



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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President Don discusses weather and fishing. Summer is starting with clouds, rain and cooler temperatures which helps the fish. Page 1

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## Leaders Line July

Greetings,

July, and here I go talking about the weather again. It must be because what it's doing outside determines what I do each day, and certainly affects our fishing. Lori Matsakawa stole my "Sprummer" term on the news last night, but I'm not going to sue. What it does mean is that here in July we're getting a reprieve from last year's heat and drought, which means more water and better conditions for fish and better for fishing. So, although lakes are warming slowly, it's still prime time for catching all the trout you want without stressing them beyond safe limits. There is enough water in the streams as well; even the Yakima is allowing full irrigation rights. There's no guarantee this will last so get it while you can, and don't forget about the waters on the peninsula. Perhaps some of the folks who took our recent class in forks will generously share some of their new lore if you ask nicely.

Since we're taking a break from outside speakers at the next club meeting, some of our more experienced tiers will be showing their skills, and I'll offer some techniques I've learned to keep you fishing when you can't get to a pro shop to keep your gear going. I'll also share some knots and tools that may make your day easier if your eyes are maturing as are mine.

Best Regards,

*Don Freeman*

## *A Peek in the Fly Box of SSFF Members*



From time to time SSFF has had club members demonstrate how to tie some of their favorite flies. Also we will be demonstrating hints and tips about favorite knots, splicing, setups and working with some of the newer materials and tools that are available.

We have six members contributing in July. They will be spread around the room with each person demonstrating their tips and tying various flies they use on local waters. Here's a chance to get the inside information you may have wondered about.

Club Members Tying and demonstrating will be:

Don Freeman: Sometimes your gear may malfunction when you are in the field and there's no access to a fly shop tech. Don will cover some basics from the reel out:

- Attaching fly line to backing
- Switching lines
- Adding/replacing end loops
- Working with fluorocarbon leader and tippet "Getting UNI-fied"
- Cleaning and storing your lines

Don is club president and says he has been fly fishing for only 36 years, but has spent way too much time at it, working at various tackle and fly shops from Louisiana to right there in town. Experienced with fresh water techniques from shiners to steelhead, and both local and tropical salt water equipment and techniques, he'll cover how to stay on the water when you don't have someone to fix it for you and show how to take advantage of modern materials and tools.

Don Harold: Don is SSFF membership Chair. Don is a Production Tier and has been tying since 1978. Don ties custom orders for shops and his customers. He has tied at Fly Fishing and Sport shows in Idaho Falls, Boise, Lewiston Idaho and also Ellensburg, Washington. Don ties beautiful flies and is very knowledgeable. Don't miss his contributions.

Walt Dohring: Walt teaches fly tying. He ties beautiful flies. He will be tying Byron's Killer Series in brown, a Half Back nymph, a Swannundaze chironomid in black and a Thorne River Emerger.

## ***A Peek in the Fly Box...***

John Templar: John teaches fly tying to the Wounded Warriors and is a serious and knowledgeable Fly tier. He and possibly his wife Evelyn will be demonstrating several local favorite patterns of theirs. John plans to tie Pepperoni Yuk-Bug and a Medussa.

Gene Rivers: Gene is SSFF Program Chair. Gene will be demonstrating the use of the newer Ultraviolet (UV) materials and epoxy resins, particularly how it is used with UV eye material. I will also show an easy way to paint perfect eyes if you don't have UV resins at your disposal. Eyes on your patterns will help you catch more fish. He will demonstrate how to tie hopper legs. Gene will also demonstrate the use of heat shrink loops for knotless leader connections and shooting heads.

Jim McAlister: Jim is SSFF Outings Chair. Jim will tie flies that he has used successfully on local waters. Jim is an experienced tier and he has put on dozens of tying demonstrations at shops and sports shows in the Northwest.



GENE RIVERS

Program Chair

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## Fly Tying Class

Signups are now open for an Intermediate Level Fly tying Class taught by Janet Schimpf, professional fly tier. Janet has taught a class for our club on numerous occasions and always does an outstanding job.

Class size is limited and will be open to the public. Club members wishing to reserve a spot should mail your check made out to SSFF to PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507. Payment can also be made at Club meetings, cash or check only, the club does not take credit cards. The only way to reserve a spot is with a prepaid reservation.

Cost is \$90 for SSFF members and \$100 for non-club members.

Dates for the class are Monday Oct. 17, 24 and 31 and Monday November 7. The classes will run from 7 to 9pm and will be held at the Olympia Community Center Room 205. The Community Center is located at 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia, WA 98501.

Participants will need to provide their own fly tying tools but all materials for the flies that are taught in class will be provided by the instructor. The Instructor limits the size of the class, so to assure a spot a paid reservation is recommended.



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## June Outing Report:

SSFF had Sea Run Cutthroat outing to Johns Creek on Oakland Bay on June 25.

Outing Chair Jim McAllister served as Ghillie for a group of SSFF members to Johns Creek. Johns Creek about 3.5 miles north of Shelton has been an important producer of Coho and Chum Salmon for many years. The area is also good habitat for Coastal Cutthroat trout. The creek and surrounding countryside is going through a major transition as the Capitol Land Trust has acquired some of the ecologically important wetlands and tidelands including the Bay Shore golf course which is now closed. With restricted access to the saltwater shoreline and Johns Creek, Ghillie Jim spent time helping the members with some of the finer points of Coastal Cutthroat fishing.

In recent decades Johns Creek has had difficulty maintaining instream flows which in turn has had a very negative effect on the salmon and cutthroat. The acquisition of much of the area by the Capitol Land Trust will help recovery by enhancing the conifer and oak woodlands, wetlands, Johns Creek and improving the preserve's ability to nurture fish and wildlife. WDFW will also be working with other partners to enhance the salmon and cutthroat habitat of the entire area.



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## Next SSFF Outing:

When: Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Coldwater Lake (I-5 south to Hwy 504 and follow signs to lake boat launch)

What: Selective gear rules—see WDFW Sport Fishing Rules Pamphlet or Website. Bring boat or float tube if you have one. (RSVP to Jim McAlister if you need space in a boat). Bring 5 wt. rods and variety of lines.

Coldwater is a beautiful body of water featuring rainbow and cutthroat trout that have never seen a hatchery. The lake is situated within the spectacular Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Jim McAlister will discuss the outing and answer questions at the club meeting July 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun outing that you will not want to miss.

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## Upcoming SSFF Outings:

SSFF Outings Chairman -- Jim McAllister 360-970-2953. Jim will explain rendezvous points, times and details at club meetings.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>      **Coldwater Lake (Cowlitz County)**

August 23      **Scott lake (Club Picnic)**

Sept. 24      **Cowlitz River (Blue Creek)**

October 29      **Hoodsport (Chum Salmon)**

November      TBA ?



# Report --NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY - 2016

**By Mike Clancy**



## 2016 NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

Twenty enthusiastic boys and girls graduated from the 2016 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy this year. After a long week of classroom study, classes in fly tying, knot tying, conservation, stream side ethics and etiquette, water safety, still water fly fishing techniques, matching the hatch, exploring a stream to learn about “Living Waters”, principals of ecology, dissecting a fish, they were tired. A couple days we started at 5am to go to the ponds or river to learn how to fly fish. It’s not about catching, it’s about learning how to catch and how to read the waters, how to walk in a river, learn to mend, etc. They fished both morning and evening. This event is not for the feint of heart. The Academy was held at The Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA., June 19<sup>th</sup> --25<sup>th</sup>.

Each applicant is required to write an essay, explaining why he or she wanted to attend The Academy and they also needed a letter of recommendation from their school counselor or a responsible person. The essays were incredible and their letters of recommendations were even more incredible. We were privileged to have over 40 volunteers again this year. If it wasn’t for the volunteers and the financial support from SSFF, IFFF, WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Clubs, WCTU and TU Chapters, business organizations, private individuals and folks like you - this event would never happen. So on behalf of the Youth, the Staff, and the community - thank you!

Jim Brosio, Tom VanGelder & Mike Clancy - Co-Directors



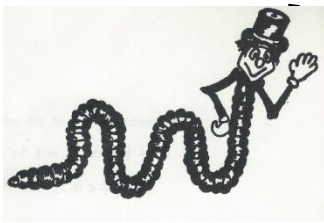
The Treasurer's Creel By Dave Field



SSFF is a long time Affiliate Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Over the years several members have served in various posts in this organization. Currently SSFF member Mike Clancy serves as the Governmental Affairs Chair of the Washington Council of IFFF and Director of the IFFF Youth Camp.

IFFF conducts an annual Fly Fishing Fair and this year it is in Livingston Montana. This year's event is scheduled for August 2-6 and is well worth attending. Fly tying and casting are major components of the fair. Programs and seminars are offered on a wide range of fly fishing topics. The Federation has its highly respected certified casting instructor program conducted at the fair. One of the SSFF Board members, Judy Graham, is a IFFF Certified Casting Instructor. If you join the Federation as an individual member you receive the "FLYFISHER" magazine published by IFFF. You can learn more about the IFFF Fly Fishing Fair at: <http://fedflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFair.aspx>. If anyone has questions about the Youth Camp at the Fly Fishing Fair, email Mike Clancy at: mtclancy39@comcast.net or call Mike 253-278-0061. There is information on membership in IFFF at their website: fedflyfishers.org

A composite image for the 2016 International Fly Fishing Fair. On the left is a large, detailed illustration of a rainbow trout. In the center is a circular logo with a silhouette of a person fishing, with the text '2016 INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR' and the IFFF logo below it. On the right is an orange banner with white text: 'AUGUST 2-6, 2016 LIVINGSTON, MT PARK HIGH SCHOOL'. Below this is a white banner with blue wavy borders and the text 'OPEN TO THE PUBLIC'. At the bottom right is another orange banner with white text: 'EXHIBIT HALL HOURS: Aug. 4-6: 9am-5pm'.



Please -- do not park your car or truck in North Olympia Fire Department's Emergency Vehicle Driveway during SSFF meetings. If the designated parking spaces in front of the station are full, please use the parking area behind the building.

Remember with the return of warmer weather and longer evenings SSFF will have casting practice before club meetings on the Fire Department's back lawn. There will be knowledgeable members available to assist you with casting. Bring your own fly rod or you can use one of the club's instructional rods that are available.





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