



## SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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We will be voting on our 2024 Annual Budget at this month's meeting.

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This month's program is habitat management and restoration to enhance salmon populations.

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2024 membership fee is now due.

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### *Leader's Line*

Jared Wood, Club President



I always get excited for the Superbowl because that means that steelhead season is upon us! Hopefully we get some good weather to go catch some of these magnificent unicorns. I want to give a big 'Thank You' to all who came out and helped with the success of our Fly Tying event on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a great to see so many of us there, and I was impressed with how many visitors we had. That just shows your commitment in community outreach and cohesion within the club.

For our Feb 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting we will be voting on our 2024 Annual Budget as well as an amendment to our By-Laws. I encourage all to attend who can make it. We want to hear your input and collaboration on these votes. Included below is our proposed budget for this year which the Board approved to present to the club. Our operating budget for expenses such as payments to speakers, PO Box fees, insurance, webpage, and awards are all funded from membership dues. The monies collected and donated for conservation and education projects are used strictly for just those purposes. I write this to emphasize the importance of membership dues. If you have not already sent your 2024 dues please do so, and thank you. You can also pay in person at club meetings.

As mentioned at the January meeting, we have a need to amend the SSFF By-Laws in order to change the definition of 'Board of Directors.' The primary reason will be to open the pool of eligible candidates eligible for President, and second to increase voting input from all who volunteer their time to be at the Board meetings.

**Current Verbiage:**

Article VI: Board of Directors

Section 1 The Board of Directors will consist of the officer and director positions.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President, and Directors-at-large. The duties and responsibilities of the Directors-at-large shall be determined by the President. When the SSFF is not in session, all powers of the SSFF shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Matters pertaining to policies, management and administration of SSFF shall be referred to the Board of Directors before being acted upon by the SSFF.

**The new recommendation** will be to absorb Section 1 into a single paragraph and list all Committee Chairs highlighted in yellow so it reads:

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President, Directors-at-large, and the Chairs for

Conservation, Education, Fly Fishers International, Fundraising, Membership, Newsletter, Outings, Programs, and Webmaster/Media positions.

The duties and responsibilities of the Directors-at-large shall be determined by the President. When the SSFF is not in session, all powers of the SSFF shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Matters pertaining to policies, management, and administration of SSFF shall be referred to the Board of Directors before being acted upon by the SSFF.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember "fly fishing is the most fun you can have when you are not catching fish." Take care, be well, and tight lines!

The proposed annual budget follows.

Jared Wood  
SSFF President



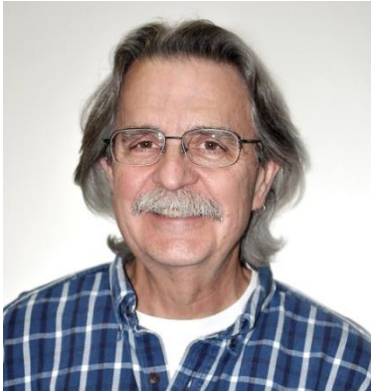
**South Sound Fly Fishers  
Proposed 2024 Budget by Fund (Cash Basis)**

2024 Proposed Budget							
	Total	Club Operations	Education	Conservation	Coastal Cutthroat Fund	Alan Harger Fund	Munn Lake Fund
<b>Beginning Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$20,478</b>	<b>\$9,781</b>	<b>\$4,428</b>	<b>\$604</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>\$4,821</b>	<b>\$174</b>
<b>Revenue</b>							
Membership Dues	\$3,000	\$3,000					
Education - Class Fees	\$1,350	\$1,000	\$350				
Gifts/Donations	\$1,700	\$100	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
Raffle	\$200	\$200					
Auction/Fundraise	\$0	\$0		\$0			
Product Sales (Patches)	\$0	\$0					
Other	\$0	\$0					
Bank Interest	\$1	\$1					
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,251</b>	<b>\$4,301</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
<b>Operations</b>							
Program Speakers	\$2,000	\$2,000					
Insurance	\$475	\$475					
FFI Dues	\$300	\$300					
Membership	\$150	\$150					
Postage - PO Box	\$250	\$250					
Misc.	\$150	\$150					
Meeting Expense	\$450	\$450					
Awards & Recognition	\$175	\$175					
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$175	\$175					
Corporate - Registration	\$20	\$20					
Auction	\$0	\$0					
Newsletter & Website	\$350	\$350					
Picnic	\$200	\$200					
Other	\$0	\$0					
<b>Subtotal Operations</b>	<b>\$4,695</b>	<b>\$4,695</b>					

<b>Education</b>							
Class/Instructor Expense	\$250		\$250				
Room Rental	\$0		\$0				
<b>Subtotal Education</b>	<b>\$250</b>		<b>\$250</b>				
<b>Conservation Grants</b>							
To Be Determined By The Board	\$1,500			\$1,500			
NWYC&FFA							
FFI							
Castling for Recovery							
Project Healing Waters							
Salmon Center & Hood Canal SEG							
South Sound SEG							
The Osprey							
Western River Conservancy							
<b>Subtotal Conservation</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>			<b>\$1,500</b>			
<b>Dedicated Conservation Funds</b>							
Coastal Cutthroat Fund	\$0				\$0		
Alan Harger Fund (NWYC&FFA)	\$500					\$500	
Munn Lake Stewardship Fund	\$1,200						\$1,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,145</b>	<b>\$4,695</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>(\$1,894)</b>	<b>(\$394)</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>(\$1,100)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$500)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$18,584</b>	<b>\$9,387</b>	<b>\$4,528</b>	<b>(\$496)</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>\$4,321</b>	<b>\$174</b>

<b>Previous Budgets</b>					
	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2022 Actuals</b>	<b>2021 Actuals</b>	<b>2020 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Actuals</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$17,217</b>	<b>\$19,579</b>	<b>\$18,817</b>	<b>\$17,840</b>	<b>\$16,235</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>					
Membership Dues	\$3,605	\$3,140	\$2,715	\$2,470	\$3,545
Education - Class Fees	\$1,270	\$718	\$0	\$0	\$1,352
Gifts/Donations	\$1,716	\$1,806	\$1,956	\$2,828	\$1,700
Raffle	\$26	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$507
Auction/ Fundraisers	\$4,547	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Product Sales (Patches)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$10
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20
Bank Interest	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,169</b>	<b>\$5,665</b>	<b>\$4,672</b>	<b>\$5,437</b>	<b>\$7,136</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>					
<b>Operations</b>					
Program Speakers	\$850	\$1,550	\$1,250	\$350	\$900
Insurance	\$475	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450
FFI Dues	\$295	\$280	\$289	\$340	\$190
Membership	\$539	\$150	\$0	\$160	\$77
Postage - PO Box	\$207	\$204	\$146	\$118	\$204
Misc.	\$119	\$146	\$95	\$0	\$72
Meeting Expense	\$33	\$283	\$191	\$249	\$229
Awards & Recognition	\$108	\$35	\$37	\$37	\$59
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$114	\$168	\$68	\$37	\$0
Corporate - Registration	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$10	\$0
Auction	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$0
Newsletter & Website	\$36	\$34	\$33	\$0	\$0
Picnic	\$171	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Operations</b>	<b>\$4,287</b>	<b>\$3,320</b>	<b>\$2,560</b>	<b>\$1,760</b>	<b>\$2,180</b>

<b>Education</b>					
Class/Instructor Expense	\$70	\$457	\$0	\$0	\$0
Room Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Education</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$457</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation Grants</b>					
To Be Determined By The Board					
NWYC&FFA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
FFI	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$500	\$350
Casting for Recovery	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Project Healing Waters	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Salmon Center & Hood Canal SEG	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$300
South Sound SEG	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
The Osprey	\$300	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$0
Western River Conservancy	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Conservation</b>	<b>\$1,850</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
<b>Dedicated Conservation Funds</b>					
Coastal Cutthroat Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alan Harger Fund (NWYC&FFA)	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Munn Lake Stewardship Fund	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,907</b>	<b>\$8,027</b>	<b>\$3,910</b>	<b>\$4,460</b>	<b>\$5,530</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$3,262</b>	<b>(\$2,362)</b>	<b>\$762</b>	<b>\$977</b>	<b>\$1,605</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$20,479</b>	<b>\$17,217</b>	<b>\$19,579</b>	<b>\$18,817</b>	<b>\$17,840</b>



This month's speaker will be *Dr. Mara Zimmerman, Executive Director at the Coast Salmon Partnership*

Mara's presentation will focus on habitat management and restoration projects to enhance salmon populations.

Dr. Zimmerman joined the Coast Salmon Partnership in January of 2019. Her career has been dedicated to the study and conservation of fish and their habitats. She holds a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Michigan, and has previously worked in natural resource management in North Carolina, Michigan, and Washington states as well as contributing internationally to the Pacific Salmon Treaty (US-Canada) and the Kamchatka Steelhead Project (US-Russia). In these roles, Mara has worked to bring the best available science to species re-introductions, large-scale habitat restoration, fisheries management, and monitoring programs. At the Coast Salmon Partnership, she feels very fortunate to focus her time on the Washington coast and enjoys working with local partners toward a future of sustainable and healthy salmon in coastal watersheds.



*Mara Zimmerman  
Executive Director*



## Treasurer

Lee Yeager, Chair



Hi everyone, please allow me to take this opportunity to remind you that annual club memberships are due. The dues that the South Sound Fly Fishers collect are used to fund club operations primarily to pay for speakers and presentation fees.

Your membership is vitally important in helping to keep the South Sound Fly Fishers financially sound and able to continue to provide quality programs on fly fishing strategies, opportunities, and locations in the Pacific Northwest.

- Renewal dues are still \$40 per person or for families.
- Spouses or significant others are considered a family membership.
- New member dues are \$45, that is \$40 for club dues and \$5 for a name badge.
- First time family memberships are \$40.00 plus \$5.00 for each person's name badge.

If you have not submitted your dues for 2024 you may do in any of the following ways:

1. Pay in person with cash, check, or credit card at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the North Olympia Fire Station.

2. Mail a check to the club at:

South Sound Fly Fishers  
PO BOX 2792  
Olympia, WA 98507

3. Use the Membership tab on the club website below to pay via Pay Pal or credit card:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=BXHH6MJ3T5MAU](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BXHH6MJ3T5MAU)

Tight Lines,  
Lee Yeager, Treasurer





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

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

Single membership dues are \$40.

Dues are also \$40 for families / spouses / partners / significant others. Families et cetera are considered as family memberships.

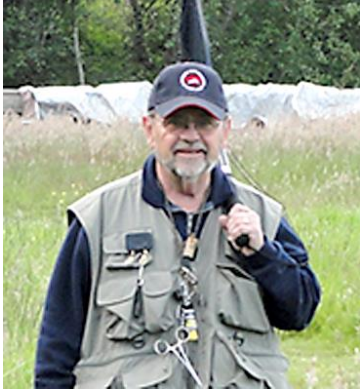
For new members we collect \$45, the \$5 is for one badge. If your other family members want their own badges, include \$5 for each additional badge.

Remember - your dues fund our programs and speaker fees. Please help us with our cash flow by renewing early.

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# Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International (WSCFFI) & Government Affairs

Mike Clancy, Chair



Fly Fishing Show and FFI Tickets for Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM - 4:30PM.

An FFI Reception with immediately follow at 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

Tickets for Saturday are \$30 which includes the reception.

Purchase the tickets on the WSCFFI website:

[Fly Fishing Show and FFI Reception Tickets](#)

The event is at the Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6<sup>th</sup>, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Bring your friends and join us at 4:30 PM to learn the facts about a game-changing conservation strategy for the peninsula. Jon Owen of Wild Olympic Campaign will outline the ambitious plan to designate new Wild and Scenic River corridors on the peninsula that will help protect vital salmon and steelhead habitat in one of Washington's iconic fisheries.

With each ticket attendees also will be entered in a drawing for a new Thomas & Thomas ESP 8 foot, 5 weight, 4 piece fly rod and other premium fly gear. Winners will be drawn at 5:45 PM February 17. You must be present to win.

May 4<sup>th</sup> the WSCFFI will conduct another Fly Fishing Fair at Ballinger Park in Mountlake Terrace, north of Seattle. This event will feature a rotating series of the best fly tyers in the Northwest, an introductory fly tying class, and full-day casting classes for beginners and advanced fishers.

June 22-29, 2024, the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy will conduct another week-long event at the Panhandle Lake 4H Camp west of Shelton. Registration is now open. The application is available on the website:

[nwycffa.com](http://nwycffa.com)





If you just discovered our newsletter, our five-week class, *Introduction to Fly Fishing*, will be on Mondays beginning February 26, and will run through March 25. In addition to the evening classroom sessions we include two Saturday mornings of fly casting.

Our team of instructors brings decades of experience to the training class. We are so fortunate to have this competent team working with our students. And we keep class sizes reasonable to assure individual attention.

The class was set to accommodate 30 students, and we're full at this time. If someone you know, or yourself, *needs* to get into the class, contact us on our web-link. We'll see if we can accommodate your needs.

The City of Olympia also maintains a wait-list. Experience shows that we can expect that three people will be unable to attend. I encourage everyone to register on the wait list. I want those seats to be used. If you are reading this and are one of those whose life has changed, please contact Olympia Parks immediately and tell them your situation. They will arrange a full refund of your fees paid. They're really good people. Here is the link to the City's enrollment page for the class, [Introduction to Fly Fishing](#).

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 learn to tie 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.

**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*



February 17-18  
9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

The Fly Fishing Show  
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

I had been planning to have an outing for sea-run cutthroat at The Evergreen State College Beach this month, but unfortunately all the good tides are in the middle of the night. So instead of that we have decided this month's outing will be The Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue.

You can obtain tickets at the following link:

[flyfishingshow](http://flyfishingshow)

You should try to carpool to save cost of parking.

Costs are:

Adults - \$20 for one-day pass and \$35 for two-day pass.

Children - 5 & under free.

Children - 6 to 12 \$5.

Scouts in uniform under 16 free.

Military with ID \$10.

See Mike Clancy's update on FFI activities for information on events they will be having during the show.







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.

The following pictures are available for purchase. They vary in size, the largest is 28" x 24". Please make a respectable offer.



## Copper John



1. Put an appropriate size bead on the hook (#12-18) - put 6-10 wraps of lead-free wire on the shank..
2. Start your thread just behind the wire wraps. Wrap over the wire to the bead, then wrap back to the bend of the hook. This will lock the wire in place and keep it from moving.
3. Now tie in your goose biots for a tail. This should have a natural curve. Tie them so that they curve out and away from each other. Now wrap your thread forward to build a bit of an underbody. Don't build too much toward the tail but more towards the middle of the shank.
4. Tie the copper wire in the middle of the hook shank and wrap it back towards the tail
5. Wrap the thread forward again and stop about 1 1/2 bead widths behind the bead. Now wrap the copper wire forward to create the abdomen. Keep the wraps tight. You should have a smooth and tapered body.
6. Now tie in a strip of scud back and a few strands of pearl Flashabou or Krystal Flash. Thin Skin in the "official" material but requires a little more effort since you must cut it to size.
7. Tie in 3 - 4 strands of peacock herl, clip the weak tips off and tie them in at the end. Make sure that the thread ends up against the bead.
8. Wrap the peacock herl so that you build up a nice thorax. Tie it off and clip the excess.
9. Take a small clump of partridge or other fibers and tie them on the side of the hook next to the bead. Repeat on the other side of the hook.
10. Fold the scud back and flash over the peacock herl, and tie it down. Clip any excess soft hackle scud back and flash.
11. Now finish your tying with a series of half hitches or a whip finish. Now apply 5-30 minute epoxy and let dry.



## 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 7:00 PM with the noted exceptions below.

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

<u>Board Of Directors Meetings</u>	<u>Membership Meetings</u>
* 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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