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South Sound Fly Fishers

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January's Program

By Tom Bolender

If you missed the January presentation, you're in luck. It was the first of a two part series on mayflies. January's half was awesome and February's will be just as good. Skip Morris is an expert fly tyer who has spent many years studying the life cycles of many mayfly species. His non latin lesson makes it easy to learn to identify the species you see flying in the air and his no nonsense tying techniques help you quickly tie a fly that matches the hatch. Be there early for a chance to chat with Skip and have a book signed. If you don't own any of his work, don't worry it'll be available at the meeting.

Leader's Line

by Chuck Pfeil

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow last week (Feb. 2nd) predicting six more weeks of winter. Doesn't bode well for the folks in Pennsylvania. I'm thinking if that furry little critter had been in the Pacific Northwest when he made is prediction and experienced the socked in, rainy day we had here he would have predicted spring is right around the corner!

So far the weather this winter has been very mild (knock on wood). This might have the skiers worried but the thought of an early spring and fishing during warm weather has me excited and thinking about fishing a lot. Of course that may not be saying much because I think about fishing a lot all the time. Heck, I would be thinking of fishing every five minutes or so even during a blizzard.

If your anything like me your getting prepared for the 2010 fishing year – tying flies, browsing the new catalogs, assessing gear needs and visualizing fat, feisty fish. I enjoy the planning and the anticipation of upcoming outings.

Each month seems to sneak up on me any more. I blinked twice and it was February. March is right around the corner, and before I know it May's Dry Side outing will be here.

From past experience I can tell you my biggest fly fishing problem doesn't center around poor casts or the wrong choice of flies (although I've had my share of problems with those). My biggest problem

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The Next Meeting is
Tuesday February 16th
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Skip Morris

Mayflies and how to tie them

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

has been having the months sneak up on me and having prime fishing time complicated by work or family plans.

So this is the month I pull out one of my most effective fly fishing tools – my calendar.

Right now is the time to reserve some time for fun and recreation and bring some balance to your 2010.

- ▶ Put every SSFF outing on your calendar (even if you don't plan on attending a particular outing this is a good way to reserve some time so you can hit another piece of water)
- ▶ Add some time for those super secret spots you've been meaning to visit for the last few years
- ▶ Get these dates on your work calendar and your spouse's calendar so they can begin scheduling around your fishing time and can get use to the idea of you being gone
- ▶ Make reservations.

You can always cancel reservations later if you decide not to take a trip; and I'm sure your boss or spouse will be more than happy to fill in those days with projects for you if you should choose not to go fishing (Note to Self: if you cancel too many outings in a row consider a special outing to your local shrink).

Enjoy your planning and get out those calendars. I hope to see you on the water soon.

Tightlines,

The Alan Harger Award

by Gary Kellogg

John Woods, past recipient of the award, presented the Alan Harger Award to Mel Hurd. The Alan Harger Award is made to that person who has given of himself the extra effort and time it takes to be part of the SSFF Board. Without the Board members active participation, the SSFF club would not work as well as it does. The Alan Harger Award is the Boards' way of recognizing someone who has gone above and beyond to give his or her time to be a SSFF Board officer.

Mel has been a member of SSFF since the mid seventies and over the years has served on the Board for more than a dozen years in every capacity asked of him, including several years as its President. Upon being presented with the award, Mel gave the attending members a brief history of the clubs involvement in Prices Lake and as always encouraged everyone to get involved.



The Dale Sweeney Award

Joe Uhlman, past recipient of the award, presented the Dale Sweeney Award to Gary Kellogg. The Dale Sweeney Award named after Dale Sweeney, one of the South Sound Fly Fishers founding fathers, is given to members whose character and contributions to the sport and to the club reflect the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity and dedication. SSFF does not present this award regularly, but rather only in those cases where a member has either made exceptional contributions toward club endeavors, or where they have played key roles in club business over a long time.

Gary has served the club in many capacities including raffle, hot potatoe and outings chairman.

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General Meetings

When The third Tuesday of every Month except December.
Where North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station)
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE
Time 6:15 PM Doors open,
6:30 P.M. Social Time
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Meeting and Program

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM at Apollo's Pizza & Pasta 2010 Harrison Ave NW Olympia. Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@me.com by March 5th.

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He has also served on the SSFF Board and is the current outgoing President. Gary reflected on how honored he was to be a part of a very select group that has propelled the SSFF club into such a great mentoring organization.



Fisherman of the year award

Gary Kellogg presented the 2009 Fisherman of the Year award to Gwill Ging. As many members know Gwill attends most club outings and is working hard in starting a new group of “mid-week-fishers” started. Gwill is an active retired federal worker who loves to fish all kinds of local waters and share these experiences with his fellow SSFF club members. If you are available to fish during the week, Gwill is the man to hook up with.



Outings

by Jim McAllister

News from your outing Chairman:

February outing is Saturday 2/20 and will be a Steelhead outing on the Cowlitz River. Talk to Jim at the meeting as to time and place. The idea is to have a shore-line fishing with maybe a float trip too. For real-time information on this fishery check with Mike Sturza at Lost Creek Fly Shop – 360-978-4059.

March outing will be at Munn Lake the first weekend of March; Saturday and Sunday the 6th and 7th. We will have a second outing this month at Cabela’s for Captain’s Weekend March 20/21. Jim has specifics about this along with a sign-up sheet. There will be discounts for those who participate.

April outing will be at Prices Lake on Saturday 4/17. Again, talk to Jim about this for details.

May outing is the “Dry Side Outing” that has been changed from its normal first week of May to the third week of May – 5/15-16. If you need to change your current reservation please do so. Many of us stay at the Blue Lake Resort and you can reach them at owner@bluelakeresortwashington.com.

Lacey’s Kids Fish-In

by Gary Kellogg

This year’s Lacey Kids Fish-In is going to be Saturday, April 17th at the Community Center Lake off Pacific Blvd. Our club will again be an active participant in making this another very successful kids outing. The new sponsor this year is the Go Play Outside Alliance of Washington along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Please join your fellow club members and donate a morning or afternoon on April 17th to share our knowledge of fly fishing with the youth of our community. There will be over 600 kids again

participating and we need everyone to help. There will be a sign up sheet at the next two meetings or you can talk to Gary Kellogg if you have any questions.

Conservation

by Don Freeman

Greetings

Well, the WDFW should be voting on the Munn Lake regulation change today or tomorrow. That means it will open promptly for fishing, but we also need to start preparing for opening day when we've committed to provide ramp stewards. I have a list of folks who have volunteered to help, both from our club and some neighboring ones. At this point I'm asking for help in getting prepared. Our duties will include making sure that notices are posted ahead of the event, getting direction to neighboring lakes that will still allow trout harvest, scheduling staff to maintain a presence during the first critical week (without creating a burden for a few individuals), and other tasks as we anticipate them. Email me at freemans5@comcast.net if you're available to help and we'll start ramping up, so to speak.

Our fund raising for the coastal cutthroat conservation signs has taken off very well, and I'm in the process of getting price quotations. We have nearly \$1500 so far, and I'm waiting to see how far that will go.

Finally, there is a growing movement in western Washington to widen the front on protecting wild steelhead by requiring only selective harvest thus ending the sale of truly wild and threatened stocks. One new initiative is to organize a consumer boycott of seafood markets and restaurants that sell wild steelhead. Some of our activists have opened dialog with the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Oceanwise Canada to add wild steelhead to species considered as non sustainable to commercial harvest. The purveyors of wild stock are being informed in advance of the initiative and being asked politely to cooperate. If you are aware of any stores or restaurants advertising or offering wild steelhead, please send me their contact information. Boston Harbor Fish Market is already on the list.

SSFF Membership

by Ryan Haseman

Thank you to all of you who paid your dues last month. Let us all welcome new members Jim Petersen and Bill Casterline to the club. Make sure and check us out on facebook to get detailed information including photos and maps of our next club outing. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=178667573981#!/pages/Olympia-WA/South-Sound-Fly-Fishers/178667573981>

Mid-Week Outings

By Gwill Ging

Greetings from you mid-week outing chairman. My thanks to all of you who participated in the 2009 midweek outings and shared your expertise on what flies to use and how to fish them. I hope to share the water with you again this year and encourage any of you who did not participate to join us this year. Last year we did multiple trips to Munn Lake, a float down the Satsop River, the Cowlitz River for sea-run cutthroat trout, Lake Sylvia for really large rainbows and Lake Nahwatzel for its potpourri of trout and spiny rays.

This year I want to include some new areas as well as returning to some of the places that were productive last year. The following are some options for this year: a river trip (e.g. Wynoochee, Satsop, Cowlitz, or Queets), a bass-bluegill outing (e.g., Silver Lake, Cowlitz County), an eastern Washington trip (Lake Lenice), a south sound trip for sea-run cutthroat and resident coho, a coastal trip for black rockfish or red tail surf perch, the Columbia River for shad and local lake outings to Munn, Black, St. Clair, Isabella).

Notification of the mid-week outings is done by email or phone, and is typically on short notice to take advantage of recent fishing reports or favorable weather conditions. If you would like to join our mid-week outing group, you can contact me by phone at 360-866-9116, or email at gwilljan@msn.com. Hope to see you on the water.

Upcoming Events

- February 27–28 Lower Umpqua Fly Casters Fly Fishing Expo @ Reedsport OR www.lufc.com
- March 12 & 13 Oregon Fly Fishing Show @ Albany OR
- April 30–May 1, 2010 Washington State Council FFF Washington State Fly Fishing Fair @ Kittitas Vally Events Center, Ellensburg www.washingtoncouncilfff.org

- June 20th Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo @ Tye Park Monroe www.jimmygreenflyexpo.com
- June 20 thru 26 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy
- July Ninth Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing and Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR www.campshermanstore.com
- August 24-28, 2010 FFF Conclave in West Yellowstone, WY

Fly of the Month:

Lighting Bug

Hook: Tiemco 2487 size 12-18 (or similar)

Tail 6 pheasant tail fibers

Body: Iridescent Pearl Mylar

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Wing Case: Iridescent Pearl Mylar

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Legs: Partridge (tied flat wing style)

Head: Copper or Gold Bead Head

Thread: white

The lighting bug was developed on our very own Yakima River in order to entice wary trout, keen on the many imitations they see from day to day. As a personal “go to” fly, the lightning bug is

effective year-round for trout. Consider using as a dropper under a streamer or dry fly, this combination is hard for any sensible fish to refuse!

Flat wing style legs are a little tricky to tie if you have never done it before. The trick is to leave an eye’s length (approx.) of bare stem before the barbules start on your partridge feather. When you fold the feather forward, place your finger directly on top of the fly to hold it in place while you secure it with the thread. Have fun!



Tie & photo by Ryan Haseman

Treasurer’s Report

by Stephen Butter

South Sound Fly Fishers Fund Balance Summary					
	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Conserv.</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund Balance -1/1/2010	2,961.63	1,287.73	5,746.39	4,850.71	14,846.46
January 2010 Revenue	1,143.55	0.24	776.07	407.02	2,326.88
January 2010 Expenses	(786.65)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(786.65)
Fund 2/1/2010 Balance	3,318.53	1,287.97	6,522.46	5,257.73	16,386.69



2010 NORTHWEST YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council Federation Fly Fishers jointly announce they will begin accepting applications for the 2010 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy beginning January 1. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers will again host the Academy at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington from June 20 through 26, 2010.

The Academy is designed to educate youth about the importance of conservation and resource stewardship and is modeled after the nationally acclaimed award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.



The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes presentations on ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants will also learn the essential fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, streamside ethics and etiquette, knot tying, reading water, and water safety.

Twenty-four youths, ages 12 to 16, who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon a candidate's written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and what she/he hopes to learn from it.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2010. Total cost, including meals and lodging, is \$275. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available.