



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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The Leader's Line

President Wayne Dixon Sr.



Hello Fly Fishers,

Fish on the move!

The weather seems to be more stable in the Pacific Northwest around the 4th of July and warm temperatures will carry on throughout the rest of the summer historically. As we know fishing can be difficult during the heat of the day so early morning or evening can be the most productive. If you're fishing during the day look for shady areas where the fish will be seeking the cooler temperatures.

Hatches usually begin around noon and as the hatch progresses, trout begin taking emergers, then duns. When you see trout rising you may want to switch from emergers to a parachute or dun pattern. Midge hatches usually happen in the morning or early evening so be sure to have Griffiths Gnats in your arsenal of dry flies and a midge pupa pattern is always a good choice. In July I like to fish Elk hair caddis, CDC, caddis, soft hackle, and pupa patterns. These are especially effective in mountain streams.

Summer steelhead start to arrive in the rivers of the Puget Sound and southwest Washington. July is the month for migratory fishing, as the rivers get lower work the deeper cooler spots with darker patterns. This is also a great time of year to visit fishing shows and mingle with the experts to get some great advice. Since the rivers are low it is also a great time to explore the holes and mark your maps for when the water is a little bit higher.

I want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July and I hope this summer is filled with many fly fishing trips and safe travels.

Peace,

Wayne



Heidi Myler Photo

Casting for Recovery Washington



Casting for Recovery

What is it you ask??? Casting for Recovery or CfR as we like to call it is a National Non-Profit. We take 14 Breast Cancer Survivors on a weekend retreat and teach them the therapeutic art of Fly Casting. Started in Vermont in 1996 and with programs in most of the lower 48 states. Each state does their own fundraising and has volunteers that put on the retreats.

The ladies are pampered all weekend with good food, fly casting instruction, fly tying as well as sessions with our medical/psych professionals. The motion of the cast helps with range of motion in the upper body. Plus, the healing surrounding of nature and being on the water!!

Peace,

Wayne

Outings

Jim McAllister Outings chair



Greetings Fellow Fly Fishers,

There is an outing planned this month at Skate Creek, see below for details. The mid-week outings group is taking a short break during the warm summer months.

What: Club Outing to fish Skate Creek

When: Saturday July 20th- Meetup at 7:00AM - reach Skate Creek about 9:00AM

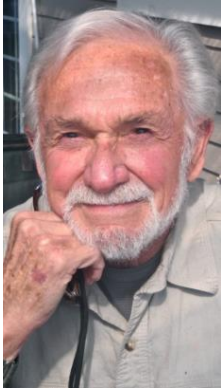
Where: We will carpool to Skate Creek. 7:00AM meet in Dollar Store parking lot at South Gate shopping center at Capitol Way and Trospen Rd. in Tumwater.

Ghillie: Jim McAllister 360-970-2953

Gear: Bring 5 weight rod. Floating lines and a sink tip if you have one. 7-9ft leader and 2-3ft tippet. Bring array of flies such as mayfly, caddis and stone patterns in variety of sizes. Skate creek is small. We will mostly bank fish but there may be some wading so bring waders or hip boots. Wear appropriate clothing and safety gear. Bring your own water and snack or lunch.

We will discuss skate Creek and provide details at the July 16th club meeting.

Jim



Greetings Fly Fishers,

Drive through Hawks Prairie, and you will see new commercial construction everywhere and more to come.

Flat roofs, no trees to keep the sun off, billions of square feet that are perfect for solar application.

Solar energy even here in the Pacific Northwest, even here in Thurston County, is our small way to locally combat global warming.

Let's get it right! Planners/architects/builders, your children and grandchildren deserve clean energy. It's up to all of us to leave them this legacy.

Ben Dennis



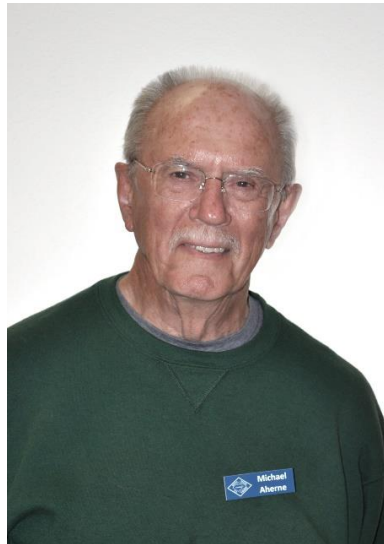
Photo by Heidi Myler

Membership

By Randy Allen Vice President



Please welcome a new member that recently joined the club!



Michael Aherne

Welcome, **Michael Aherne!** The camera caught up with Michael, but the personal interview is lagging. Maybe Michael's out fishing? Here's what I can tell you from my personal experience.

Michael found the SSFF through our *Intro to Fly Fishing* course, and he has persevered through our additional casting sessions. And, he's willing to spend personal time practicing the mechanical aspects of casting so when his flies hit the water they'll be on target.

Michael's a neat guy with a very positive attitude, and a dry sense of humor – very refreshing for a Brit! So, what about his values? On joining the SSFF, he included a nice contribution to the Northwest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy which demonstrate his values toward educating the younger generation. He doesn't tie flies, not yet, anyway (we have a tying class this Fall, Michael!). And, he's not too picky, he's open to fishing for any species. A great fit for this club!

Next month I expect to have Michael set the records straight about any misstatements I've taken the liberty to make. Welcome, Michael – we're glad to have you with us!

Education

Max Doerge Education Chair



Greetings Anglers,

SSFF and the City of Olympia plan to offer a beginning fly tying class on consecutive Monday evenings starting October 7 through November 21st. (No Class on Veterans Day 11/11). The class includes lab sessions to be held 10/17, 10/31 and 11/21. All classes and lab sessions will be held at the Olympia Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00PM.

This will be an introductory class for the many folks that would like to learn basics of fly tying taught by some of the experienced members of the club. The class is \$49 and includes fly tying materials. The fly tying equipment needed is loaned by the club with a \$50 deposit that is refunded at the completion of the course.

Registration and class fee is through the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department. Information on registration for the class will be in the City of Olympia's publication "Experience It" mailed this summer to area households. Class information will also be on-line through the city's website:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/olyparksartsrec/Activity_Search

You can obtain information and register by calling a service representative at the Community Center at 360-753-8380. You can also file out the registration form in "Experience It" and fax it to 360-570-5853. The form can also be mailed to the Olympia Center- 222 Columbia Street NW, Olympia, WA 98501. Checks and major Credit cards are accepted.

Max

Club Treasury

Jim Maus Club Treasurer



Greetings Fly fishers,

Membership dues are \$40.00. New members joining the club pay \$45.00. The extra \$5.00 is to help cover the cost of a name badge.

Cash or checks may be given directly to me at one of our meetings. I will be at the back table of the meeting room to take dues money and transact other club business.

If you would like to donate to one of the Club's special funds, just indicate how the money is to be deposited in the notation portion of the check. The club has several dedicated funds and they are all part of carrying out the club's mission.

The Alan Harger fund supports the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy by providing scholarships to young people so they may attend even if they are from a low income family.

The Sea Run Cutthroat Fund is dedicated to supporting this iconic fishery in the South Sound and Hood Canal. This fund began when the Women's Fly Fishers of Seattle made a major donation in support of SSFF's efforts to improve the Sea Run populations in the South Sound and Hood Canal. This work is performed by WDFW as part of the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition.

The club has a Munn Lake Fund used to pay WDFW for the extra food needed to grow the trout for Munn Lake.

Please mail your checks to: South Sound Fly Fishers, PO Box 2792, Olympia, WA 98507.

South Sound Fly Fishers is a Non-profit corporation registered with the State of Washington. South Sound Fly Fishers is a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Donations to SSFF are tax deductible to the full extent of IRS guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

Jim Maus

Finances

John Sabo Fundraising Chair



SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction

The South Sound Fly Fishers Board of Directors voted to have a Family Dinner and Auction next year in 2020 at the Black Lake Grange Hall, if possible. We hope to have it in the spring, on a Saturday night, at the end of April or beginning of May.

The dinner usually begins at 6:00 and the auction starts at 7:00. It will be a live-only auction and all funds raised will go to the club's conservation and service projects like:

- 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

We hope to auction donations of “experiences and adventures” (fishing trips, gourmet dinners, etc.), and valuable items like rods, reels and gift cards, art, and fishing supplies. We are looking forward to evening of fun, fine food, friendship, fish stories, and entertainment as we generate funds to continue our club's conservation and education programs.

SSFF Raffle News

We are looking for items for raffle prizes. Now is good time to donate new or unused fly-fishing items, outdoor items or camping items to the club raffle, which helps to support the general activities of the club. We are looking for items with an individual value of \$20 or more, not size or gender specific, and small enough to fit on the raffle table. We are doing well with the Club's Raffle and we thank 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.

By the way, we have some empty fly boxes to be filled...fly tiers; please see me at the back of the room at our next meeting.

We plan to have a table of items available for the Al Harger Fund in the back of the room at the July meeting. Also, we are accepting donated items (similar to the ones described above) for the Al Harger Fund. As many of you know, all money raised for the Al Harger Fund can only be used to support the Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly-Fishing Academy.

SSFF Patches

Official SSFF Patches are available at the Raffle Table for only \$5. These can be placed on a cap, shirt, jacket, or fly fishing vest to show your membership in the club.

SSFF Stickers

Official SSFF Stickers are available at the Raffle Table for only \$10. These can be placed on your boat, truck, auto, motorcycle, skateboard, or virtually any hard smooth surface to show your membership in the club.

John Sabo

Doug Rose



Doug Rose was a legendary fly fisher on the Olympic Peninsula. Doug both fished and hunted this area for over 25 years. He was a disciple of both Rodrick Haig-Brown and Bruce Ferguson when it came to catching salmon with a fly in saltwater. He read everything these two gentlemen had to say on salmon and fly fishing for these great fish of the Pacific coast.

Doug was a prolific fly tier and appreciated both the science and art required to produce a good fly. Doug sometimes said he wasn't a very good tier but I think he tried to compare his flies to those produced by some of the great tiers in the Northwest. I would judge that most of what Doug tied compared very well to the flies used by other fly fishers on the Peninsula.

Coho salmon fishing was a favorite for Doug and me. We would have our vests full of fly boxes loaded with the flies to be used. We had Ferguson's Herring, Ferguson's Green and Silver, Keta Rose and some poppers all in size 4-6-8 hooks.

In the late summer and early fall we spent weekends fishing for Coho and chum salmon in Hood Canal. Doug and his wife Eliana would come down from the Port Townsend and we would rendezvous at another friend's house Rich and Julie Olson's who lived on Dabob Bay. Meeting at Rich and Julie's home was perfect because we could launch my Boston Whaler right there in Debob Bay.

So on Saturdays and Sundays in the fall, my wife, Jomarie worked on her calligraphy, Julie Olson worked on her art and Mariana Rose graded papers for the 5th grade class she taught. Doug and I of course went out fishing in the Canal, on my Boston Whaler.

Doug and I used intermediate sinking lines stripped fast to draw a strike. Sometimes the Coho moved in close to shore and Doug and I got out of the boat and cast out to them. There is nothing more thrilling than catching a frisky Coho salmon feeding on the surface.

Coho often made jumps with long runs that would go into the backing on my trusty Pflueger Medalist reel. We tried to net and release them unharmed so they could continue the journey to their natal stream.

In early years these salmon were often heading for one of scores of little creeks that emptied into Hood Canal. These fish spawned in these tiny creeks. These were not particularly large runs because these were tiny “jump-across” sized streams. But, taken together these little creeks produced countless thousands of salmon.

Salmon runs began to decline over the years with more people and land development on Hood Canal. To help this situation, people began planting coho and chum eggs in many of the tiny streams. In a few years these fish came back as spawners and produced cycles of essentially wild fish. After a while, word of these efforts got out and the state discouraged this activity. One action was to let the local tribes net these streams so as to kill off these runs. Doug and I noticed that in a few short years more and more Hood Canal salmon were produced by hatcheries and were not wild fish.

Doug often said he looked forward to fall fishing. He said there are many ways to mark the coming of autumn on the Peninsula. He loved the scarlet threads of vine maples in the forests and he said liked the long streaky reach of afternoon shadows. He shared with us how much he liked the creaky tremolo of sand hill cranes and the bugling of elk. But autumn salmon fishing was special for him and I like to think that fishing for salmon in Hood Canal helped to make this a special time of year for Doug.



Here is a picture of a Boston Whaler similar to the boat Doug and I used to fly fish.

Until next month let me leave you with a poem that I especially like because it reminds me of the many hours of fishing with my Dad in the Gig Harbor and Wollochet Bay area.

Fish Pond

He was the first one
to teach me to bait my hook.
and could untangle a snag
with merely a look.

He would row so stealthily
out in the deep
and silently drop my line
where the big ones sleep.

He showed me exactly
when to start to reel
when the bobber dipped-
He could do it by feel.

Whenever I was reeling in
you can sure bet
he was always ready
and waiting with the net.

He would take out the hook
and then measure the fish
and joke about how
It wouldn't fit on my dish.

We would catch our limit
not a single one more
then with his strong arms
he would row us both ashore.

He build a fire
and fry the fish in a pan
while he carefully molded me
into a man.

As I look back
I'm thankful for the time I had
sitting, talking, bonding...
just fishing with my dad.

2019 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

By Mike Clancy, Co-Director



One of the rewards of participating in the 2019 Academy is watching the boys and girls develop their skills in casting, fly tying, ethics, etiquette and (most important) learning the value of conservation. It is the goal of the Academy to increase the opportunities for the boys and girls to learn and appreciate the sport of fly fishing and the importance of conservation. The 19 boys and girls, 12-16, conducted themselves in a mature and responsible manner. Only two Band-Aids were needed the entire week.

The Academy, which is co-sponsored by the WCTU, the Washington State Council Fly Fishers International and supported by South Sound Fly Fishers, the Olympia Chapter of TU and the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and many businesses and private individuals.

This event would have not happened without the dedicated support of over 40 volunteers contributing long hours over the seven days. Jim Brosio and I were co-directors with support from Tom Van Gelder, Robert Gerlach, Carroll Hall, Bob Jimerson, Tom Case, Ron Holtcamp, Lee Yeager, Bob Young, Dave Bryant, Kevin Ryan, Mike Kosloski and many other folks helped with fly tying and ghillying at the new Hidden Ponds and the Deschutes River.

We were fortunate to have 6 incredible ghillies that made the staff's life very easy. All six are alumni from previous Academies. Cody came from Texas and Easton came from Alaska. Matt Tuttle was our camp director again.

And it goes without saying, if it wasn't for the financial support from the TU Chapters, FFI Fly Fishing Clubs, WCTU and WSCFFI, plus the private donors and businesses this Academy would not have taken place. I think everyone realizes what the life long experience and values of the Academy has on our children and their future in both their careers and sports.

So now we begin to work on the 2020 Academy which will be held again at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey WA. June 21-27, 2020.

Jim and I have decided that the 2020 Academy will be our last Academy as directors. Hopefully, someone will take the responsibility of future Academies. We will support them for as long as it takes.

Thanks again everyone. We couldn't do it without you.

Mike

Mike Clancy, Co-Director, www.nwycffa.com



**Here are some recent communications from the Washington State Council:**

June 27, 2019

Anglers are reminded of Columbia River salmon fishery closures

OLYMPIA – State fishery managers are reminding anglers that the mainstem Columbia River – both above and below Priest Rapids Dam – is closed to fishing for salmon due to projected low returns of summer Chinook and sockeye salmon.

These closures are reflected in the 2019-20 Washington Sport Fishing Rule pamphlet, which is available online at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations>.

Areas of the Columbia River above Priest Rapids Dam typically open for salmon fishing around July 1, but those areas will remain closed to protect the lower number of summer Chinook and sockeye expected to return this year.

WDFW seeks public input on 38-acre Duckabush restoration project

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking public input on a proposed restoration project on the Duckabush River estuary in Jefferson County. The project would reconnect the Duckabush River to neighboring floodplains and wetlands by modifying local roads and elevating Highway 101 onto a bridge spanning the area where freshwater from the Duckabush River meets saltwater of Hood Canal.

WDFW will collect public comments to help identify what to evaluate in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from June 27 to July 26, 2019. People can provide their input online, by mail, or in person. Comments should be succinct and focus on impacts that could significantly affect the environment.

Community members are invited to join WDFW staff at a public meeting on Saturday, July 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Brinnon School (46 Schoolhouse Rd., Brinnon, WA 98320). Comment forms will be available at the meeting.

The Duckabush River estuary is impacted by fill, dikes, and road infrastructure, including Highway 101, which blocks water channels and limits habitat for fish and wildlife.

"Healthy estuary and wetland habitats are rare in Puget Sound due to extensive development over the last century," said Theresa Mitchell, WDFW environmental planner. "It's exciting to realize there is this opportunity to restore important habitat in the Duckabush. This project has the potential to provide long-lasting benefits to fish, wildlife, and people."

WDFW is working in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group on the proposed restoration project.

"This estuary restoration project has the potential to greatly improve conditions for multiple species of salmon, including endangered Hood Canal summer chum," said Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Executive Director Mendy Harlow. "We look forward to continuing our long-term efforts working with landowners in the Duckabush area to communicate the importance of this project to the Hood Canal ecosystem."

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Photo by Heidi Mylar

Pocket Water

Blessings upon all that hate contention, and love quietness, and virtue,
and Angling.

-Isaac Walton



Photo by Howard Nanto



Club Bulletin Board:

For outings for club members and guests-- See "Events" at the new club website. The new Web address: southsoundflyfishers.com

Redd counting is over for the season. The Coastal Cutthroat Coalition will announce when they need volunteers and required trainings.. Thank you volunteers for the support you've provided over the years. The information and data you've provided is invaluable in understanding of these fish.

Club Dues for 2019-- Dues can be given to the Treasurer by cash or check at meetings or by mailing a check to: SSFF at PO Box 7456 Olympia WA 98507. Thank you for supporting the SSFF mission of conservation and education.

Please help our First Responders by keeping the Fire Station's emergency vehicle driveway clear of parked cars during all of SSFF gatherings. If the designated parking spaces in front of the fire Station are full, please park in the lot behind the Station. Thank You!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Hi-Vis Parachute Adams

Instead of still pictures of the *Fly of the Month* here is the link to the video of how it is tied:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYasj5k4GJQ&feature=youtu.be>

Here is the link for the latest issue of FFI's 'Tying Times' published by the FFI Tying Group

https://flyfishersinternational.org/Portals/0/FlyTyingGroup/FTGDocuments/FTG_Newsletter/Tying%20Times%20Sept2018.pdf

(Copy and paste the links into your browser if clicking on the links do not take you there).

Thank you FFI for sharing!



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Club Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month except December. Doors open at 5:30PM with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm. Unless announced otherwise, all regularly scheduled meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Station, 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia WA. USA. The only change to meeting venue is the club picnic in August which will be at Scott Lake Park.

Submit material for the next Garden Hackle by **August 11, 2019** -Thank you