



Garden Hackle



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South Sound Fly Fishers

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This month's Program

I've been fishing in Washington for most of my life and been a hardcore angler for over twenty years. In my lifetime I've seen our state go from a world class fishery to the present day when you hope to catch a Salmon or Steelhead on a day or even weekend fishing trip. There are of course lots and lots of reasons this has occurred but there are some definite steps that need to be taken to begin to restore our fishing. The most important step is organizing a group of people who are willing to take a few dollars from their wallet and create a force that is at least equal to but hopefully greater than our commercial fishing lobby. The commercial fishing fleet owners are the people who make donations to help get our government officials elected and in turn they ask for special favors. For over fifteen years I've seen individuals try to start such an organization with little to no success. This month presentation will be given by SSFF club member Don Freeman. He is the local chapter president of just such an organization. It's called CCA or the Coastal Conservation Association. I'm a member as are several others in our club. This organization is not just a local club, it's a national organization that has been successful in several other places around the country. Their goal is to role back time and give the sport angler what we deserve. A future for our Salmon and Steelhead. Whether you're already a CCA member or not, PLEASE come to our March 17th meeting and listen to what Don has to say.

Tom Bolender

Leader's Line

By Gary Kellogg

My fly tying vise is getting a work-out these past weeks as I get ready for warmer weather and more fishing opportunities. As many of you know, Munn Lake opened March 1 for catch & release, special regulation fishing until the regular fishing season starts late April. You are all encouraged to take advantage of this special opportunity.

With daylight savings time, we should have good light and hopefully a warm, dry evening at our upcoming March 17th meeting. Show up early and take advantage of the casting clinic before the meeting. Or, just take advantage of loosening up the casting arm.

April 18th is the Lacey Family Fish-in at Lacey Pond behind the Lacey Community Center. This is a good time to give a little of your time to expose fly fishing to our youth. Please mark your calendar and give us 3 to 4 hours of your time on Saturday, April 18th. For more

The Next Meeting is
 Tuesday March 17th 2009
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 Don Freeman
Costal Conservation Association
 North Olympia Fire Station
 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

information, call me at 754-4429 or email me at olympiassff@yahoo.com.

Outings

by Jim McAllister

Planned Outings for 2009, subject to change.

- March 14 Munn Lake, Tumwater
- April 19 Offet Lake
- May 2 & 3 Dry Side Outing (Blue Lake near Soap Lake)
- May 30 Scott Lake
- June 13 Tilton River (subject to planting schedule)
- June 17 (Wed pm) Scott Lake
- June 20 Leach Lake (located at White Pass)
- 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.

Conservation

by Don Freeman

Greetings,

There are a couple of current political items that we should all be aware of. Advocacy groups are especially concerned about a House Bill that will decimate the WDFW fishery commission. This board has proved to be friendly to conservation and openly responsive to public input. This trend is unacceptable to the commercial fishing lobby, so Senator Ken Jacobsen, chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee has made a play to gut the

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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 7th**. Every one is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Articles

E-Mail articles to Ron Smorynski at ronaldvs@mac.com by the Friday after the first Tuesday of the month.

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commission, and to subvert your legal right to influence public policy. I have inserted a CCA Action alert which addresses the fiasco, and registers you for comment on future issues as well. Please take the time to respond while you are online reading the Garden Hackle.

I have also been discussing a small project with Larry Phillips of WDFW. Munn Lake has opened a trial program for catch and release trout fishing prior to the regular lowland lake opener. Based on participation, this could well become a perpetual opportunity for a quality fishery in our back yard, so please find time for some great trout fishing locally. Unfortunately, the state has no funds for signage at this time, so bait fishing is common, and poaching inevitable.

SSFF can help by funding this need, either by having signs made, or by funding the work done by WDFW. My suggestion is an explanation of the program, a copy of the selective gear rules found on page 30 of the synopsis, and a "Turn in Poachers" sign. It may be too late for this year, but let me know if this is a service we would want to support. By all means try to get down to Munn, and take a shot at the freshly stocked bounty before they are all caught and fried by the first week in May. Catch and release is in effect until the last Saturday in April.

Please read and respond to this Action Alert by pasting the link into your browser.



Dear ...,
Early in February, we warned you about Senate Bill 5127, an attempt to silence your voice in Washington's fisheries management by gutting the Fish and Wildlife Commission's authority to manage our fisheries. Despite your overwhelming opposition as shown by your 4,600 e-mails and letters, this dangerous bill has passed out of the Natural Resources Committee and was actually made worse.

The goal of SSB 5127 is to take power from the people of the state and the Commission and centralize it in one committee of the Senate in order to better serve influential commercial fishing interests. These same interests are pushing this bill through so they can reverse the science and conservation-based approach of your current Fish and Wildlife Commissioners. The vote of the people formed the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Not only would SSB 5127 end the Fish & Wildlife Commission as you know it, but the bill contains an emergency clause that prohibits citizens from gathering signatures to put it on the ballot for a vote of the people. Does this sound like they respect democracy? Are they looking out for you or the needs of the resource?

Do not allow this power grab by a select few succeed in undoing the Commission or your ability to have a say in the management of our fish and wildlife resources. You can sit by and watch, or you can make your voice be heard. Click on the link below to take action now!

Click the link below to log in and send your message:
<http://www.votervoicenet.com/link/target/ccapnw29501296.aspx>

SSFF Membership

by Stan Foster

To date 57 of 108 of our members have renewed for 2009. Please remember to bring \$30 cash or check to the next meeting or you can mail it in to the SSFF at P.O. Box 2792, Olympia, 98507. 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 begin receiving the electronic copy of the Garden Hackle one month late. 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

Fly Fishing School A-Z is scheduled for:

1. April 18th 9:00 to noon;
2. April 25th 9:00 to noon;
3. May 9th 9:00 to noon;
4. May 16th Trophy Lake outing.

Instruction will cover Gear and Tackle, Fly Tying, and Casting.

Class has to be limited to 10 to 12 fishers. Experienced club fly fishers will instruct at a ratio of 1 instructor per 3 or 4 fishers. Cost is expected to be the same as last year \$75 per fisher.

Secreatry's Report

South Sound Fly Fishers Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday March 3, 2009

Present:

Chuck Pfeil, Jim McAllister, Don Freeman, Stan Foster, Gwill Ging, Stephen Butter, Gary Kellogg, Tom Bolender.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Treasurer Report – Chuck Pfeil:

- Chuck read the budget and actuals report of account balances;
- Motion to approve the report by Stan seconded by Tom, approved by all.

Membership- Stan

- Stan reported 57 of the 108 members on the current roster have paid their 2009 membership dues. Gary will review the names on a number of club nametags who are not on the current roles to identify which ones are still in the area and should be contacted.
- Each Board member will continue to make monthly calls to their contact list and remind members of upcoming meetings, events, and the need to renew memberships. Members who have not renewed their membership by the April meeting will begin receiving the electronic Garden Hackle one month late until they are current with their dues.
- Five members have paid for mailings of the Garden Hackle. These members have been reported to Randy Allen to make sure they are getting the copies they paid for.
- The order for more SSFF patches has been filled and will continue to be available for all members at \$5.00 each. Four members bought patches at the last meeting. The \$5 fee just covers the club cost for the patch.

Programs Report – Tom:

- The program speakers will be posted in the March Garden Hackle to be distributed next week.

Reading of prior Board meeting minutes – Gary

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

Education – Stephen:

- Presented a brief summary of the upcoming “A to Z” Fly Fishing class.
- Discussed dates, potential instructors, and means of showing appreciation to the instructors.
- The class organization needs much more work.

Fishing report:

- Stan caught a steelhead on the Queets;
- Jim, Gwill, and Don reported multiple catches on Munn Lake.

Midweek group outings - Gwill reported a trip on the Satsop was exploratory.

- The second midweek trip will be at Munn Lake on March 4.

Group outings – Jim:

- Jim passed out the schedule of group outings for the year, they will be posted in the Garden Hackle to be distributed next week.
- Jim also distributed to each of those in attendance a sample of his Pheasant Tail Stillwater Nymph/weight used successfully by him on Munn Lake this week.

Conservation – Don:

- Don discussed House Bill HB5571, Abolish Fisheries Commission. He will present comment on it in the upcoming March issue of the Garden Hackle.

Old Business – Gary:

- Discussed the Captains Weekend at Cabela's, SSFF will have a presents and volunteers manning the table during this weekend event.

New Business – Gary:

- Discussion of procuring a storage facility for club assets of equipment and documents.
- Information was presented by Gary for a 3x8 foot storage room at Quality Self Storage at the current rate of \$275 per year.
- Motion to approve the procurement of the storage room was made by Don, seconded by Tom, approved by all.
- Gary read a communication from a club member with concern for the expense of its hard copy distribution of the Garden Hackle. Gary wrote a response to the member.
- Discussion included an effort to include the Board meeting minutes within the monthly Garden Hackle.
- Board members are reminded to submit their individual contributions for the Garden Hackle by this Friday, March 6, to Ron Smorynski via email at RONALDVS@MAC.COM.

Adjournment at approximately 7:30 pm:

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

By Casper Castalot



Treasurer's Report

By Chuck Pfei

No Report

In The FFF Corner

Washington Youth Outdoor Adventure Expo, May 8-9, 2009

by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

One of the largest outdoor youth programs is coming to The Thurston County Fairgrounds in Lacey, WA. on May 8-9, 2009. May 8th, Friday will be devoted to the surrounding schools with possibly over 5000 students attending this "hands-on" event. Saturday, May 9th will be open to the public, both days are free, no admission charge.

We anticipate over 50 various outdoor organizations will participate in the event with the focus on our youth. Archery, canoe/kayak pond, firearm safety, fly tying, geo caching, horse packing, rock climbing, golf, just to name a few activities. The Expo will provide opportunities for wildlife enthusiasts and "wannabe" enthusiasts at all levels to get involved in the outdoors. Opportunities to learn entry-level and advanced outdoor skills and conservation concepts will be offered by experienced sportsmen and professionals. Expo activities focus on learning wildlife related outdoor skills and the responsible, safe use of those skills; wildlife conservation and stewardship; and the ways in which one can get involved in the various outdoor recreational sports and natural resource conservation.

I will be representing the Washington State Council of the FFF again this year and will be coordinating the fly fishing activities. In order for the fly fishing portion to work, I will be requesting our Washington fly fishing clubs to volunteer members for the casting and fly tying.

The event is sponsored by "The Go Pay Outside Alliance of Washington" and supported by the State of Washington.



SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING CAMP!

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council, Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16 to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will

be held from June 21 through 27 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youths about the importance of natural resources conservation and stewardship, and to provide an introduction to the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer camp is modeled after the nationally acclaimed award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, and fish biology and behavior. Participants 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 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, the expectations she/he hopes to learn from attending, and his/her recommendation from a school science teacher or counselor. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2009.

The Academy Steering Committee is requesting that clubs or organizations sponsor a youth at the \$500 level. Costs for the 2008 Academy were about \$600 per youth. With corporate sponsors and personal contributions we are able to keep club sponsorship at \$500 and to maintain tuition at \$275 for non-sponsored youth. Meal and lodging expenses have increased for 2009.

For further information we invite you to visit www.nwycffa.org. To request brochures and/or flyers, e-mail Mike Clancy at 2009academy@earthlink.net or call him at (home)360-753-1259. If no immediate answer call him at (cell)360-253-0061, or call Dick Nye at (home) 360-491-9227.

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This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to spend a rewarding day with your children.

Hours for the event: Friday 9am-4 pm (for Schools), Saturday 9am-5pm (For General Public). Food vendors will be available or bring a picnic lunch.

The event is sponsored by "The Go Pay Outside Alliance of Washington" and supported by the State of Washington.

2009 Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA.

by Mike Clancy

Mark your calendars for the Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers fly fishing event of the year in Ellensburg on May 1 and 2, 2009. Over 90 fly tyers, from all over the USA, will demonstrate their fly tying talents along with casting classes, beginning fly fishing and many other fly fishing educational opportunities. If you are an FFF member, IT'S FREE. If you are not a member, it's \$5.

Special pricing on lodging in various motels is available and RV facilities are available on the fair site for \$11 a day with electric and water.

In today's economy, it don't get any better than that and you'll have fun visiting with a lot of your friends. Larry Gibbs is organizing the raffle and auction with some great items.

Also, there are free casting classes and free Danish Games (non competition). The banquet is \$35.00 which will include the auction. Adult beverages will be available.

Pack up the wife, kids and grandkids, come on over to Ellensburg for a fun fly fishing event.