



## SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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### *Leader's Line*

Jared Wood, Club President



Welcome to 2024! 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 think we can all agree that spending additional time on the water or catching more fish are universal New Year resolutions for us. For this new year, I encourage all members and visitors to get more involved with the South Sound Fly Fishers (SSFF). We will have many opportunities to promote education and conservation through fly fishing, and we need your help.

I am honored to serve as the President of the SSFF for 2024. Thank you for your trust and encouragement. I must say upfront that I would not be able to do this without the support and guidance of our past presidents, Lee Yeager and Randy Allen, along with the rest of the Board of Directors. They all have a deep passion to see our club succeed.

Your elected positions in the SSFF for 2024 include:

President - Jared Wood	Conservation - Vacant
Vice President - Max Doerge	Education - Randy Allen
Secretary - Vacant	Fly Fishers International - Mike Clancy
Treasurer - Lee Yeager	Fundraising - Kevin Angevine
Past President - Lee Yeager	Membership - Phil Jaramillo
Director At Large 1-yr - Dalton Gorham	Newsletter - Dave Brombach
Director At Large 2 yr - Tim Veneziano	Outings - Doug Dunster
Webmaster/Media - Vic Andrade	Programs - Lee Yeager

If you have a special interest in helping the SSFF in any way please let me know. We are looking for someone to fill the positions of Secretary and Conservation chair. So, if you have any recommendations, please pass them my way.

During the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to approve the transfer of some funds from our club savings account into a High Yield Savings account or CD. The transfer has been completed into a 12 month CD, which improves our earned interest and return from \$2 to \$460 for the year, while still keeping access to over 2 years in operating expenses.

As Doug will mention in his Outings column, this month's outing will be Fly Tying on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9AM -3PM. We would also like to use some of that time to collaborate as a club on ideas for outings for the rest of 2024, and put together supplies for our Fly Tying classes we instruct as a club. One idea we need input on is if we should plan an overnight trip this year, and how many are interested? We will be having a pizza lunch during this event, and outings planning will start at 1PM. So please come for lunch and collaboration even if you don't tie flies. We value your input to develop our future activities and any ideas of great places we can plan to visit for a fishing trip.

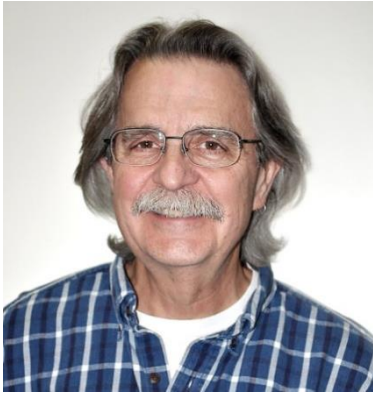
Remember "fly fishing is the most fun you can have when you are not catching fish." I look forward to seeing everyone at our club activities. Take care, be well, and tight lines!

Jared Wood  
SSFF President

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## Programs

Lee Yeager, Chair



Our guest speaker for January is Rick Hafele. Rick started fly fishing over 50 years ago, 40 of which have been focused on fishing for trout in streams and lakes throughout the west. His fishing life however began in north central Illinois, far from trout or trout streams, but close to farm ponds full of bass and bluegill.

In 1974, he moved to Corvallis, Oregon to attend Oregon State University where he completed a Master's degree in aquatic entomology with a minor in fisheries biology. If learning about aquatic insects while fishing the streams of Oregon wasn't lucky enough, after finishing his degree Rick actually got a job in Oregon as an aquatic biologist focusing on water quality issues, first with a private consulting firm and then with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. For over 40 years Rick has been able to watch and study fish and the insects they eat, both professionally and with a fly rod in his hand, throughout Oregon and many other states and provinces.

His program this month is entitled **"Five Mistakes You Don't Need to Make."** A good reminder for all of us for the start of a new year.



## ***2024 Dues are Due!***

Time to pay your 2024 dues as membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Dues for 2024 are:

- \$45.00 for new memberships (includes \$5.00 for name badge)
- \$40.00 for existing members (renewing) and families. Spouses or significant others are considered a family membership.
- First time family memberships are \$40.00 plus \$5.00 for each person's name badge.

There are three 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. If you plan to attend the January club meeting on January 16 at the Bost Harbor fire station, you can pay by check or cash at the meeting.
3. 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=BXHH6MJ3T5MAU](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BXHH6MJ3T5MAU)

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## *Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Government Affairs*      Mike Clancy, Chair



The Washington State Council (WSC) of Fly Fishers International (FFI) will be conducting another Fly Fishing Fair at Ballinger Park in Mountlake Terrace, north of Seattle on May 4, 2024. The May event will feature a rotating series of the best fly tyers in the Northwest, an introductory fly tying classes and a full day of casting classes for beginners and advanced fishers.

The WSC will be conducting a program at the Fly Fishing show at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, February 17-18, 2024. The WSC will also host a “Learning Center”. Tickets are \$30, which includes a reception for FFI members on Saturday, February 17, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

The Oregon State Council of Fly Fishers International (OSCFFI), is conducting a fly tying event in Albany, OR. on March 8-9, 2024. If you are planning to attend for both days, you should make your reservations now.

The Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy (NWYCFFA) will be conducting a week-long event from June 22-29, 2024. The event will be conducted at The Panhandle Lake 4H camp west of Shelton. Registration is open now. The application is available on the Academy website, [nwycffa.com](http://nwycffa.com). I highly recommend that if you are interested in having your son, daughter or friend to attend the event, apply now. They already have 8 applicants; some are from out of state. This is a wonderful event for our future fly fishers 12-16 years old.



**Cama'i,**

***We are relieved to share that the Supreme Court has rejected Governor Dunleavy's challenge to the EPA's Clean Water Act veto of the Pebble Mine. It's a positive step forward, and we are grateful for this outcome. The Governor will have an opportunity to continue trying to overturn the Pebble Mine veto, but we'll continue our fight to protect our land, water, air, and ways of life! We won't rest until our elected leaders take decisive action to ensure watershed-wide protection of #BristolBayForever!***



"TRIBES, FISHERMEN, AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES WERE JUST CELEBRATING THE EPA'S CLEAN WATER ACT PROTECTIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY, JUST TO BE THROWN BACK INTO UNCERTAINTY LESS THAN A YEAR LATER.

WE ARE TIRED OF BEING IGNORED BY OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

OUR LEADERS MUST LISTEN TO US AND HELP PROTECT THIS WATERSHED FOREVER."



UTBB INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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***You can support our efforts by signing a letter to lawmakers requesting watershed-wide permanent protections for Bristol Bay at [utbb.org/public-comment](https://utbb.org/public-comment) or scan the QR code on the image above to go to the website to sign the letter.***

***Thank you for your ongoing support, and please stay tuned for further updates.***

***Quyana/Chin'an,  
Team UTBB***



Below is an article from Trout Unlimited that was featured in a recent edition of *Trout Weekly*. The article was titled "Bully for the Forest." The article is a summary of recent USFS efforts to better manage, maintain and grow our nations' old growth forests.

[Chris Wood](#)

Dec 27, 2023

Last week, the Forest Service proposed a new policy that is [protective of old growth forests](#) on our publicly owned 191 million acres of national forests.

This is welcome news as old growth forests are important for their role in storing carbon and providing healthy habitat for fish and wildlife (among many other things). Importantly, this proposal would not stop active management of forests, including timber harvest. In some cases, it may be important, for example, to thin the understory of younger trees to reduce so-called ladder fuels that can allow flames to climb off the forest floor and into the branches of old growth trees. What it will do is bring consistency to how these forests are better managed across the country.



Trout and salmon appreciate the Forest Service's policy proposal.

Bully for the Forest Service! President Teddy Roosevelt would be proud.

Twenty-two years ago, I helped develop a similar policy that stopped the construction of roads and most forms of timber harvest in pristine roadless areas. The [Roadless Area Conservation Rule](#) took approximately 18 months to develop, and it has stood as the law of the land for the past two plus decades. Roadless and wilderness areas almost always have the healthiest populations of native trout and salmon and are often the sources of the coldest, cleanest water.

As a nation, we have logged most of our old-growth forests. We need to protect those that remain and more wisely manage mature forests to create more old-growth forests in the future. Old-growth forests are typically not cut down to reduce fire threats; in fact, they are often the most fire-resistant part of our forested landscapes.

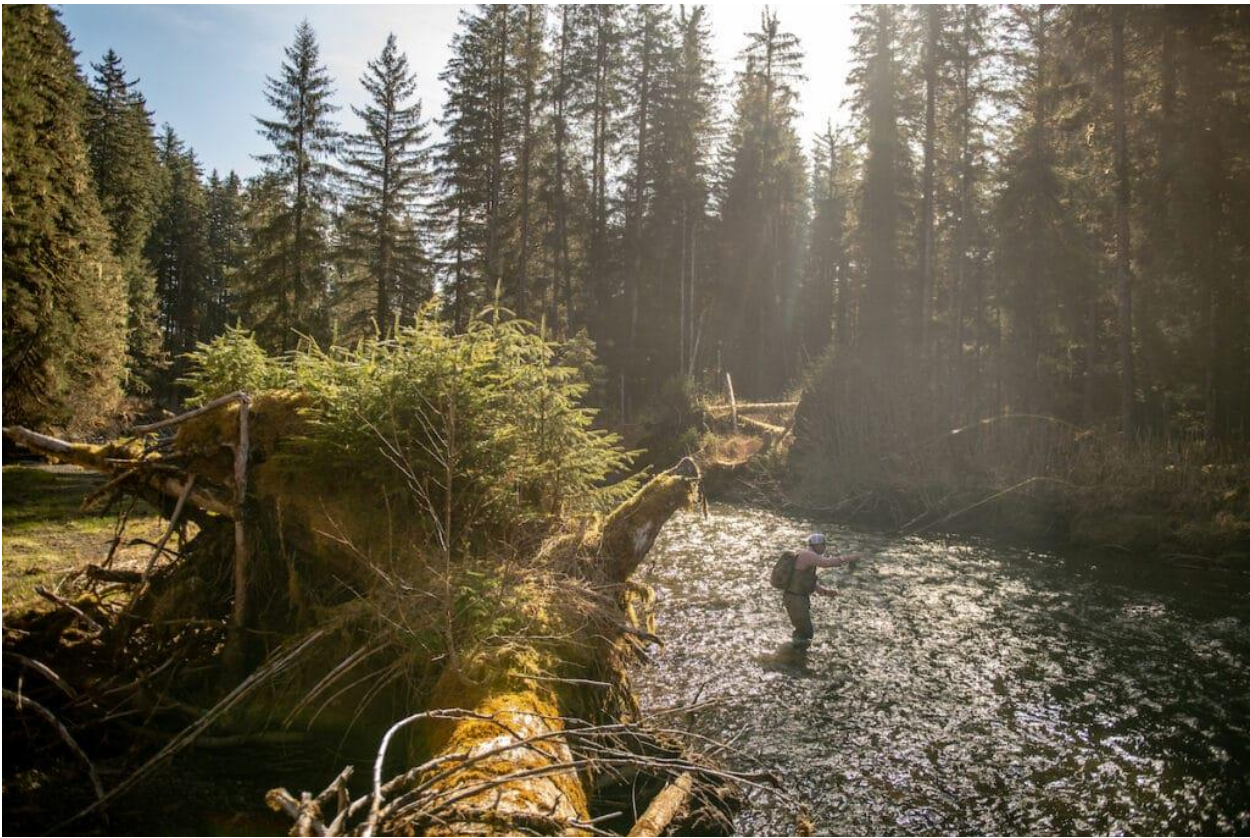


Roadless areas along with old growth forests offer healthy habitat for trout.

The new proposal would amend the nation's forest plans to ensure they are protective of old-growth forests and conditions. To be clear, most national forests got out of the business of cutting old growth many years ago, but it is refreshing to see the agency understand and take advantage of their conservation bully pulpit in such a forceful way.

My old boss at the Forest Service, Mike Dombeck, [issued a similar proposal](#) 22 years ago, but then left the office of Chief before it could take effect. It is time to enact these smart management practices.





Old growth forests provide benefits for all of us.

The Forest Service will allow a 45-day comment period, before its policy takes effect. That is important, but I am confident most Americans do not wish to see their old-growth forests converted into two-by-fours or other wood products. Who among us would advocate cutting old growth forests?

People have spent many decades fighting the cutting of publicly owned old-growth forests. Equally important to protecting old growth and roadless areas is the passage 18 months ago of the infrastructure law and the [Inflation Reduction Act](#). These laws allocate the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management tens of millions of dollars to focus on reducing hazardous fuels where forests and communities meet. As global warming continues to accelerate and becomes more dangerous, leaving the big shade producing trees growing provides obvious benefits to streams, the forest floor and local communities.



Hiking to a fishing spot in an old growth forest.

As the Forest Service considers public comments and finalizes their old growth policy, hopefully they will determine that we should allow old growth trees to continue to sustain our life on this planet. As the first chief of the Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot, said, this would provide “the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run.”



**By Chris Wood**

*Chris has worked at TU for 22 years, and is not the best angler, but he is among the most earnest.*



### UPDATE:

This year's *Introduction to Fly Fishing* is a five week course taught on Monday evenings. It includes two Saturday mornings of fly casting. The City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation publishes a seasonal brochure, *Experiencelt!* In it are the upcoming course descriptions and dates.

The update is to our class dates. *Experiencelt!* originally showed our class starting on Presidents Day, February 19. The Olympia Center is closed on that National Holiday.

When you register on-line you will see the correct class dates. Class will run February 26 through March 25. Here is the link to the page for the class, [Introduction to Fly Fishing](#). If you know someone who is interested in getting started, let them know. Our class was filling up quickly and nearing maximum enrollment.

Here is our annual education program:

**Introduction to Fly Fishing** - Taught during the spring.

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

Students learn 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 you'll encounter. Our evening on entomology teaches about the life cycles of various insects, and which artificial flies imitate them.

Students also learn three useful fly-fishing knots.

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

Enrollment is through the City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation - The class number is 11931.

**Fly Casting** - Taught spring-early summer, seven weeks, once per week. This class is for single-handed rod casting (not two-handed spey rods). You will cast a fly line for different situations including the wind. You'll also learn to "mend" your line 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 Randy with questions. <https://southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/>

# Outings

*Doug Dunster, Chair*



We are in the process of building our 2024 Outings calendar. To better serve our members, we are asking for input for specific locations that you would like to see on our outings for the club. Please attend our event on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> (see below for details). We will hold an outings planning meeting for all interested at 1:00, after lunch. If you can't attend the event, please send any suggestions that you have for the calendar to Doug.

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## **Club Fly Tying, Lunch, and Outings Calendar planning event**

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a fly tying, and outings, planning event.

We'll order pizza for lunch. This is open to all. We hope to see a large turnout and we hope to get lots of great outings ideas.

- What: Club Fly Tying, Lunch, and Outings Calendar
- When: Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 9AM-3PM (Outings calendar planning will be at 1PM)
- Where: North Olympia Fire Department located at 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA. 98506



## Fundraising / Classifieds

Kevin Angevine, *Chair*

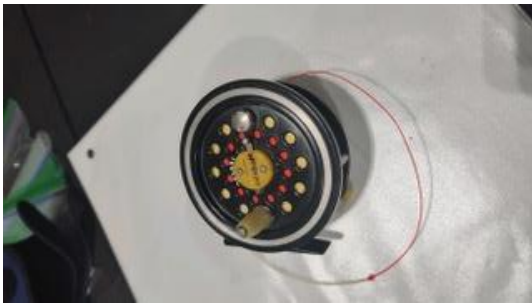


Pflueger Medalist 1594 RC. I know the person that this came from. The line looks used but not trashed so with the reel, the backing, and the line I don't see anything wrong with \$60 as a starting price.

This is a System-1 678 reel with a medium sink line on it. It comes with a spare spool that has a floating line on it. Both are 5/6 weight. I haven't found anything online close to the condition that this is in. I'm thinking a very similar price of \$60. It's not the quality of the Pflueger, but it comes with a spare spool and line.

White River hip boots. I see no reason why they can't be put on the website for \$50. They've never even been in the water. They're brand new!

Size 9 women's Hodgman boots and a pair of fins. I think it started out at \$25.



Pflueger Medalist Fly Reel



System-1 678 Fly Reel



White River Hip Boots



Women's Hodgman Boots and Force Fin

If you have an item(s) that you would like to sell, please send a note with a description of the item(s), price, and contact information to Kevin.

<https://southsoundflyfishers.org/contact/>

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.

## Little Brown Trout fly pattern



1. Establish a base by wrapping white thread from below the hook eye to the bend
2. For the tail, strip away the excess fuzzy fibers from the pheasant hackle's tip, cut the webby section's center out, then secure it on top of the shank
3. Moving onto the ribbing, secure a strand of Uni Mylar by the tip and below the eye with the silver part facing you, then cover the material with thread down to the tail. Leave the tag end intact, and we'll complete the Little Brown Trout's ribbing later.
4. Secure the white yarn at the initial tie-in point, then cover the rear-facing material with thread down to the tail to begin the body.
5. Finish the body by advancing the yarn's tag end with overlapping turns, secure the material below the eye, then clip the excess.
6. Complete the ribbing by advancing the mylar's tag up the shank with evenly spaced wraps, then secure and clip it near the initial tie-in.
7. Clip the white thread, then create the Little Brown Trout's head by wrapping the black thread below the eye several times.
8. The Little Brown Trout's wing consists of multiple colors of bucktail, but let's start with yellow. Secure a sparse clump by the tip and below the eye, with the hairs running to the tail's end.
9. Repeat the previous step with a mixture of orange and red bucktail tied over the yellow.
10. The final material is squirrel hair. Again, secure a sparse clump by the tip, below the eye, and directly above the bucktail.
11. Cover the wing's tip tightly with thread, then complete the tying process by securing a whip finish.
12. Finally, apply a small drop of head cement, then it's time to hit the water.



## SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS 2024 Officers, Directors, Chairs

President	Jared Wood
Vice President	Max Doerge
Secretary	Open Seat
Treasurer	Lee Yeager
Director at Large	Tim Veneziano
Director at Large	Dalton Gorham
Past President	Lee Yeager
Conservation	Open Seat
Education	Randy Allen
Fundraising	Kevin Angevine
Membership	Phil Jaramillo
Outings Chair	Doug Dunster
Programs	Lee Yeager
Webmaster/Facebook	Vic Andrade
Newsletter Editor	Dave Brombach
FFI/Gov't	Mike Clancy

Board of Directors Zoom meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00pm, with the noted exceptions below.

Club Meetings are conducted by Zoom and in-person at 7:00pm the third Tuesday of every month except December. Zoom is open at 6:30pm 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.

### **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.org](http://southsoundflyfishers.org)

USPS Mail Address: SSFF, PO BOX 2792, Olympia WA 98507

## South Sound Fly Fishers – 2024 Meeting Dates

<b>Board Of Directors Meetings</b>	<b>Membership Meetings</b>
* Jan 9	Jan 16
Feb 6	Feb 20
Mar 5	Mar 19
Apr 2	Apr 16
May 7	May 21
June 4	June 18
July 2	July 16
Aug 6	Aug 20
Sep 3	Sep17
* Oct 1	Oct 15
* Nov 5	Nov 19
Dec 3	No meeting this month
* Meetings will be in-person at the fire station Saturday January 20, 2024 is also reserved at the fire station	

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