



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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President Lee Yeager



Greetings South Sound Fly Fishers. I hope this month's Garden Hackle finds you rested and looking forward to a respite of the summer heat. I have always enjoyed fall fishing; fish are eating to get ready for winter and I don't sweat as much in the sun. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the cooler temperatures but shorter days. This month our outing is close; the Deschutes River. Be sure to read the Outings page for details about this trip.

By the time you get this month's Garden Hackle a survey will be emailed to all club members to determine if people have a preference for the location for our monthly meetings. For many years we met at the North Olympia Fire Station on Boston Harbor Rd. When the Covid pandemic abated enough to resume in-person meetings that location was not available at the beginning of 2022. The Griffin Fire Station was able to accommodate our needs, and we have met at that location on Steamboat Island Loop Rd since April of this year. We now have the

option of going back to the Boston Harbor location or remaining at the Griffin Fire Station. The survey includes a few questions regarding your ideas and preferences for activities and programs. If you have not had a chance to complete and submit the survey please take a minute to do so. We want to hear from you.

This month's speaker is Nate Brumley. Check the programs page in this issue for more details on Nate and his experiences. I know you will enjoy his presentation on dry fly fishing in still waters. Nate is a well-known and sought-after speaker who always has a great program to share.

Please give some consideration to helping with the club operations of the South Sound Fly Fishers. The only way we can continue to make this club the best in the Puget Sound area is with your contributions and ideas. Serving as a member of the Board of Directors is not time consuming or difficult. SSFF is always seeking new input and energy for our club operations. If you are willing to help, please let me or any current Board member know. Our contact information is listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanks for reading, I hope to see you at the meeting on September 20. Be safe and take care.

Lee Yeager



Don Freeman during a hail storm © Howard Nanto



**September 20, 2022
Stillwater Dry Fly**

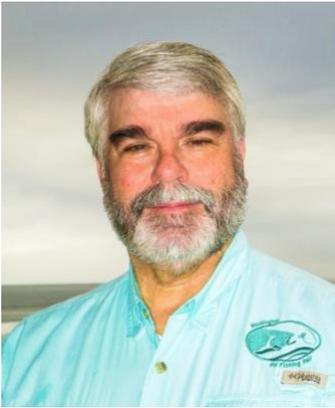
Nate Brumley is the owner of Dry Fly Innovations (www.dryflyinnovations.com) and author of two cutting-edge dry fly books: “Addicted to the Rise” and “Winter on a Dry Fly.” The only bugs sold at DFI are dry flies, and he’s mastered the use of them in all seasons over all bodies of fresh water. Nate has never sunk a nymph or fished a streamer. His offering his 50-plus years’ experience fishing a dry fly exclusively. His presentations are rich in dry fly technique that include videos to connect the concepts. These lectures are some of the most sought-after events in the industry at present, and his breadth of knowledge is truly phenomenal. It’s been said that one hour with Nate is like gaining 10 years of dry fly experience...it will change the way you dry fly fish forever!

Presentation: Stillwater Dry Fly

This presentation explores the vast opportunities that lakes offer on a dry fly. It’s packed with insights to the proper bug selections, explosive tactics, exact gearing, and unique strategies. The still photos, videos, and concepts will make this experience come alive!! Still water can be one of the most productive venues on a dry fly...if you know Nate’s secrets!



Don Freeman fish on © Howard Nanto



Treasurer's Report

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. Get your second booster!

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:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=NRE77ZFCKLF32



Welcome **Mark Hamilton** of Olympia.

We know little about Mark, other than he's interested in fly fishing. Good enough for us! Mark - welcome to the SSFF. I hope we'll see you at the September 20 meeting so we can introduce you to your fellow members.

I'm thrilled when new folks join the club. I want folks to join us, then meet the members, and become involved in our outings, meetings, or training classes. That said, as Gene Rivers has told me multiple times, "Life happens when we're making other plans..." The unexpected happens suddenly, and our best intentions are derailed by jobs, family... you-name-its.

The club is about people knowing other people, sharing knowledge and skills, and sharing fun. The September outing will be on the Deschutes River; it would be great for you to join us.

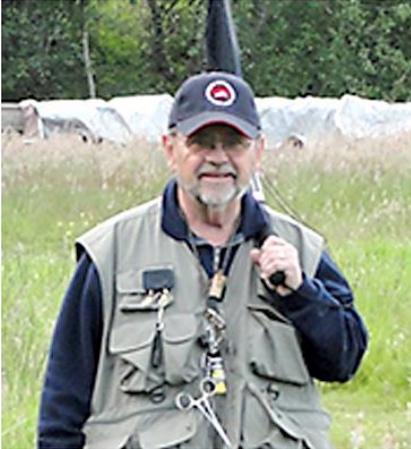
Mark, would you please look up my contact info on the last page of this newsletter and send me an email? I'd like to welcome you to the club.

I know the other members will want to meet you too!

Welcome, Mark!

Washington State Council FFI Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



WSCFFI and The Academy

WSCFFI

The Washington Council FFI conducted a very successful event at Lake Ballinger Park in Mount Lake Terrace, north of Seattle on August 13th. They were very pleased with the turnout for the casting classes and fly tying. The Council will be planning another event next year at the same location.

FFI

The FFI is planning another international Virtual Expo November 4-6, 2022. The 2021 international event was very successful. Please go to the FFI website to learn about the Education and Conservation programs. They are amazing. Please view the FFI website - www.flyfishersinternational.org. You could spend hours on the computer viewing various events.

Boise Valley FF is conducting their 18th live annual Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo on January 6-7, 2023.

Alaska

From the desk of Meghan Barker regarding the Pebble Mine:

- EPA's public comment period concluded on September 6th, 2022. Over 500,000 comments were submitted in support of finalizing protections with record comments coming from Bristol Bay residents and Alaskans.
- EPA has extended the deadline to decide to move the protections to the next step (a Recommended Determination) until Dec. 2, 2022. We hope to see a Final Determination made in early 2023.
- Even if Clean Water Act safeguards are finalized, our work isn't done to ensure Pebble Mine can never come back again. Ongoing work will continue and pass legislation that would retire the mineral leases in Bristol Bay. We want the most durable protections possible for the region.

The Academy

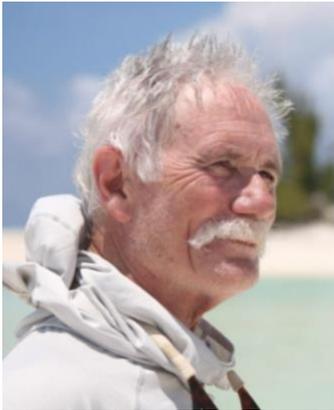
Jim and I are finally retired after 18 years from conducting The Academy. Three new directors have taken over the event:

- John Gravendyk - 818 - 219th Ave. NE, Carnation, WA., 98014
Phone - 425-615-0356 - gravendyk@hotmail.com
- Bruce Merighi - 26105 Bronco Ln., Levenworth, WA. 98826
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- Carol Anderson - PO Box 75, Friday Harbor, WA. 98250
360-298-2999, - cja@windwalkermedia.com

The Academy will be held the last full week of June, 18-24, 2023. The Academy will be conducted at a new location in the Shelton area.



Hood Canal from Seal Rock Park © Howard Nanto



THE SOAPBOX

There is no article this month.



Fishing a small lake in Mason County © Howard Nanto



Our Introduction to Fly Tying class returns this October! A few spaces remain.

This class is a great way to learn how to tie your own flies. For students with no experience, we start with simple patterns and progress through materials and techniques. You will have experienced eyes watching and helping you tie. You'll learn eight flies in class and practice them at home. Students will be able to transfer their skills to other similar flies when they travel to new waters and visit local fly shops for advice.

Introduction to Fly Tying

Dates / times: Mondays weekly October 3 through December 5, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Lab nights: Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Oct 13, 27, Nov 10, and Dec 1. Instructors will give students individual skill coaching.

Note: we will not have any class or lab the week of November 21, Thanksgiving week.

Location: All classes and labs are in The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia.

Tools: For a refundable deposit students may borrow a tool kit. We have a limited number available, so if you need one let us know. If you already decided you're getting into this aspect of the sport contact us for recommendations on tools before you buy.

Homework: Practice, practice! Students return each week with the flies they just tied to receive constructive comments.

Materials: We provide the materials to tie during classes and also to tie your homework.

Cost: \$69

Register: On-line through Parks, Arts, and Recreation ([Beginning Fly Tying](#)) or phone the Olympia Center 360 753-8380. Course Number is 10766.

Back to our regular programming.

SSFF offers three formal classes:

Introduction to Fly Fishing - taught in spring, five weeks, once per week. Is this something I want to try? After this course you'll understand the gear you'll need like rods, reels, lines, waders, boots, and floatation devices (boats). We discuss locating fish in rivers, lakes, and the salt water, and cover 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 learn to overcome the effect upon your line by moving river water.

Introduction to Fly Tying - taught in the fall, nine weeks. Students learn a new fly each week. Students also tie flies at home and bring their homework 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 can apply their skills to other similar flies. .

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

Randy Allen



Photo © Trident Fly Fishing

Outings

SSFF 2022 OUTINGS

- Sept 24 Deschutes River - Thurston Co.
A wild river that has rainbow and cutthroat, the fish are not stocked. We will determine which section of the river we will fish in September.
- Oct 22 TBD
- Nov 19 Lake St. Clair - Lacey
An urban lake located in Lacey off Yelm Highway. The boat ramp is on Rehklau Rd SE. The lake has good shoreline access.

September Outing - Deschutes River

The SSFF outing for this month is a trip to the Deschutes River in Thurston County. If you have never fished this river, it is a small wild river. During the summer months it is usually moving fairly slowly with many places to cross from one side to the other. During winter and spring months it can often be too wild to enter due to high fast moving water. Recommended fishing gear is a light rod, no more than a 4 weight and preferably not longer than 7 foot. Longer rods can be hard to handle in close confines of some of the areas. Dry flies work all spring, summer, and fall. You will find trout and native cutthroats in the Deschutes.

We are going to fish at the Deschutes River Ranch. This access area is located at 9725 Rich Rd SE, Olympia. If you are going south on Hwy 99 turn left on Rich Rd. The entrance is just past the bridge over the river on the left. When you enter the property follow the road down to the left.

Flies recommended for this trip are the elk hair caddis, renegade, gray hackle, and para (parachute) Adams in sizes 10 to 14. This month's fly of the month article features the para Adams as tied by our own David Brenna.

If you have questions about the location or anything else email Lee Yeager at yeagerflyfish@gmail.com

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.



Para Adams © David Brenna

The para Adams (aka parachute Adams) is a popular fly pattern for trout. This particular version of the pattern is tied Klinkhammer style, which is on a hook designed for an emerger-like pattern.

Materials

Hook: size 12 Klinkhammer (Orvis 8A00)

Thread: Gray Uni-Thread 8/0

Body: Hareline Super Fine Dry Fly Dub Adams Gray #1

Wing post: Blue Ribbon Flies Straight Zelon in white

Hackle: Grizzly and Brown

Tying Steps

Step 1. Tie in thread base on shank from the hook point to about 1/8" below hook eye.

Step 2. Cut a piece of white Zelon about an inch long, center it on top of hook shank, and then tie in. This will become the wing post.

Step 3. Pull the Zelon up and wrap the thread around the base (do not wrap around hook shank) about 3-5 times. Then wrap the thread a few turns around the hook shank in front of the wing post.

Step 4. Tie in the two hackle feathers in front of the wing post.

Step 5. Pull the hackle feathers and post up and then make 3-5 wraps around as in step 3.

Step 6. Move the thread down the hook shank about even with hook point. Then adjust the hook so that the shaft is point down towards (hook point will be facing down at about a 45 degree angle) the tying bench and continue to wrap deep into the hook bend.

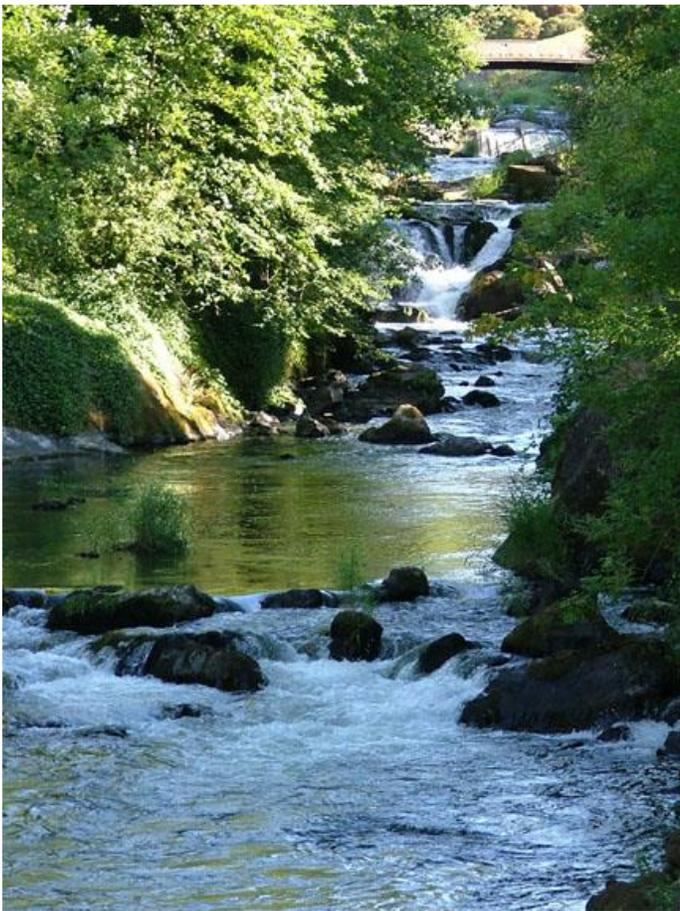
Step 7. Twist dubbing onto the tying thread (wrap tightly) and proceed to wrap up to the wing post. As you get about halfway, you will want to stop and reposition hook to its original position (hook shank parallel to the tying bench (hook point will be pointing up at about a 45 degree angle). The body should be tapered with the thorax area being thicker.

Step 8. Wrap the hackle around the wing post 3-5 times and then tie feathers to the hook shank below the wing post.

Step 9. Then bring thread above post and whip finish.

David has a YouTube channel, DryFlyPro and you can see a video of this fly being tied. In addition, David has graciously offered to arrange a direct tying lesson for this fly (as videos are not always the best for learning) for anyone in the club that is interested.

Here is a link to his video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TZaYyMAufs>



Deschutes River © Wikipedia

Classifieds

There are no items for sale this month.

If you have an item or items that you would like to sell, please send a description, price, and contact information to Bruce Baker (newsletter editor) at bmbaker09@hotmail.com.

The classifieds section is a courtesy to club members and all sales are the responsibility of the seller and the buyer. The South Sound Fly Fishers assumes no liability and will not settle disputes.



Fisherman boardwalk © Howard Nanto



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

Club Meetings are conducted by Zoom and in-person 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. In-person meetings are held at the Griffin Fire Station (3707 Steamboat Loop NW, Olympia, WA 98502).

Directions:

From the north – Exit US 101 South to Steamboat Island Rd. Turn left over US 101 go 0.4 miles to Steamboat Island Loop – the fire station is on the left.

From the south - Take US 101 north from I-5. Follow signs for US 101 North to Shelton and Port Angeles. In the right-hand lane, go 1.3 miles to the Steamboat Island Rd exit. The exit is a sharp right curve, it will T into Sexton Drive. Turn left; go past the Chevron Island Market *on your right*. You will come to a stop sign at Steamboat Island Rd. Turn right; the fire station on Steamboat Island Loop will be 0.3 of a mile on the left.

If you get lost or can't find the station, call Lee at 360-229-4252 or Randy at 360-701-9662.

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