



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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LEADER'S LINE

President Lee Yeager



Welcome to 2022. I hope each of you and your families had a joyous, healthy, and safe New Year. I, for one, am hopeful about the coming new year - that it will bring many positives for all of us. I want to encourage all members and visitors to get involved with the South Sound Fly Fishers this year. As we hopefully transition back to in-person meetings and events I encourage everyone to work to promote education and conservation through fly fishing.

I am honored to serve as the President of the SSFF in 2022. Thank you for your support. I must say upfront that I would not be able to do this without the support and guidance of our most recent past presidents, Randy Allen and Gene Rivers. I will do my best to help make the SSFF even better in this new year. We already have some new and exciting presentations

and programs lined up for the coming months. If you have an idea or passion for an event or program please let me know. Feel free to email or give me a call, 903-421-4984.

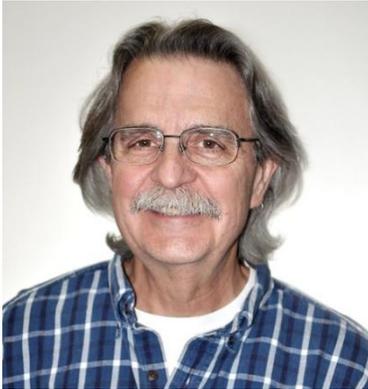
Your officers in the SSFF for 2021 are Randy Allen - Vice President. Randy brings a wealth of knowledge to our group. His energy and thoughtfulness are tremendous assets. Jeff Miller will take over the role of Secretary. This past year Jeff was the one who put together the *Garden Hackle* each month. He did this without fail even when he was on the road traveling. Jim Maus will again serve as our Treasurer. Jim's experience and institutional knowledge are invaluable. We have two Directors at Large positions. These positions are designed to address issues that the BOD identifies as needed. Todd Parker will be in his first year and Kevin Angevine will serve his second year. In addition to these elected positions, Don Freeman will serve as the Conservation chairman. Mike Clancy will chair FFI and Government Affairs, and Bruce Baker will assume the duties of Newsletter Editor putting together the club newsletter each month. We welcome Bruce and look forward to working with him this year. Vic Andrade will be our Webmaster and Facebook coordinator, and Randy Allen will be the chairman of Education activities. If you have a special interest in helping the SSFF in any way please let me know.

Our fall weather was not really suited to much fishing; high winds and rains led to swollen creeks and rivers and made many favorite spots dangerous. I have spent more time tying new fly patterns than using new patterns. I can't wait to try some of these new flies. I encourage each of you to revisit an aspect of fishing that you might have set aside. Resolutions are more effective if they are enjoyable. Someone once told me, "fly fishing is the most fun you can have when you are not catching fish."

I look forward to seeing everyone online and in person. Take care and be well.



Winter at Capitol Lake © Howard Nanto



January 18, 2022
Tenkara Fly Fishing

Jeff Gottfried, 74 years old, has lived in Portland, Oregon since 1988. He's a life-long angler, traditional archer, biologist/environmental/science educator, and environmental/climate activist. Starting his fishing career in New York, fishing for bluegills, bass, and pickerel he moved to Oregon in 1967 where his focus switched to fly fishing for native trout. He later also focused on fly fishing for steelhead and salmon in fresh and saltwater. In addition, Jeff expanded his skills to include fly tying, rod-building, and leader construction of nylon and also traditional horsehair.

Jeff holds degrees in Biology (BS University of Oregon and MS Portland State University) and a PhD in Science Education (University of California, Berkeley) where he also studied aquatic entomology just to become a better fly fisherman.

Jeff spent the majority of his professional career working in the fields of science and environmental education at science museums. He's had the opportunity to have been a leader in the creation of three new museums: Willamette Science and Technology Center in Eugene, Oregon, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque, and the new and expanded Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland where he served as Vice President for Science Education overseeing science camps, classes, field schools, outreach programs, and teacher education.

After leaving OMSI in 2000 Jeff created Educational Recreational Adventures, a non-profit organization that engaged youth in field-based science and environmental education and training in outdoor skills. Training included fly fishing, traditional archery, cross-country skiing, and wilderness skills. It was during this time when he first learned about *tenkara* fly fishing. Jeff and his small staff of former students were regularly teaching 6-12 youngsters, as young as 7 years old, how to fly fish. If this doesn't sound like the definition of insanity, think again!

He was totally intrigued to read about an ancient, very simple method of fly fishing from Japan that only involved a rod, a line, and a fly. He immediately called Daniel Gallardo of

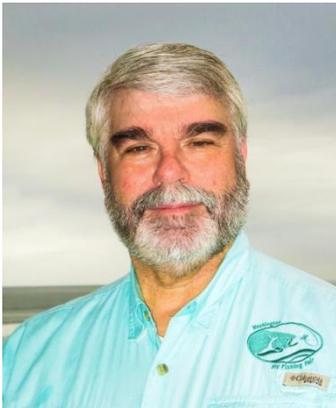
the newly created Tenkara USA and was generously offered the donation of eight prototype tenkara rods. From then on he was in the business of teaching tenkara to kids.

Over the years Jeff's tenkara skills as an angler and a teacher/sensei grew stronger with many days on the water with kids, friends, and alone. He also participated in three Tenkara Summits, international gatherings of tenkara anglers sponsored by Tenkara USA, where his skills were judged by tenkara senseis from Japan to be to become an "Authorized Tenkara Guide." He also had the pleasure of fishing tenkara in Japan with his host Yoshikazu Fujioka, whom he met on-line via his English language tenkara web page, "Trout and Seasons of Mountain Villages of Japan." While Jeff continues to fish with Western fly fishing gear, especially cane rods and old/classic reels, he also fishes tenkara and has done so throughout the Pacific NW, in Spain, Croatia, Slovenia, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Although he has been officially retired since 2016, Jeff continues to share his passion for fly fishing and the outdoors with people and groups of all ages. Please come to Jeff's presentation to South Sound Fishers with lots of questions. Looking forward to meeting with you all, and perhaps doing some fishing someday!



Tenkara fishing courtesy of Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)



Treasurer's Report – 2022 Dues are Due!

Hi everyone. Thank you for continuing to support SSFF. I hope you and your families are safe and well. With the number of vaccinations finally starting to ramp up I'm optimistic that we will soon begin seeing light at the end of the dark COVID-19 tunnel.

It's that time of year again. If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2022 dues as soon as possible. Dues for 2022 are \$40.00 for returning members. There are two convenient ways to pay:

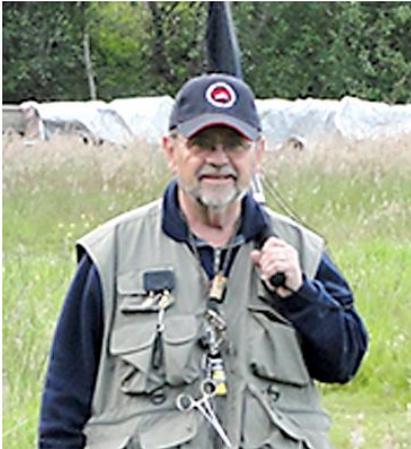
1. You can make your Dues payment by Check. Please mail the check to:

Sound Fly Fishers
PO Box 2792
Olympia, WA 98507

2. You can make your dues payment using PayPal or a debit/credit card. Please use the link below:

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Mike Clancy, Chair

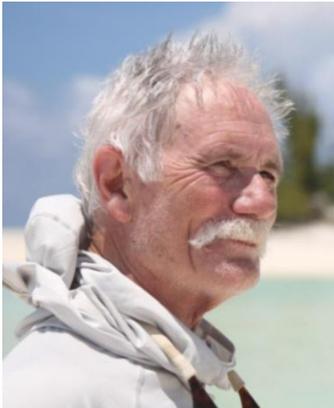


The Academy (Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy) - We are still conducting our monthly zoom meetings. The directors were going to make a decision on the next Academy which would be held the last full week of June. However, we decided to postpone our decision till the February meeting. We are using the 16-page guideline from the CDC and TU for overnight camps. With the latest COVID event it's hard to make a decision. We have three new co-directors to replace Jim and myself: John Gravendyk, past president WFFC, Bruce Merighi, WVFF, and Carol Anderson, V.P. Education, WSCFFI. Pat Hesselgesser, Chair WCTU, has been attending our meetings.

Washington State Council FFI - The Council is still planning a casting event this year. Steve Jones, President, is investigating locations in Western Washington to conduct the event. It was originally planned for April, but that's not going to happen. Of course, it also depends on the COVID situation.

FFI - The FFI website has been remodeled www.flyfishersinternational.org. There are many updates on national events for 2022 along with info on conservation, education, casting, learning center, etc.

Mike Clancy



THE SOAPBOX

Greetings Winter Anglers,

This month I'm going to direct our attention outside of Washington north to Alaska. We have an opportunity to participate in community activism to protect a vast area of virgin forest unmatched in the northern hemisphere for its size, wildlife and fish habitat, carbon reserve, and recreational resources. Trout Unlimited is providing its Voter's Voice service to enable citizens like us to encourage the Department of the Interior US Forest Service to reinstate the roadless protection of the Tongass National Forest. Also known as "America's Salmon Forest," the Tongass drives the private-sector economy of Southeast Alaska through recreational, commercial, and subsistence salmon fisheries and tourism. The fishing and tourism industries support the Southeast Alaska economy with about 26% of jobs and a \$2 billion annual industry. The climax - Sitka Spruce Forest provides a home for abundant wildlife in addition to spawning and nursery waters and is a massive carbon sink.

I will provide a link to the current notice that TU is posting so that our members can add their voices to the solicitation for public input if you so choose. In addition to the information provided in the comprehensive article I will note some additional sidelines about the area. The Tongass is a terminal forest, comprised of spruce and hemlock trees. These are self-sustaining woodlands since these species sprout and grow in the shade. In the life cycle of a forest following a catastrophic event like fire or volcanic eruption, the species progress predictably. Following scrub growth like weeds, shrubs, and willows the Douglas Fir, which require full sunlight to grow as seedlings, succeed and grow into what we recognize as most forests abounding in the Northwest. Baby Doug Fir can't grow in the shade of the adults, so cedar, spruce, and hemlock eventually replace the first pioneers, and then continue for millennia unless destroyed by outside forces that begin the cycle again.

The resulting forests like the Tongass support superb old growth spruce which logging companies value for the fine tight grained quality of the lumber. Rather than being used in construction such as houses, the wood is used for furniture and millwork, but is most valuable for fabricating musical instruments such as guitars, violins, and similar stringed

instruments. The loggers call this industry niche “cutting music.” Once clear cut, this forest will not be replaced for many thousands of years.

I urge you to follow the attached link and read the information about this issue. The organizations determined to save this resource have done a better job than I in promoting this cause. If you agree with this action, please follow the simple system provided to add your voice to the statement they have provided. Wait for the prompt return email they will send with a code to validate your submittal.

Approximately 60 days remain to submit your opinions. Lacking a majority negative response from our members, I will compose a letter supporting the roadless designation in the combined voice of our club. If you oppose this in principle, send an email to my address provided in the website list of board members.

Here is the Action Alert page for Tongass at TU

<https://www.tu.org/magazine/uncategorized/forest-service-moves-to-reinstate-roadless-protections-for-tongass-national-forest/>

Don Freeman



Are you new to fly fishing? Many seek the SSFF to learn to fly fish or to improve their skills. New fly fishers accelerate their learning curves by joining a club and attending qualified classes.

Of course COVID-19 benched your skilled instructors. We'll post more details as we open up following guidance from the Department of Health.

SSFF offers three formal classes.

Introduction to Fly Fishing taught in spring, five weeks, once per week. After this course you'll understand what you gear you'll need like rods, reels, lines, waders and boots, floatation devices for still-water fishing. We cover locating fish in rivers, lakes, and the salt water, and discuss local fish species you'll encounter. We also study the flies you'll use in our section on entomology.

Fly Casting taught spring-early summer, seven weeks, once per week. This class is for single-handed rod casting, not spey rods. Through this course you will cast a fly line for different situations including the wind. You'll also experience how to overcome the effects of moving river water upon your line.

Introduction to Fly Tying taught in the fall - winter, six weeks, once per week. Students tie a new fly each week. As homework students tie that fly at home and bring their work to the next class. The instructor-to-student ratio ensures students receive a lot of individual attention. We teach a variety of flies useful anywhere including nymphs, streamers, and dry flies. After completing the course students' skills can be applied to other flies similar to those taught.

Please contact me with questions; my email is on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanks for your patience as we all navigate COVID-19.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, and maintain your distance in parking lots and streamside!

Randy Allen

Outings

SSFF 2022 OUTINGS

The weather is too unpredictable to schedule outings at this time. We normally begin monthly outings in April. Tune in to future Garden Hackle editions to learn the developments.

While you're contemplating where you might like to fish, consider this beautiful photo composed by our own Howard Nanto of Munn Lake, our backyard jewel of a fishery.



Winter at Munn Lake © Howard Nanto

Greetings Fly Fishers:

Here is a book on fishing for one of the most iconic fish in Puget Sound:

“FLY FISHING FOR SEARUN CUTTHROAT IN SOUTH PUGET SOUND”

Mel Hurd, past President and a longtime member of SSFF, is the author of this incredible booklet. Mel originally wrote the booklet in 1993 and revised it in 2006. The 20 page booklet is one of the most informative references for the South Sound area with locations, tactics, etc. This booklet comes highly recommended by many members of our club who have had success by following Mel’s tips.

It is a wonderful booklet, referencing everything you can think of regarding “FLY FISHING FOR SEARUN CUTTHROAT IN SOUTH PUGET SOUND.” It’s very informative and an easy read. Fishing the salt is great in our area, and there are references to areas for easy access for fishing for searuns, plus recommendations on equipment and fishing techniques.

With Mel’s permission SSFF is offering his booklet to interested members and non-members. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$10 which includes shipping via U.S. Mail (U.S. addresses only). All proceeds go into our Conservation donation fund. Some members have donated more than the minimum. For your extra donations *we thank you!*

Either send a check to Jim Maus Treasurer SSFF PO Box 2792, Olympia WA 98507 or use PayPal/credit card/debit card:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=GYWE6RQWY2CF4

As soon as Jim receives your donation he will notify me with your address, and I will get the booklet to you.

If you pay electronically you will receive your booklet sooner than sending your check to the PO Box.

Chum Baby

Bob Triggs



Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 2546 Size 4 to 8 Saltwater Hook

Thread: 6/0 black or brown thread

Head: Gold cone head X-small (5/32") for size 8 or small (3/16") for sizes 4 and 6

Body: Silver tinsel or body braid

Wing: Four strands of pearl crystal flash topped with grey squirrel tail

Thorax: A ball of Spirit River Peacock Herl Lite Brite dubbed behind the cone head.

Tying Directions:

1. Put on a gold cone head sized to match the hook and the shank.
2. Start the thread just behind the cone head. Tie in the silver tinsel or body braid, starting just behind the cone and wrapping back to the shank. This will provide the body with an even taper.
3. Wrap the thread back up to just behind the cone and add a small amount of Zap-A-Gap to the shank. This will provide extra durability for the body, and ensure that the fly is able to stand up to the sharp teeth of Coho and cutthroat.
4. Next wrap the tinsel or body braid up the shank to just behind the cone head and tie it off.
5. Now tie in four strands of pearl crystal flash so that they extend 1/2 to 3/4 of a shank length beyond the bend of the hook.
6. Tie in a very sparse clump of squirrel tail hair so that the tips of the hair extend just past the crystal flash.
7. Form a ball of Peacock Herl Lite Brite dubbing just behind the cone, then whip finish and apply head cement.

Notes:

This Chum Baby was originated by Bob Triggs, a renowned guide on the Puget Sound, and has proved to be a very simple yet effective chum fry imitation. When Coho and coastal cutthroat are feeding on out-migrating chum salmon fry during March - May this pattern can be extremely effectively fished with short erratic strips. This fly also works well in lakes and streams where small baitfish are present, and it was responsible for fooling my largest rainbow trout to date on the Yakima River of central Washington. The Chum Baby can also be tied in other color combinations, and one of my favorites is a blue version which uses pearl blue body braid, Spirit River smolt blue Krystal Splash, and dyed blue squirrel tail. This version also does a great job of imitating juvenile pink salmon.

If you have problems with the squirrel tail fouling, you can add a loop of mono under the wing to prevent it from happening. You also might try a Gamakatsu SL45 Bonefish hook. It's a short shank alternative that doesn't seem to foul as much.



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Club Meetings are conducted by Zoom at 7:00pm the third Tuesday of every month except August and December. Zoom is open at 6:30 if you want to visit and talk fly fishing.

Board of Directors Zoom meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 pm.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and until further notice all scheduled meetings are conducted on-line. The North Olympia Fire Department is closed to meetings until further notice.

The meeting announcement and meeting Zoom code are sent to members and friends about a day ahead of the meeting by email.

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