



# SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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## LEADER'S LINE

## President Lee Yeager



Leader's Lines,

This time of year marks the season of preparation for the next calendar year of events with the South Sound Fly Fishers. We present a slate of officer candidates to club members at the October meeting and then vote on those candidates in November. We start to prepare our calendar of speakers and programs along with the monthly outings. The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors for 2024 is in this month's newsletter. We have a great group of individuals who have stepped forward and agreed to help support the educational and conservation programs of the club. We are still looking for someone with a passion for conservation programs and projects. If you are interested, please contact any of the Board members to let them know.

We also begin the process of determining how to distribute funds and donations to various conservation groups and programs. Supporting conservation programs in Puget Sound has always been one of the primary objectives of the South Sound Fly Fishers. We need input from club members as to which groups you would like to see the club support with your financial donations. In 2022 we made donations to the following groups: Fly Fishers International, Casting for Recovery, Project Healing Waters, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (SEG), South Sound SEG, Osprey, and Long Live the Kings. The donations made to these groups are in addition to the dedicated conservation funds that we support on an annual basis: Coastal Cutthroat Coalition, Alan Harger Fund (NorthWest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy), and the Munn Lake Stewardship Fund. The funds used by the club for conservation donations come from our bi-annual auction and from donations from individuals. If you have ideas for how to use club funds for conservation and education, please let us know.

One final note, the November club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 21st. That is the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. We tried to get this date changed to the 14th, but the fire station is already booked for that date. So, if you are in town plan to come and join everyone at the club meeting in November.

Remember, fly fishing is the most fun you can have when not catching fish.

## Lee Yeager



Confluence of the Okanagan and Columbia Rivers © Howard Nanto

# SSFF 2024 Officer Candidates

President	Jared Wood
Vice President	Max Doerge
Secretary	Mike Poe
Treasurer	Lee Yeager
Director At-Large 1-yr	
Director At-Large 2-yr	Tim Veneziano
Past President	Lee Yeager

## **Committee Chairs**

Conservation	
Education	Randy Allen
FFI	Mike Clancy
Fundraising	Kevin Angevine
Membership	Phil Jaramillo
Newsletter	Dave Brombach
Outings	Doug Dunster
Programs	Lee Yeager
Media/Website	Vic Andrade



**October 17, 2023**  
**Make Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work**  
**Skip Morris**

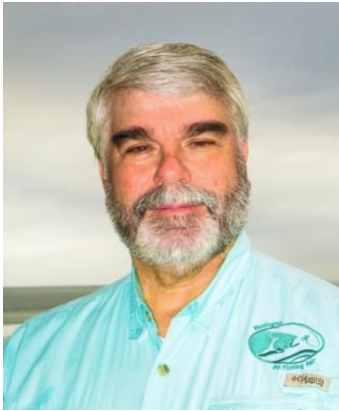
Skip is the author of 18 books on fly fishing and fly tying (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Fly Fishing Trout Lakes with Morris & Chan*, *The Art of Tying The Dry Fly*, and *Western River Hatches*), is the host on six instructional videos (*Tying Foam Flies*, *Fly Fishing for Bass and Panfish...*) and has spoken at sportsman's shows, fly-fishing shows, and fly clubs in Arizona, New Jersey, Toronto, Alabama, Illinois—all over the US, Canada, and overseas. A few years ago he and Lefty Kreh were co-headliners at the Great Waters shows in Chicago and Minneapolis.

Skip's presentation is "Make Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work." This presentation covers dry flies of all kinds and floating to half-floating emerger-flies. This was a good show not long ago, but Skip went back, dismantled it, and rebuilt it almost from scratch. So, it's gone from a good, solid show to a really strong one.

Beginners and seasoned fly fishers alike will find plenty of interest here: when to and when not to fish an attractor (along with a look at some excellent attractor dry flies), casts for achieving a drag-free fly drift, how to sink tippet to turn it almost invisible, dry flies on creeks vs. dry flies on rivers, when to twitch a dry fly, a close look at various dry-fly designs and how each is designed to be fished, considerations for choosing the right fly to imitate various insects, and so on, and so on...

Not merely a dry classroom presentation, "Make Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work" has stories and humor woven through it, to entertain as well as inform.

Skip will also demonstrate some fly tying of his favorite patterns.



## 2023 Dues

If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2023 dues as soon as possible. Dues for 2023 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:

SSFF Returning Member Dues

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SSFF New Member Dues

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## Munn Lake Fish Fund

The South Sound Fly Fishers have partnered with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to stock Munn Lake with quality sized fish (about 2.5 pounds to the fish) in the spring and in the fall. The fish are raised at the Lakewood Hatchery, and the club provides the funds for purchasing food for these fish.

If you would like to make a donation to help continue the Munn Lake project, please mail your check to: SSFF-Munn Lake Fund, PO Box 2792 Olympia, WA 98507.

A check will avoid credit card and PayPal Fees, but you are certainly welcome to use those methods. Regarding PayPal, there is a button on the top left of the Munn Lake web-page to make a donation via PayPal.

Thank you for supporting this project.



Munn Lake Trout © Howard Nanto

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## Membership

Phil Jaramillo, Chair



Membership is at 91 members.



Brookings, OR © Howard Nanto

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## Washington State Council FFI Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



### ***WSCFFI and The Academy***

#### **Washington State Council Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI)**

The WSCFFI has reserved Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Ballinger Center, Mountlake Terrace for our next fly tying and casting fair.

The Clark-Skamania Flyfishers have agreed to conduct a fly tying and casting event in the Vancouver area in the fall of 2024. The problem they are experiencing is locating a venue that is compatible for fly tying and casting.

The FFI is engaging with the Furimsky Shows to have the FFI involved in each of the six regional fly fishing shows the company is hosting in 2024, including Bellevue (Meydenbauer Center), February 17-18, 2024. They are looking for support from the WSCFFI/FFI in casting clinics, fly tying demos, classes, knot tying, etc.

The SSFF received the WSCFFI Education award. The award was presented to Education Chair, Randy Allen, representing SSFF by FFI members Jim Maus and Mike Clancy. This award is well deserved by members of the SSFF in regard to the many education programs including the five week “Introduction to Fly Fishing” conducted at The Olympia Center.





## NorthWest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy (NWCFFA)

Enrollment is now open for the June 22-29, 2024 Academy to be conducted at Panhandle Lake 4H camp west of Shelton, WA. Go to the website [nwcffa.com](http://nwcffa.com) to learn more about the event and download the application and other materials.

There has been a change in the Directors for the Academy. Unfortunately, Carol Anderson had to resign her position. Jim Goedhart, WSCFFI and WFFC will replace Carol. Welcome aboard Jim.

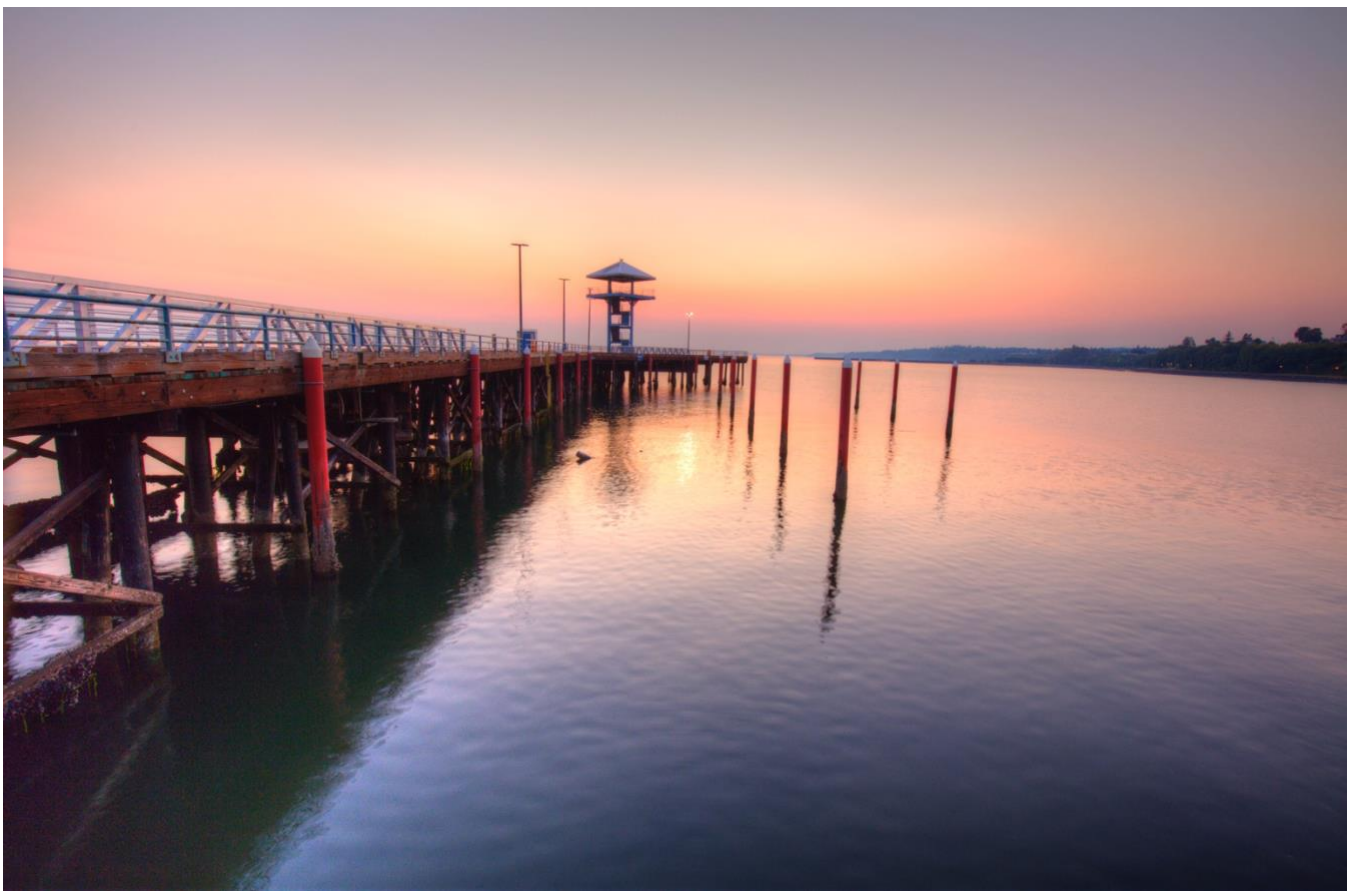


Branch of the Toutle River © Howard Nanto



## THE SOAPBOX

There is no column this month.



Port Angeles Sunrise © Howard Nanto



Education / Community Outreach

Education

**Fly Tying Instructors Needed!**

We need nine instructors to help teach 15 students to tie in our upcoming fly tying class.

You will work with the students one-on-one as they need. This is not about teaching the pattern in front of the room. We have established a good training method for that, and we have that covered. If you are really interested in that aspect let me know.

We know some students will require more help than others. Nine instructors sounds like a lot, but when you subtract one instructor for each student who needs more assistance, that leaves eight instructors - one for two students.

Please contact me if you can help. We teach Mondays, Oct 23 - Dec 18. I will provide you with the student handouts for each fly so that you can tie them at home and see where the student may experience difficulties.

It'll be fun. You'll see.

The students and I thank you in advance for your participation.

All lessons and labs are 6:00 - 8:30 pm

I look forward to hearing from you. My contact info is on the back page.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fly</b>
Oct 23	Brassie
Oct 30	Soft Hackle
Nov 2	Lab
Nov 6	Wooly Bugger
Nov 13	Clouser Minnow
Nov 16	Lab
Nov 20	Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph
Nov 27	Foam Hopper
Nov 30	Lab
Dec 4	Elk Hair Caddis
Dec 11	Parachute Adams
Dec 14	Lab
Dec 18	Last night - review their Adams Dry Fly homework

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

Here is our annual education program:

Introduction to Fly Fishing-Taught early spring, one night weekly.

What is fly fishing all about? Is this something I want to try?

Students learn about fly fishing gear: rods, reels, lines and leaders, waders, boots, and floatation devices (boats). We discuss locating fish in rivers, lakes, and the salt water, as well as local fish species. Our section on entomology teaches about the life cycles of various insects, and which artificial flies imitate them. Students learn three useful fly-fishing knots.

We include two Saturday mornings to introduce the basics of casting a fly rod.

Fly Casting - taught spring-early summer, seven weeks, once per week. This class is for single-handed rod casting (not two-handed 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 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.



Rock Creek, Montana © Randy Allen



### **October 19 & 21 - Nahwatzel Lake**

**Mason County** - rainbow trout, coastal cutthroat trout, largemouth bass

**Meet:** Shipwreck Café, Madrona Beach Road at Mud Bay Road at 8:00 am

This month's outing will be to Nahwatzel Lake for some fall rainbows. It is known to have some big trout in it. I have only fished this lake during the spring. I am not sure what flies and techniques work best in the fall but expect there are several club members that have some suggestions. We will address this at the monthly meeting on October 17.

There is limited fishing access at the launch area. Boats or float tubes are required for decent fishing.

Recent plants included 3,085 rainbow averaging 1 lb. on Sept. 22 and 25.

**Flies:** wooly buggers, leeches, chironomids.

**Directions:** 101 to Shelton. Then take the W. Shelton-Matlock Rd. toward Matlock. Launch is on right at about 11 Miles.

## SSFF 2023 OUTINGS

Oct 19 & 21      Nahwatzel Lake - Mason Co.  
Rainbow trout.

Nov 16 & 18      Twanoh State Park - Mason Co.  
Chum salmon.



Oakland Bay © 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](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.**



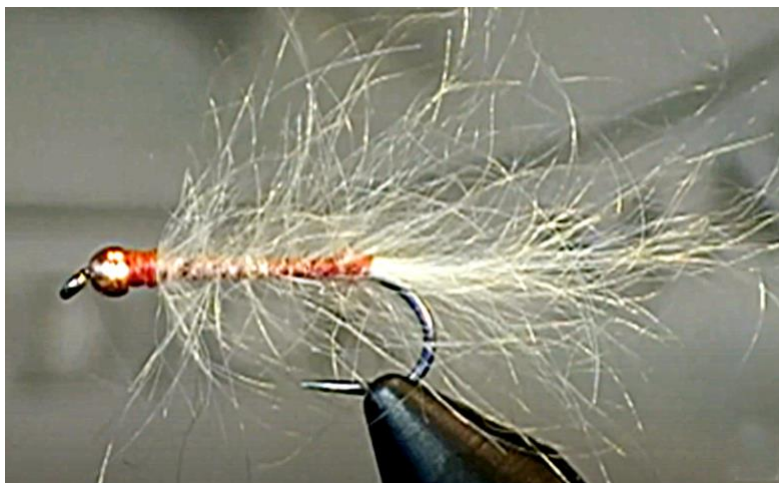
The club is requesting donations from both club members and non-member donors for the club's fund raisers at our monthly meeting raffles. Donations can be new or used.

In addition, the donation of equipment is also welcome to be used in the club's outreach activities related to fly tying and fly casting.

If you have an item to donate please contact me using the *Contact* link on the club's web-site.







Simi Seal Leech © Tim Cammisa

## Simi Seal Leech

This is a good pattern for stillwaters. This fly can be tied in different colors, but the most common is black. However, for this tutorial, the fly tyer used white.

### Materials

- Hook:** Nymph/streamer 2xl, sizes 6 - 12  
**Bead:** Tungsten (can also use a conehead for extra weight)  
**Thread:** 6/0 red  
**Body:** Natural Angora Goat Baby Seal Substitute  
**Tail:** Natural Angora Goat Baby Seal Substitute  
**Ribbing:** Optional -- Ultra Wire (small) or tinsel

### Tying Instructions

1. Place the bead on the hook.
2. Attach the thread behind the bead and wrap down the shank to just before the hook bend.
3. Grab a small clump of Angora to tie in the tail. The length of the tail is just a little more than the body length. There are two ways of tying in the tail:
  - a. Tie in the Angora and then trim what is in front toward the eye of the hook.
  - b. Take a lesser amount of Angora, tie it in and then take all of the excess that is in front, pull it back, and lock it in.
4. Build up the body by wrapping the thread to the bead and back to the tail.
5. Create a dubbing loop and add Angora to it. Wrap the loop forward to the bead and tie off. As you make each wrap, pull the fibers toward the tail (aka palmering back).

6. Build up a little head behind the bead with the thread, whip finish, and then seal with head cement.
7. Take a little piece of Velcro and use it to pull out the fibers to stretch them out so they are pulled away from the body.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9jyHq20LrU>

Please note that the picture of the fly of the month is for just showing what the fly looks like and does not condone the use of barbed or barbed hooks. Please consult the regulations on where you plan to fish to determine if your hooks can be barbed or need to be barbless.



Nahwatzel Lake © Howard Nanto

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## *Classifieds*

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). See the club web site, and use the Contact form.

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.



Coos Bay Boardwalk © Howard Nanto



## **SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS** – 2023 Officers, Directors, Chairs

**President:** Lee Yeager

**Vice President:** Randy Allen

**Secretary:** Mike Poe (acting)

**Treasurer:** Jim Maus

**Director at Large:** Kevin Angevine

**Director at Large:** Jared Wood

**Past President:** Randy Allen

**Conservation:** Harry Griffith

**Education:** Randy Allen

**Fundraising:** Kevin Angevine

**Membership:** Phil Jaramillo

**Outings:** Doug Dunster

**Programs:** Lee Yeager

**Webmaster/Facebook:** Vic Andrade

**Newsletter Editor:** Bruce Baker

**FFI/Gov't:** Mike Clancy

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 North Olympia Fire Department located at 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA. 98506. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the evening's program will start promptly at 7:15pm.

Directions:

From the north - Use I-5 south exit 105B and stay right toward the port of Olympia. Follow the main road as it changes its name to East Bay Drive and then to Boston Harbor Road. About 4 miles north of the State Ave. signal is a Shell gas station; you'll find the Fire Department just past the Shell on the right side.

From the south - Use I-5 north exit 105 and stay right toward the port of Olympia. Go right (north) at the round-a-bout, then left at the Plum Street signal. Continue up Plum St. as it changes its name to East Bay Drive and then to Boston Harbor Road. About 4 miles north of the State Ave. signal is a Shell gas station; you'll find the Fire Department just past the Shell on the right side.

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](http://southsoundflyfishers.com).  
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