



# Garden Hackle



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## This month's Program

By Tom Bolender

South Sound Fly Fishers Program Schedule 2009

May 19th – Most fly anglers have heard of TFO rods and reels. Temple Fork Anglers has taken the industry by storm over the past five or ten years and the May 2009 presentation will show you why. Dick Sagara, TFO's Northwest sales rep will be bringing just about every rod in the line up for us to pick up, shake around and make booming casts with. If you've been trying to figure out which rod will suit your casting style, this is not a night to miss. Dick is a great guy who will do everything in his power to help you understand what the difference in rods is and how to best choose a rod for you.

June 16th – Do you know what the fast swimming fish for a Washington angler is? TUNA are the newest quarry for the Northwest fly angler. Several club members have expressed an interest in more saltwater presentation so here one comes. Anil Srivastava, co-owner of Puget Sound Fly Company has been tapping into this fishery over the past several years and has an incredible presentation to give. You'll learn when to fish, where to fish, what rods, reels, lines and leaders you'll need and what kind of flies to tie before you get on the boat. Join a growing number of fly anglers seeking to have the most exciting day of close to home fishing and learn how to do it from Anil. FISH ON!!

## Leader's Line

By Gary Kellogg

This past month I got to go on a trip I've only dreamt about doing—float the Grand Canyon. A friend and fellow SSFF member, Jim Bush, and his wife, Carol asked me last summer if I would like to join them on a float/hike trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

Jim said a spot or two was still open if I committed early. So I secured my place and started planning for an eleven day float down 300 miles of river through the Grand Canyon.

Of course, I had to mix a little fishing on this trip. How could I say I took this trip without fishing the Colorado River? I bought a five-day license. The first two days (evening time was the only available time to fish) I caught three rainbows each day. The next two days-nothing.

So rather than chance a losing proposition, I didn't fish the fifth day. I can say I was 50/50 when I fished the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

The Next Meeting is  
Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2009  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Dick Sagara, TFO's Northwest sales rep

**How to best choose a rod for you.**

North Olympia Fire Station

5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

Because I booked this trip last summer, I forgot about all the things the club has going on in April. The biggest being the Lacey Family Fish-In.

But never fear, many club members stepped forward and the club had another successful showing. I want to thank Dan O'Brien for attending meetings with the Lacey Park's people and Dave field for chairing this year's event.



The Dry Side outing was attended by ten members. As always the fishing was successful. I fished Dry Falls, Perch, Vic Myers, Park and Blue Lakes and even slipped in a couple hours on Rocky Ford.

On Saturday afternoon, three of us squeezed in a quick trip to Ellensburg to take in the FFF Conclave. This was my

first time visit and I wasn't disappointed. Jim McAllister and Mike Clancy both told me this event was getting bigger and bigger and was a must see. This is their third year and the first time for a two-day event.

I know this is a lot of work for the organizers and participants. It was good to see fellow SSFF members volunteering and attending. I did walk away with a resolution to learn more about chironomid fishing.

Munn Lake was a good place to practice this skill earlier this year. I also had good success with chironomid fishing at the Dry Side outing. Now I think I will take a lesson to learn some of the finer points of chironomid fishing.

I clearly remember a discussion I had with a fellow member some years ago while he was trying to improve my disastrous looking casting stroke. Frank Cerniway liked fly fishing because it was a sport where you could always learn more and improve your techniques. I like this thought ---a lifelong pursuit of learning and expanding my knowledge and fishing skills.

### **Outings**

by Jim McAllister

Planned Outings for 2009, subject to change.

May 30	Scott Lake
June 6	Tilton River
June 20	Leach Lake (located at White Pass)

Gary Kellogg will be the gillie for the Leech Lake outing June 19 and 20. He will open the Olympia Ski Club Lodge for evening stays. A bunk for a night is \$10.00. We will plan a fish fry for dinners (fish caught by members), salad provided. Breakfast will be discussed, but coffee will be provided. Everyone is responsible for their own beverage. There is a men's and women's bathroom with shower.

July 11	Westport, WA
July 25	Salt Water Cutthroat – place TBA
Aug 15	Tilton River
Aug 29	SSFF Picnic at Scott Lake
Sept 19	Cold Water Lake

To add your favorite spot contact Jim McAllister at 360-970-2953 or email him: [jimspacmule@msn.com](mailto:jimspacmule@msn.com).

### **Conservation**

by Don Freeman

I don't have much in the way of new business this month. Associates at the Wild Steelhead Coalition have sent me a preview copy of a card they're preparing for public use, which pledges voluntary conformance to a moratorium on sport retention of any wild steelhead. It's still in draft form, so I will bring a sample to the next meeting.

We have made some encouraging progress with our joint effort with Larry Phillips at WDFW. I shared information with members of the WSC about his presentation at our last meeting, and our fledgling signage and Munn Lake projects. Les Johnson wrote me right back, with the result

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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. Our next board meeting is **Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Newsletter Articles**

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at [ronaldvs@mac.com](mailto:ronaldvs@mac.com) by the Friday after the first Tuesday of the month.

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that we are forming a coalition of clubs across the Sound to develop the program on a much more significant scale. Their club has a considerable war chest, and we will approach the Northwest Women's Flyfishers, PSA, TU etc. All of these groups have significant funds to contribute, and have expressed interest in shouldering some of the burden of state funding cuts.

We plan to establish signage at key access points to protect Sea Run Cutthroat, and I've been strongly hinted at that if sporting groups can pay for the program, stock will be provided for Munn Lake to make it a permanent, year round selective gear catch and release fishery.

### **SSFF Membership**

by Stan Foster

To date 71 of 109 of our members have renewed for 2009. Please remember to bring \$30 cash or check to the next meeting or you can mail your renewal in to the SSFF P.O. Box. This fee is important to the operations of our club. Considering the great programs and events available for all our members, the \$30 bucks per couple is an excellent bargain! Members who have not renewed their dues by the April meeting will no longer be sent a current copy of the Garden Hackle. We will continue to post the newsletter one month late on the SSFF website for everyone to view. Be sure to remain current with your dues so you won't miss out on being informed of upcoming events and happenings.

SSFF Club patches are available for all members at only \$5.00 each. This price is barely above our actual cost. The patch is a great item to display on clothing and gear to promote our active club.

### **Education**

by Stephen Butter

No Report

### **Secreatry's Report**

South Sound Fly Fishers Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday May 5, 2009

Present:

Burt Sarver, Randy Allen, Chuck Pfeil, Ron Smorynski, Don Freeman, Stan Foster, Gary Kellogg, Stephen Butter, Jim McAllister, Tom Bolender.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Reading of prior Board meeting minutes – Gary

- Motion to approve the minutes by Gary, seconded by Stephen, approved by all.

Membership – Stan:

- Stan announced the great news that his career move has been delayed and he will be with the club till June;
- 59 out of 112 members have renewed their membership as of this date;

- Gary and Tom have divided up the non-paid members from Stan's list and will give them a membership renewal call.

Newsletter - Ron:

- It will be SSFF policy to send the current issue of the Garden Hackle to paid membership only, starting with the May 2009 issue. Noncurrent paid membership will have the Garden Hackle available to them via the SSFF website the following month.
- The membership calling noted above is to be preceded by a SSFF email broadcast, "If you did not receive the current Garden Hackle it is because our records show that you have not paid your annual dues, If you have paid, respond to this email".

Treasurer Report – Chuck:

- Chuck explained the account balances and confirmed that there would not be a problem in setting up a special account for Al Harger's donations described below.

Programs Report – Tom:

- Tom is setting up for 3 tiers and tying tool demonstrations at the July general meeting.
- The club annual picnic of Aug 29 at Scott Lake will feature boats and floating demonstrations.

Education – Stephen:

- Presented a brief summary of the upcoming "The Art of Fly Fishing" Fly Fishing class (formerly named "A to Z");
- The student class outlines /binder material was provided by Mel Hurd and John Woods from the 2003 class. It is 56 pages of outstanding fly fishing material;
- Instructors are preparing additional class specific material that will be handed out at class time;
- 3 students are signed up and more are expected with the publication of the media release;
- The classrooms are reserved and we are ready to start on Tuesday May 2

Conservation – Don:

- Discussion of the posting of information signs at Munn Lake and the club's support for an exclusively catch and release lake. This proposal has the support of Larry Phillips, WDFW;
- Don has made contact with Les Johnson with the proposal for fly fishing clubs to provide and post key beaches and boat launches noting that Searun Cutthroat trout are a catch and release fish. The proposal was well supported and we will be organizing a collective fly club meeting on the subject.

Group outings – Jim:

- Jim presented the Scott Lake Kids Fishing Day sponsors and Gary will follow through;
- Group outings are scheduled:

- May 30, Scott Lake, Jim will post signs;
- June 6, Tilton Lake, changed from June 23;
- June 17 Wednesday evening Scott Lake;
- June 20, Leach Lake.

Retirement Outreach – No report.

Community Outreach – Randy:

- Currently the club is mailing 12 hard copies of the Garden Hackle;
- Discussion followed about contacting local community centers inquiring how SSFF could assist them; Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia.

New Business – Gary:

- There will be no July and August Board meetings;
- Tom will construct a casting pond for the Cabela's June 6 Casting Clinic pending the outcome of discussions with them about whom will pay for and retain ownership of the pond;
- Burt shared the suggestion by Al Harger to donate his fly fishing and tying belongings to the SSFF to be sold with the proceeds to be used for the Northwest Youth Academy Scholarships. Burt has taken delivery of Al's fishing donation. It was the consensus of the Board members to proceed with Al's wishes and in so doing memorialize him. It will be possible to setup an account for the proceeds and other private donations used expressly for the above scholarships;
- Board members are reminded to submit their individual contributions for the Garden Hackle by this Friday, May 8, to Ron Smorynski via email at RONALDVS@MAC.COM .

Old Business – Gary:

- SSFF's will do the Cabela's Spey Casting Clinic June 6. Volunteers have been found;
- The general meeting raffle managed by Joe was successful and will continue at future meetings.

Adjournment at approximately 8:00 pm:

- Motion to adjourn by Gary, seconded by Stephen, approved by all.

### **Treasurer's Report**

By Chuck Pfei

No Report

### **Alan Harger Memorial Youth Scholarship**

Report: May 7, 2009 5:07 pm. Al is resting comfortably and has had a good day!

When Al's illness prevented him from continuing our fishing adventures, he asked me to "take my equipment, keep what you want, and use the rest as you see fit." With the assistance of Myron Saikewicz, Joe Uhlman and, at the direction of Al's sister Beth Johnston, last week we brought most of Al's equipment to my house. Due to

limited storage space, Myron and Joe also took some to their homes. After many hours of sorting, cataloging, etc. I believe we could open our own fly shop!

While moving the fishing gear, Myron, Joe and I discussed what to do with the proceeds if we sold the equipment. Hearing about our discussions, Gene Sterbis suggested a scholarship of some sort. We considered what we thought Al's wishes would be. Knowing that he contributed time and money to the Youth Fly Fishing Academy, we proposed to the Board that a scholarship to that program would be appropriate and the Board agreed. Teaching youngsters to fly fish was one of Al's greatest joys.

Anyone who knows Al is aware of the care and pride he has always taken in his fishing gear. The inventory is extensive and in excellent condition. We are considering several methods for selling Al's equipment, including holding a garage sale for SSFF Club members. Proceeds will be donated to the Club for the purpose of funding an annual scholarship in Al's memory.

Burt Sarver

### **In The FFF Corner**

**WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair** in Ellensburg on May 1 & 2 was a very successful event. Attendance was up this year and the weather cooperated with no rain till late Saturday afternoon. There were over 100 fly tyers from all over the country displaying their craft. One of the wonderful benefits with the tyers, you can sit directly across from them (for as long as you want) and learn some of their tricks. They were very generous with sharing some of their secrets on how to tie their flies. The Board is very pleased with the income this year, it is the largest amount we have made since this started 4 years ago. Our silent auction was excellent, thanks to - Joe Uhlman, Frank Cerniway, Dwight Caron, Gary Kellogg, Dan O'Brien, and Michelle Tuengel for contributing flies to the auction. Thanks to everyone that attended, we hope you had a good time. Mike Clancy, WSCFFF

**Go Play Outside Event** at the Thurston County Fair Grounds was a huge success this year. Over 2000 school children from our local school districts including many from Clover Park, Fort Lewis and McChord AFB attended on Friday, May 8th and over 1000 folks attended on Saturday, May 9th. The weather cooperated on both days and everyone just had a great time. Emergency services were never used, which is a big plus with that many kids and the activities that were going on. Les Rosenthal from the Puget Sound Club, conducted the fly casting demonstrations both days while Dwight Caron, Joe Uhlman, Gary Kellogg and Michelle tyed from the SSFF, plus Larry Clemons, PSFF and Ron and Vickie Eagle Elk also tyed. One of the best parts about this event – it was all free. We all had a good time and so did the kids. Thanks to everyone that helped, the kids loved it and that's what it is all about. Mike Clancy, SSFF

## **2009 NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing**

**Academy** is on its way. We have 20 exceptional boys and girls signed up for the Academy and from the looks of their essays and letters of recommendation, we're going to have some wonderful, enthusiastic kids. As of today, May 12th, the "Letters of Exception" have been mailed and I know there are going to be some excited children when they open their mail this week. I've said it before and I'll say it again, "there is no better opportunity for these children to learn about conservation and fly fishing" than what they are going to experience on June 21-27. Dick Nye has done an incredible job of putting this event together. The members of SSFF can be proud that they are donating time and money to this event. Mike Clancy, SSFF, PSF, WSCFFF

### **Upcoming Events**

June 20 PNW Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo at

Lake Tye in Monroe 9AM to 4PM

July 18-19 Eighth Annual Metolius

River Fly Fishing and Bamboo  
Rod Fair @ Black Butte School,  
Camp Sherman, OR  
[www.campshermanstore.com](http://www.campshermanstore.com)

July 28-August 1 FFF 44th International

Fly Fishing Show and  
Conclave @ Loveland CO  
[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)

September 19 North Umpqua Fall

Fly Tying Festival @ Glide Community  
Center, Glide OR  
[www.uvff.org](http://www.uvff.org)

### **Bob Jateff reviews Eastside lakes/best picks for '09.**

**Editor note**, this article is from "Tightlines" the Olympic Chapter newsletter.

With hundreds of lakes to manage and stock in WDFW Region 2, Bob Jateff is a busy man. Even busier now that Jeff Korth, the Region's other veteran biologist has shed his biology duties and moved on to manage fish programs including hatcheries.

But Bob was good enough to cross over the mountains for our April meeting and give us his personal opinion on where to spend our most productive time this year in his area of the world. An area that covers big pieces of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan and Lincoln Counties. Here are his picks:

**The old standbys:** *Lenice and Nunnally* each received about 4,000 large (2-3 lb.) rainbows in 2008 plus 300 - 400 this spring. Winter survival was excellent and carry over from previous triploid plants provides plenty of action in the plus 20" league, open through November 30. Dry Falls should be good for 14" yearling rainbow plus 16" to 20" carry overs. Brown and tiger trout have also been stocked,

open through November 30. Lenore has been a slow starter but is doing well right about now for 2-4 lb. Lahontan cutthroat with many trophy fish up to 10 lbs., open through May 31. *Chopaka*, rehabilitated in 2007, excellent for 12"-18" rainbow, open through October 31.

**Under discovered gem:** *Aeneas Lake*, near Tonasket, fly-fishing only, no motors, 14"-16" rainbow, open through October 31.

**All areas productive:** *Big Twin Lake*, near Winthrop, 12"-18" rainbow.

**Lahontan to 18":** *Blue Lake*, near Wannacut Lake, open through October 31.

**Browns & rainbow to 18":** *Blue Lake*, Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, open through October 31.

**Improving Quality:** *Little Twin*, near Winthrop, selective gear rules, triploid Eastern brook trout, open through October 31.

**New Catch & Release Lakes:** *Rat Lake, Big and Little Green Lakes, Davis Lake*, selective gear rules, through November 30, carry over brown and rainbow to 15".

**Rainbow 5 lb. - 8 lb.,** *Quail Lake*, Adams County, fly-fishing only, walk in only, lower catch rates, but big. Open year 'round.

**Premier Year,** *Corral Lake & Blythe Lake*, near Potholes Reservoir, across from MarDon Resort, Rehabed in 2007, this will be the best year for these lakes, Open year 'round.

**Don't Miss it.** *Sprague Lake*, Adams/Lincoln County, rehabed in 2007, expect fall 2009 fishing for rainbow 20" plus as well as 3,250 triploids and Lahontan, Open year 'round.

The next 2 articles are from **The NORTHWEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS NEWSLETTER**

### **New 18-"Hole" Casting Course in Bend, OR**

By Kim Lyons

On a recent trip to Bend, Oregon I was excited to check out the innovative casting course provided by Orvis. Unfortunately, it was extremely windy during my two days in Bend, so I chose not to challenge my casting-confidence any more than it already is. I will definitely look forward to my next trip to Bend so I may try it again on a fairer day, and I encourage anyone who has summer travels through the Bend area to stop by and give this course a try.

The Orvis Casting Course is located on the Deschutes River, in the Old Mill area of Bend. It is the only 18-hole-golf-style casting course of its kind in North America. It was designed for fun, education, and as an opportunity to practice essential casting skills before going fishing. Use of the course is FREE, and scorecards and a course map are available inside the Orvis store. If you successfully complete the first nine holes of the course at your casting level, you'll get your name on the casting course awards board inside the store. Orvis will also provide participants with loaner fly-rods if you don't happen to have

your rod with you. The entire course requires about a mile of walking and can be completed in 45-60minutes, but you can also spend as much time practicing on the course as you like. I talked with the store manager, Ryan Young, and he stated that Orvis can provide instructors for visiting groups (3-12 people) to coach them through the course if arranged with him in advance.

For more information regarding this course, see:

[www.orvis/bend.com](http://www.orvis/bend.com)



Orvis Castong Course in Bend, OR

### Tick Tips

By Sue Morrison

We have several outings this spring to Eastern Washington and the ticks are already out. However, if you spend a few minutes preparing your clothing and waders before you leave the house, you may never see a tick. While you can spray yourself with insect repellent once you get there, I prefer not to use it on my skin and it is not as effective as other options.

One of the most effective ways to avoid ticks is to treat your clothing or waders with a fabric repellent called per-methrin. This is what the ExOfficio Buzz Off shirts are treated with as are millions of military uniforms. You must let it dry thoroughly after treatment but it will then last for weeks without re-application and even last through several launderings. I treat my waders and my shoes, socks, pants and shirts paying particular attention to the cuffs, collars, wrists and lower legs.



Permethrin can be purchased in a do-it-yourself kit or spray and is very effective against ticks, mosquitoes, no-see-ums, etc. It is long-lasting and odorless. The most common brands are Sawyer and Repel and it can usually be found at outdoor stores like REI. (<http://www.rei.com/category/4500561>)

Try it - it works better than anything else I've found and will eliminate or minimize the repellent you have to apply to your skin. As with any chemical product, just be sure to carefully follow the instructions.

By the way, since permthrin also works well on mosquitoes so remember to treat your stuff before heading to Leech Lake or any place with lots of mosquitoes.

### PNW Fly Fishing Fair & Casting Expo

Submitted by Kristin Torda & Leland Miyawaki

On **June 20 at Lake Tye in Monroe**, will be the 1st annual "Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair and Casting Expo."

Every fly shop in the area - All About the Fly; Avid Angler; Creekside Angling Company; Gig Harbor Fly Fishing; Kaufmann's Streamborn; Orvis; Pacific Fly Fishers; Patrick's; Puget Sound Fly Fishing Company; River Run Anglers; Ted's Sports Center as well as every rod manufacturer, and guide service will be there. All local Fly Fishing Clubs and non-profits will be invited.

The fair's sole purpose is to introduce our great sport and passion to more people. As such, there will be no selling, no close outs and no great deals. Instead, people will have the opportunity to meet, greet and learn from the people who own their local fly shops and cast rods made by all of our country's rod makers.

The hours will be from 9AM to 4PM. There will be free coffee and donuts as well as free hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments for lunch.

Every hour, a class will be offered entitled, "Fly Fishing 101." There will be free casting lessons; single-handed casting demos; two-handed casting demos; a 5wt casting competition; a two-handed casting competition; and fly fishing seminars throughout the day.

What's in it for you, the seasoned fly fishing veteran, you may ask? We will have a raffle that only you may enter. You will get a ticket for every eligible beginner you bring to the Fair.

With your support, this grassroots show could be the beginning of an annual fly fishing show held OUTSIDE like a real fishing fair should be.

