



SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

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Leader's Line

Jared Wood, Club President



Greetings fellow fly fishers,

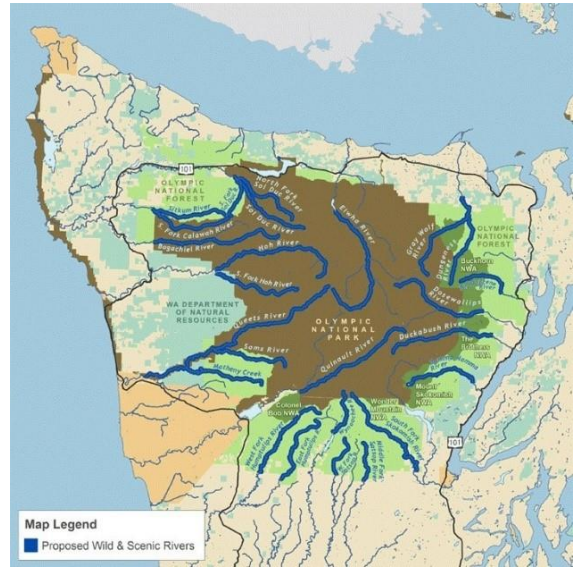
I hope this edition of the Garden Hackle finds each of you well, able, and excited about the return of warmer weather fishing. So far, 2024 has been a good year for the South Sound Fly Fishers club with the amount of outreach, classes, and quality of monthly presentations. If you have not attended a meeting this year in person, I encourage you to come out to the North Olympia Fire Station and join us. Our Board of Directors have been discussing the tradition of casting practice at our July club meeting instead of having a guest speaker. With the recent interest and success of many of our members engaging in the FFI Casting Skills Program, we are looking to incorporate more skills building and casting lanes at this event. There is

something in the curriculum that we all can learn, and then pass on to others.

I am looking forward to our overnight outing this month May 17-19th, and hope to give a great report at our in-person meeting on May 21. As we get closer to the trip more members have expressed interest, and there are a handful of Service members who will also be joining our outing.

Steve Jones, President of Washington Council FFI, gave a great presentation last month on many of the Washington State FFI conservation projects completed in the past 10 years. He asked that I share the below fund raiser currently going on for the Olympic Peninsula Rivers Project. Washington FFI is engaged in a substantial campaign to win *Federal Wild & Scenic River* status for 13 important salmon and steelhead rivers flowing out of Olympic National Park. Wild & Scenic status would be a vital step on the long road to restoring sport fishing on these iconic Pacific Northwest rivers.

“We want to make a difference in the environment in Washington State, and I am writing to ask your help. Washington Council of Fly Fishers International and its 17 affiliated fly fishing clubs in Washington have helped raise more than \$50,000 in the past six years to fund conservation of riverside habitat on the Grande Ronde and Yakima Rivers in Washington, and we’re focusing next on Olympic Peninsula rivers. We’ve earned a place at the table whenever public waters and public fishing is the issue. Staying abreast of issues, communicating with members, and organizing for action all take money. Not a lot, but enough that the 12 directors of Washington FFI want your help. We’ve created a \$1,000 matching fund to back up our request. Your \$10 contribution becomes \$20 when matched with dollars from the FFI Directors Fund; your \$50 becomes \$100. Please consider joining our work by making a contribution today. The link below will take you to the [GiveBIG](#) Washington page; every dollar donated will go to FFI and a cause we believe in.”



FFI Olympic Peninsula Federal Wild & Scenic River status campaign map

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Lastly, I am extremely proud for our club to announce that **Randy Allen** was nominated and selected for the statewide **2024 Education Award** from the **WSCFFI**.

His leadership and dedicated service in facilitating multiple education opportunities continues to surpass expectations.

Randy led fly fishing classes at the Olympia Senior Center and most recently the fly casting classes at the Lacey Community Center. He invested his free time to build reference binders containing all the different aspects of fly fishing, which our students are able to rely on for their future knowledge and skills.

We are all very proud and thankful for everything Randy does for our fly fishing community. What a great honor for him to be recognized.

Thank you Randy!!!



Randy leading Roll Casting classes for 7

Jared Wood
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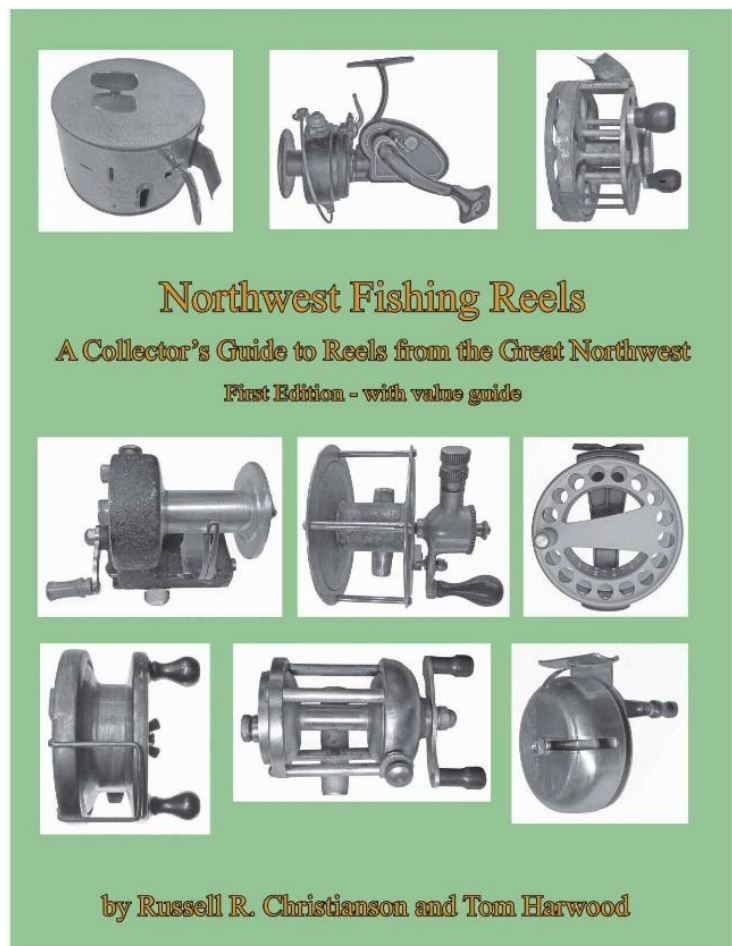
Our speaker this month will be Tom Harwood.

Tom has been collecting antique fishing tackle for more than 30 years. He is a Life Member and has been the national president of the Old Reel Collectors Association, ORCA. Tom hosted the ORCA national convention 15 years ago. He is also a Life Member and past regional vice president of NFLCC (National Fishing Lure Collectors Club) and has hosted multiple regional conventions.

Tom is also the co-author, with Russ Christianson, of *Northwest Fishing Reels - A Collector's Guide to Fishing Reels from the Great Northwest*.

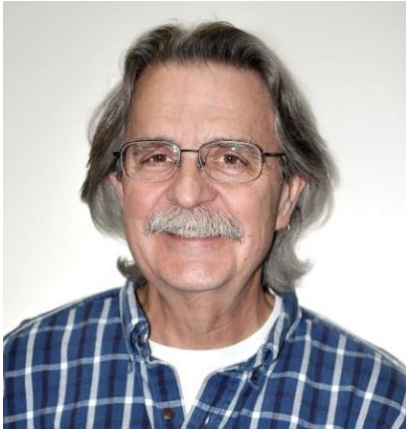
After retiring from Graybar Electric, Tom built a house and a personal museum at Iron Springs by Copalis Beach where he hopes to successfully learn to fly fish for Surf Perch. Tom's presentation will cover historical, economic, and technological influences that lead to the sport fishing we do today. His presentation will focus on fly fishing related items, but will also touch on bait casting to trolling for salmon. Come to the meeting, I think you will find this a most interesting presentation.

Lee Yeager
Program Chair



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 so 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

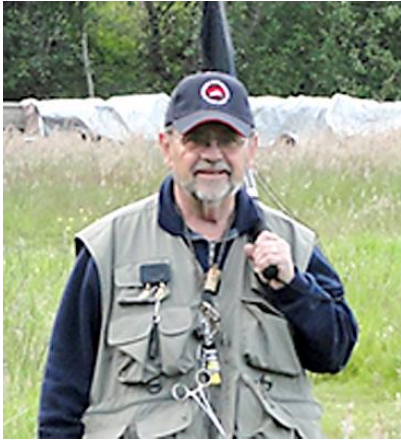
3. Use the Membership tab on the club website below to pay via Pay Pal or credit card:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BXHH6MJ3T5MAU

Tight Lines,
Lee Yeager, Treasurer

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

Mike Clancy, Chair



The Fly Fishing Fair at Lake Ballinger at Mountlake Terrace on May 4th, north of Seattle was successful even though it had weather challenges. The casting classes were very busy, the fly fishing classes were well attended, and the fly tying had some vacancies. There was casting testing for the bronze, silver, and gold levels, and a number achieved the gold level. I just spoke with Robert Gerlach, and he was very pleased with the casting events. That's great news. We are Looking forward to the fly-fishing event to be conducted in Vancouver, WA. September 21, 2024. The program will be similar to the Lake Ballinger event. And, recently the FFI conducted a survey to learn everyone's thoughts on conducting a fly fishing event in Montana. Those events in Montana are so great with wonderful fly fishing in the area.

The date is closing on The NWYCFF Academy. There are 18 boys and girls committed to the June 22-29, 2024 event. A number of the students are from out of state. In the past we had students from the East coast, Texas, Alaska, and many other states. The event will be conducted at the wonderful Panhandle Lake 4H Camp west of Shelton. Since the move from Grinwood, costs like everything else have increased. The cost to the student is \$500 for the entire week; the balance of approximately \$1500 is covered by donations from the FFI and TU Clubs, along with private donations. The kids that graduate from The Academy will be ready to fly fish. The students will tie flies, and receive rods, reels, lines, furred leaders, and will be equipped with more items, for the rest of their fly-fishing careers. Again, any financial support is greatly appreciated.

Please send your donation to:
NW Youth Conservation and FF Academy
c/o John Gravendyk
818 - 291st Ave. NE
Carnation, WA. 98014





Following the highly successful Introduction to Fly Fishing class we gave the students a one-week break, then we were back at it. We started our seven-week Fly Casting class. About a dozen students are interested in improving their casting skills. We focus on accuracy, managing wind, and line management on moving river water.

Thanks where thanks are due. We need to recognize our great team who diligently work with the students and freeze their hands off. It's been downright *cold* out there from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Then the wind whips up. The COLD wind. I thought this was spring in the Northwest. Who knew? Well, everyone's hands are frozen except smiling Max Doerge, who shows up with his battery heated vest and long-johns. Go, Max!

So now you know **Max Doerge** is there. So are **Kevin Angevine, Lee Yeager, Mike Clancy, Bert French, Tim Mettier, Tobey Anderson, and Jared Wood.** Thank you all. Your efforts are producing very noticeable results!

Now for the third year the **Griffin Middle School** requested SSFF to help teach fly fishing to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade PE students. This is an amazing program, and the parent-teacher organization gives it their full support. (For the tyers reading this, they're tying on Regal vises... just sayin'...) **Kudos and thanks to Josh Phillips,** owner of **Spawn Fly Fish,** in Ilwaco. He was a Griffin student who fondly remembers his time at the school. He gives the school a discount and fast delivery of any tying supplies.

This year 41 students are in the class. They are learning to cast fly rods and to tie eight fly patterns. We don't hold back - we transferred our adult fly-tying program directly to these youngsters, and they're producing some good-looking flies.

On Tuesday, June 11 their teacher, **Justin Poland,** arranged a field trip to Long Pond. The students will fish the flies they tied. Two years ago it was cold and pouring rain. As chilly and soaked as they were, the kids caught fish. They smiled from ear-to-ear as they saw that their own flies worked.

If you can participate in the class or want to help with the field trip, let me know. We cast on Mondays and Tuesdays. We tie on Thursdays and Fridays. We need help especially with tying on Thursdays and Fridays.

For working with these youngsters **thanks are due to Kevin Angevine, Fran Eide, Doug Dunster, Walt Dohring, Lee Yeager, Bert French, John Rosenberg, Tobey Anderson, Max Doerge, and Phil Jaramillo.**

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.

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. We're working on class dates to start in April 2024 for this year's class.

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/>



Phil Jaramillo and a fall tying student © Randy Allen

Outings

Doug Dunster, Chair



May 17-20 - Quincy-Ephrata-Sun Lakes Area (Grant County). We will fish for rainbow, Lahontan Cutthroat, German Brown, bass, blue gill, perch, and carp.

Camping - Near Quincy Lake boat launch.

There are many places to fish in the Quincy-Ephrata-Sun Lakes area of Grant County. Some of the selective-rule waters include Dry Falls (rainbow and brown), Lenore (Lahontan Cutthroat), and Rocky Ford Creek (rainbow). Motors, gear, and bait are allowed on Quincy, Burke, Evergreen, Park, and Blue Lakes but there should be good fly fishing too. Dusty Lake requires hiking into.

For those who are not going on the overnighter, get out with other SSFF members, friends, or family to one of the local lakes in Thurston and Mason Counties. WDFW has been busy the past month getting fish stocked in the lakes. This is a great time for those new to fly fishing to catch some fish on a fly. Check out the WDFW fish stocking report [Catchable trout plant reports - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#) for information on the dates, numbers, and sizes of fish that have been stocked to see where you might want to cast a fly.



Dry Falls Lake

South Sound Fly Fishers - 2024 Outings		
March 21 & 23	Munn Lake (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Cutthroat, Bass, Blue Gill
April 18 & 20	Spencer Lake (Mason County)	Rainbow
May 17-19	Dry Falls, Lenore, Quincy Area Lakes (Grant County)	Rainbow, Lahontan Cutthroat
June 13 & 15	Summit Lake (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Kokanee, Bass
July 18 & 20	Deschutes River (Thurston County)	Rainbow, Cutthroat
August 22 & 24	Kokanee Lake aka Lower Lake Cushman (Mason County)	Rainbow
September 20-22	Yakima River (Kittitas County)	Rainbow
October 17 & 19	Cowlitz River (Lewis County)	Coho, Cutthroat, Steelhead
November 23	Fly Tying	Boston Harbor Fire Station



McLane Creek Trail Maintenance



Volunteer Opportunities

Since 2009 the Native Plant Salvage Project, Stream Team, and the Department of Natural Resources have collaborated to steward the beautiful McLane Creek Trail.

Join us for multiple volunteer opportunities throughout the summer. Help keep the trails accessible, and keep habitat intact for the many animals and plants that use the forests and stream.

[Register Now](#)



Did you know? Washing your car in the driveway rinses harmful pollutants like oil, grease, and soaps directly into our creeks, rivers, and Puget Sound. Instead, take your car to a commercial car wash or wash your car on a grassy area.

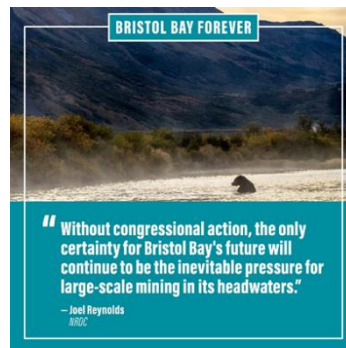
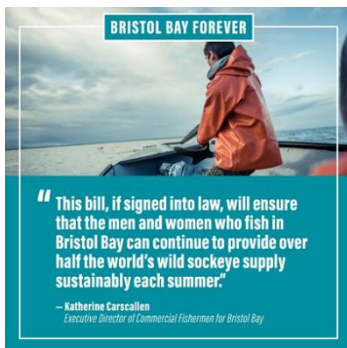
Representative Peltola of Alaska introduced the Bristol Bay Protection Act to give permanent Bristol Bay protections a place in the U.S. Congress.

If passed, the Bristol Bay Protection Act would codify the protections enacted by EPA last year that vetoed the proposed Pebble Mine, and would ensure no mine could ever move forward at the Pebble deposit.

While the EPA's veto is incredibly durable, adding a layer of congressional protection only strengthens the agency's work. If passed, any future mining of the Pebble deposit would require a further act of Congress to proceed.

We'll be working to support this bill to help ensure that this special place, including its fishery and communities, remains protected from future mining threats.

Here's what our coalition leadership is saying:



Please take a moment to send a thank you to Representative Peltola, and stay with us as future opportunities arise to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Bristol Bay Forever



If you have items that you would like to donate, please send a note with a description of the item(s), value, and contact information to Kevin:

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

SSFF is registered as a not-for-profit corporation with the State of Washington and is an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to SSFF may be tax deductible to the full extent of IRS guidelines. While SSFF operates in 'Good Faith,' all sales are considered "As Is" condition. SSFF assumes no liability, and the buyer purchases items at their own risk.

The following are available for purchase.

Glasses
\$7.50 each / \$15.00 all 3



Albright Fly Rod (9' #6) & Ross R 3.5 Fly Reel (New) \$380.00



Ross CLA 4 Fly Reel, with spare spool and lines
\$350



South Bend 1144 Finalist Fly Reel with line
\$29.00



Back Brace
\$35.00



Woolly Bugger



- Start by wrapping some 6/0 thread onto a hook
- Take a tip section of some black Marabou. Find the little section where the stem goes up through and pull it out. Now line-up all those feathers, you're not going to see that little stem poking through and all the feathers.
- Preen these feathers down and measure the tail so that it's roughly the same length as the overall length of the hook.



- Use the pinch technique to put that on the hook.
- Pinch the Marabou down in the same spot with three turns.



- Now lift your Marabou up take your thread to the front of the fly and then grab your Marabou with the other hand and then tie it off at the head of the fly



- Now trim it off and take the thread and wrap it back to where your tie-in point is. This creates a very nice even uniform body that you can put your Chenille over the top.
- Now wrap that down a little bit.

- Now take the Chenille and preen off some of those fibers at the end to get to the core. Tie down the Chenille with 4 or 5 turns on that core to trap it down.
 - Typically, you would tie Hackle in on the butt or on the base, but we're going to tie it in by the tip.
- The easiest way to find this tie-in point is to hold your Hackle and preen your feathers down. You will see there's like a little break between where it is preened back and where it looks like a normal feather. That's where you'll tie that in.
- Now that the Hackle is tied in take your Chenille and wrap it forward.



- Wrap the Hackle through the Chenille.
- Put 1 full turn in front of the Chenille; tie that down before you trim it off.
- Pull all those fibers back and get a few turns of thread right here. Add a few more turns of Hackle. The head on this is just a tiny little head.
- And there you have a Woolly Buzzer with the right length of tail. The Hackle tapers back perfectly, and the Hackle's not too big or too small.





2024 SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS Officers, Directors, Chairs	
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Programs	Lee Yeager
Webmaster/Facebook	Vic Andrade
Newsletter Editor	Dave Brombach
FFI/Gov't	Mike Clancy

South Sound Fly Fishers - 2024 Meeting Dates	
<u>Board Of Directors Meetings</u>	<u>Club Membership Meetings</u>
Jan 9 (in person)	Jan 16
Feb 6	Feb 20
Mar 5	Mar 19
Apr 2 (in person)	Apr 16
May 7	May 21
June 4 (in person)	June 18
July 2	July 16
Aug 6 (in person)	Aug 20
Sep 3	Sep 17
Oct 1 (in person)	Oct 15
Nov 5 (in person)	Nov 19
Dec 3	No meeting this month

Board of Directors meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 PM with the noted exceptions as indicated above.

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.

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