction donors was Burt and Ginger Sarver who donated a large quantity of fly tying materials and gear with the stipulation that all money it raised go to the Alan Harger Fund which is dedicated to providing scholarships to young people who might otherwise be unable to attend the Academy because they lack the funds. The Sarver's felt this was important because a good share of the tying materials they donated once belonged to Alan Harger before he passed on.



A big thank you again 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 club members. It is not too late for those that haven't paid 2016 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. Don Harold, membership chair, will gladly sign you in. Dues for new members joining the club are \$45.00. The additional five bucks is to cover the cost of your name tag and South Sound Finn patch.

Also please remember to tell Don or me know if you have a change in your contact information—especially your email address as this will ensure the Garden Hackle reaches you without delay. Thank you.



Please -- do not park your car or truck in Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Driveway during SSFF meetings.

Willy Worm 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.