



# Garden Hackle

## Leader's Line From the Club President

Happy New Year to all you members and guests of the South Sound Fly Fishers. I hope you enjoyed some time off, your holidays were good, and that good fortune bestowed your wishes for new gear, gift certificates for new gear, or spousal blessings to take that trip, maybe accompanied by your enthusiastic spouse to your dream destinations this year.

Joe and JoMarie Uhlman graciously opened their home to the Board for December's Board of Directors planning meeting. Joe, our past president, continues to serve the club as community outreach chair. Thanks Joe for the use of your home and for your continued service to the club. Some transitions occurred in the Board last fall and I want to recognize and thank some folks for long-time service to the club.

Outgoing Prez Gene Sterbis - you continued to support the club with e-mails, phone calls, and running some meetings you didn't know you'd run (it's always good to see you here Gene!).

Outgoing 2nd VP Al Harger ran the outings and the programs for several years and did so with great communication to the members. Organized? You bet. You initiated the long-term visibility with your yearly announcements of trips and sign-ups. You got us great programs with a variety of interests that shared great remote destinations as well as expertise of our own members with things we need to know here in the South Sound.

Joe Williams continues as our secretary, and your notes are always accurate and come in a timely manner. Thanks for keeping us on track!

Myron Saikewicz continues as our political awareness, conservation, and banquet/auction chair. Myron does double duty acting for the Puget Sound Fly Fishers in the conservation capacity there also. Greater strength in greater numbers. How you follow the ongoing conservation/political arena is amazing. Thanks for continuing.

Jim Voss continues as education chair. Jim is planning more great education activities to serve those new to fly-fishing, as well as the experienced folks. Jim has been a leader for extracurricular activities like our involvement at the Stream Team and Chowder Challenge last year. Great job Jim!

Our Member at Large / raffle chair is Denny Lewis, and he's continuing this year with some ideas for some more exciting raffle programs.

Thanks for returning, Denny.

Brian Mooers, with his demanding traveling schedule kept the newsletters flowing smoothly last year. The timing of newsletters is critical. We send recent guests the Hackle to better introduce them to the on-goings of the SSFF and everyone relies on its information. Brian- for the thousands of newsletters you've published and distributed, many thanks.

Replacing Al Harger for programs this year is long time member Gary Kellog. Gary - thanks for taking the job and we're looking forward to your programs.

Replacing Al Harger for outings is relatively new member Bill Aubrey. Bill wants to see more involvement, especially among the new folks and he's working to ensure that happens. Welcome and thanks Bill.

At the meeting considerable discussion focused on our growing membership and the influx of new members. This is a good thing, and comes with a responsibility to ensure new members are involved in the club and take advantage of what we offer. To readily identify guests at the monthly meetings we've instituted the use of red name badges for guests. Members who have forgotten their permanent engraved badges are given a blue paper badge at the door. But identification is only half the job. This is where you come in. We need you. Both of you.

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## Programs

**Where:** Salmon Club

**When:** Tuesday Jan 17th, 2006

**Time:** 6:15 Doors Open  
6:30 Fly Tying  
7:00 Brief Business  
7:20 Program

### January Program

Hi fellow fly fishers. I, Gary Kellogg, am your new program chairman this year. I have an exciting lineup of speakers this year and with a new twist. We are planning a six-part "local members, local waters" program this year so we can learn where our own members go to fly fish.

I also have the always popular special guest speaker programs. Again we are going to start the year, January meeting, with the Steve Probasco, author and editor, who will bring a program about local waters. Yes, this is going to

be about Steve fishing in our own back yard. As Steve emailed me: "My program will be a collection of slides from trips this past summer. A week float down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in ID, bass fishing in central Washington, and a few other places thrown in as well".

The line-up we have so far:

February - members Myron Saikewicz and Joe Williams, coastal Steelhead waters, and Dave Millard, Lenice Lake

March - guest author Doug Rose, fly fishing the Olympic Peninsula

April - guest guide Derek Sater, fishing Alaska

May - member Tom Bolander, fishing our local Deschutes River

June - member Burt Saver, Coho on a dry fly (Dondas Island, BC)

July - members Joe Uhlman and Gene Sterbis, fishing Montana rivers

August - open

September - member Jim Voss, fishing the Yakima River

October - open

November - member Joe Uhlman, totally Yakitak

As you can see we have a couple openings. What I would like, is your requests to fill these opening. I want to bring in programs that interest you, our members.

### WINTERSTEELHEAD FLY FISHING CLINIC WITH DOUG ROSE

Learn to read water, select flies, handle line and set up the wet fly swing and dead drift for winter steelhead. The clinic will take place on the Duckabush and Dosewallips rivers. Two dates available -Jan. 14th and Feb.

11th. Each clinic limited to 8 participants. Cost --\$60.00. For information call Doug Rose at 360-374- 0101.

## Conservation Committee

### Myron Saikewicz

#### 2006 Banquet/Auction

The 2006 Banquet/Auction Committee is continuing to meet and plan to make the South Sound Fly Fishers' 2006 banquet and auction the best yet. Following a brief pause for the holidays, the Committee met in early January to consider, among other things, an alternative date for the auction. Earlier proposed dates such as April 22 and April 8 became impractical because of conflicts with members' schedules or those of other club auction dates.

The Committee carefully considered other available dates and decided that May 13 would be our best option. This date ensures the availability of the Tumwater Valley Grill and Andy Hill our auctioneer. It also puts us a month past tax time and the April 8 Puget Sound Flyfishers auction date and avoids those conflicts. Finally, since May 14 is Mother's Day, it will give us an opportunity to honor all the women in our club.

#### Legislative/Regulatory Issues

As many of you no doubt have read, major efforts are being proposed this year to continue the clean up of Puget Sound. The Governor and the environmental community have made this a top priority with the Governor proposing \$42 million in this year's supplemental budget towards this effort. Some of this money is earmarked toward restoring shoreline and estuary habitat thereby helping to turn around the continued decline of some 40 marine species in Puget Sound including the Chinook salmon, which has landed on the federal Endangered Species Act list.

While for many of us the need for this is a "no brainer", efforts will no doubt be made legislatively to derail this activity. Our club, through the Conservation Committee, will be tracking this process and will help through letters and testimony to ensure that this important work continue.



## Outings

Bill Aubrey

Work is currently underway at developing about 5 outings for the year. Some are close to being finalized. More info will come later in the next Hackle. Also, make sure you attend the meetings to get updated information.

One thing we would like to do this year is to find a way to get more participation from club members at the outings. During the last board meeting it was suggested that breakout sessions be formed at the general meeting to allow interested members time to gather and discuss upcoming outings and details of the outings they are interested in. This will likely be discussed at the January meeting so be prepared to offer your feedback.

Remember, anytime we have outings we always look for people to be Ghillies. The Ghillie serves as a coordinator/go to person for the outing. This can be a shared responsibility. Please feel free to offer your skills and be involved. Contact Bill Aubrey if you have the desire to help or if you have ideas or questions.

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The existing member and the new member / guest alike. Now that we can tell who's who at a glance, we need the club members to reach out and introduce themselves to the new folks. Show them the outing lists and how to sign-up. Find out their interests, what skills they want to develop more, and introduce them around to other like-minded members. If it's stream fishing they want, have them meet our stream fishers. If it's lake fishing that interests them, introduce them to other lake fishers. Salt water? Same thing. If they're new to fly-fishing and need some basics with casting or equipment help get them started with some gear suggestions. Introduce them to some of our education folks. It sounds simple, doesn't it? That's good, because it really is that simple. Let's all partner to make 2006 the year of involvement. Narrow loops and tight lines!

## Board Meeting Notes

The last board meeting was held at Apollos in Olympia on January 3rd at 6:00 PM. Ten board members were present and much was accomplished.

Jim Bush, treasurer, reported that he is preparing an end of the year report for the next board meeting. He also reported that it is time for the yearly audit. The board suggested that it be prepared by the April meeting. Jim will contact the auditor.

Bill Aubrey, outings chair, reported on the status of upcoming outing for the year. See his column.

Jim Voss, education chair, reported that his group will be meeting next week to make final arrangements for the upcoming fly-tying class. Jim also reported that the club will participate in upcoming community events like the Chowder festival and the Steam Train activities.

Myron Saikewicz, conservation chair, plans to meet with his group to make plans for this years banquet and auction. More details coming soon.

Jay Johnson, Hackle editor, is always looking for information to put in the Hackle. Contact him if you have anything. Jay will explore options for emailing a copy of the newsletter to members instead of standard mailing.

Dave Millard, website coordinator, is working with Jay at exploring the possibility of posting the Hackle on the club website each month.

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## Upcoming Events

January 25-29 will be the Washington Sportsman's Show at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup. SSFF will be there at a booth. Come by and say Hi. For more information go to [www.oloughlintradeshows.com/ots-shows-ss-wa.html](http://www.oloughlintradeshows.com/ots-shows-ss-wa.html).

February 10-12 will be the Fly Fishing Show and the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. This is always a great event with lots of vendors and some great sessions. For more information go to [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com).

Title: Fly Fishing the Deschutes and other Western Rivers  
Where: Maupin, Oregon

Dates & Time: Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 5pm to 9pm,  
Sunday, March 19, 2006 from 9am to 4pm

Cost: \$130/person (includes dinner Saturday and lunch Sunday)

Registration: Contact Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop (toll free: 1-866-647-4721) or [john@flyfishingdeschutes.com](mailto:john@flyfishingdeschutes.com)

Class size limited. Pre-registration required by February 25th, 2006.



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**General Meetings** are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December. The meetings are held at the American Legion Hall (Salmon Club), 3201 Boston Harbor Road NE Olympia, WA.

When --- The third Tuesday of every Month.

Where --- American Legion Hall (Salmon Club)

3201 Boston Harbor Road NE

Time ----- 6:15 P.M. Fly Tying Demonstration

7:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

**Board Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of every other month at Apollo's Pizza & Pasta 2010 Harrison Avenue NW Olympia (phone 754-7444) at 6:00. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th. Everyone is welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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