

Garden Hackle



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Leader's Line by Tom Bolender

It's the middle of August and summer's end is drawing near. If you're like me, you haven't spent much time on the water. On the other hand if you've been fishing like crazy, I'm jealous. I've been spending all my free time working on a center console for my boat. Every time I look at it I think to myself, "how come this is taking so long?" It really makes no sense at all. I've put more wood working hours into this small project than anything I've built before. The good part is, tonight Sunday the 11th I'm finishing my project. Tomorrow morning with any luck I'll be launching at Point Defiance and fishing the first day of my week long vacation. I studied creel reports from the last three seasons of Pink fishing and determined this week was the one. I plan to fish every day from the 12th to the 16th and catch enough fish to make up for not spending time on the water this summer. Of course this will be just the beginning of what will become a couple months of fishing every opportune moment. Whether it's a couple hours after work or full days on the weekends, I'm going to hit it hard. The Pinks will be in the South Sound in a few short weeks and just behind them will be the returning Squaxin Coho. By the beginning of October my smoker will have been used more than it has in years and I can't wait. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual picnic and swapping stories. See you all there.



General Meeting:

August 20th

7:00PM

North Olympia Fire Station
5046 Boston Harbor Road NE

Presentation by:

SSFF Potluck BBQ!

Program- Potluck Barbeque



It's August! That means it's time for our annual Potluck BBQ. It will be held at the North Olympia Fire Hall (same place as our general meeting). Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We'll be cooking up some pulled pork sandwiches for everyone. There will be a free raffle drawing for a trip to the Yakima River and a fun time for everyone.

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General Meetings

When:

The 3rd 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 North Olympia Fire Station (Boston Harbor Fire Station).

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Where is this? Hint: it's in Washington.



Conservation

Cutthroat Conservation

We are looking for volunteers to help on a SSFF committee to help develop Costal Cutthroat conservation goals.

If you are interested please call or email Jason Small. (253)380-2583

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Protect our Deschutes River

Now that the weather is nicer, more people are fishing our local Deschutes river. While that is not a bad thing, some have chosen to ignore the selective gear fishing regulations that protect our Deschutes river.

If you see any poaching on the Deschutes please contact the WDFW to report it. Also, please avoid any conflict between you and the violators. The poaching hotline is

877-933-9847

Mark your calendars!

September 14th - SSFF will be arranging a Deschutes river clean-up.

October 12th – SSFF will be arranging a Nisqually river clean-up.

Treasurer's Creel by Dave Field



Occasionally a question is pitched to your club's treasurer about how club assets are managed. Here is a brief answer to these questions. In writing this article it was correctly pointed out by some fellow SSFF members that the real "assets" of South Sound Fly Fishers does not consist of fishing gear or money but the combined fishing knowledge, knowhow and skills of its members. How true, how true!

Actually South Sound Fly Fishers, similar to many other non-profit corporations, has very few physical assets. At one time, the club had a storage locker filled with all sorts of items that had accumulated over forty years. A few years back the club board determined that the storage fees were likely costing more than the stored items were worth. As a result the locker was emptied. The usable items were either raffled off or sold at monthly meetings, donated to other organizations or will be turned over to the club's lending library for short term use by club members or friends and family.

We may still have some equipment and gear destined for the lending library, but by far our largest asset really consists of cash in the bank. When you look at our current books of account you will see that even though we may have about ten thousand dollars in the bank, most of this money is really not available for the board to spend as it chooses.

SSFF serves as a conduit for making things happen that are good for both fish and fly fishers. This requires the club to raise funds and receive donations and then carefully manage the expenditure of these moneys to further the club mission. Currently the club maintains the following funds: Education, Conservation, Sea Run Cutthroat, Alan Harger, Munn Lake and Operations.

The Sea Run Cutthroat and Alan Harger Fund are somewhat different in that the all the money in these funds is dedicated to a very specific cause. The Sea Run Cutthroat fund was the result of a club effort led by Past President Don Freeman to solicit donations from other fishing clubs, businesses and individuals to pay for the production of information signs for the protection of Sea Run Cutthroat trout. SSFF is obligated to ensure that all disbursement from this fund must be for protecting Sea Runs. Expenditures from the Alan Harger Education and Conservation Fund are restricted to donations for scholarships to the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. Club members, businesses and the general public are of course invited to make donations at any time to these two very worthwhile funds.

The club board has a greater say in managing the remaining funds. The Conservation, Education and Munn Lake Funds are allocated money from the monthly club raffles and our periodic fundraising auctions. The board decides how much money is placed in each fund and how the money will be spent from each fund.

Club membership dues are placed in the Operations Fund and this money is used to pay for the month to month expenses of the club. Examples include speaker's fees, Fly Fishing Federation dues, insurance and post office box rental. The board approves the annual budget

and monitors the receipts and expenditures of each fund. It is in this way that your officers and directors make sure that all money is effectively managed in carrying out the club mission.

Fundraising by John Sabo

Raffle Report

We are doing well with the Raffle and T-Shirt sales, and are ahead of last year. For the second quarter, this year, we had a “profit” of \$120 which was deposited into the Club’s bank account, to help continue the club’s activities. Thank you; to all the club members who participate in the club’s monthly raffle and to all of you who donate raffle items or fill fly boxes. We are looking forward to even more interesting and useful raffle prizes in the coming months. By the way, we have some empty fly boxes to be filled...fly tiers, please see me at the back of the room at our next meeting.

South Sound Fly Fishers Dinner and Auction

The club’s Potluck Dinner and Auction has been postponed for several months. I will tell you the new date and location as soon as I can. We will be looking for donations of “experiences and adventure” (fishing trips, vacation cabins, gourmet dinners, etc.), and for club members who would like to be on the auction committee and support the club. If you would like to participate, please see me at the raffle table at the club meetings, or e-mail me at: chrisonquince@comcast.net.



Fly Fishing and Technology

By Ryan Haseman

The world is changing every day. Cars get faster, the market gets bigger, phones and gadgets get smaller, the world gets more connected. All this is happening at blinding speeds and it is a lot to take in.

It is hard not to get caught up in it all. What’s the newest gadget, is my connection fast enough, will my phone call outer space and mow the lawn? Well maybe that’s going a little far but that being said, this tech world can also be fun and exciting and above all... useful.

Don’t get me wrong. One of the best attributes about fly fishing is its ability to get you *unplugged*. Some of my favorite places to fish can easily fool you into thinking you have traveled back in time a thousand years. I love that about fishing. I love that about the Northwest! But rather than forging my own steel to bend my own hooks, or raising silkworms to braid my own line, I embrace the free world and the fruits of what science and engineering have given us.

Think about it. There are plenty of things today in our vests that we wouldn’t dare leave home without. Fully CNC’d reels, knotless tapered leaders, GPS units, depth finders, chemically sharpened hooks, super slick micro-bubble floating lines; it’s amazing that we still get skunked!

I am very interested in what is yet to come to the world of fly fishing. Along with being a passionate fly fisherman, I am also a tinkerer

and techie (read nerd). My favorite thing to do is come up with ways to combine the things I am interested in and maybe come up with something that can really be useful. I would like to take the time to share some of things I have found or am working on through my explorations.

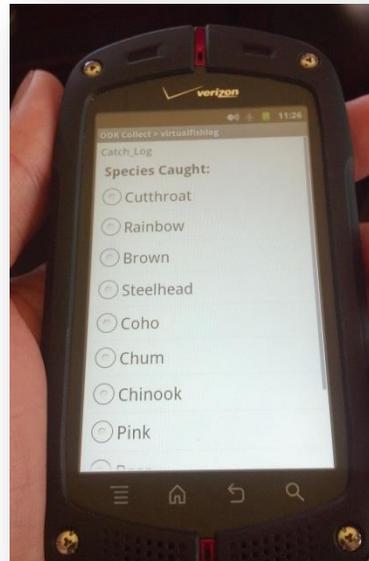
First, an oldie but a goodie, Google Earth. If you do not have this, get it. It's free to [download](#) and use. It's sort of graphics intensive, so if you have an older computer, it may run a little slow. Check the hardware/software requirements before you download. What G.E. is, is a collection of satellite, aerial photos and street views combined with topo and road maps that are overlaid on a globe. You can zoom in amazingly far, check out prospective fishing spots, get your bearings on a place before you go, and check float distances as well. A little known attribute of G.E. is the ability to view aerial photos from different time periods. This is very useful when scouting out beaches. You can view aerial shots of beaches at difference stages of the tide!!



If you're a programmer, then the world is your oyster. You can combine Google Earth with a survey app on your phone to log fishing spots, like so: (munn lake)



That brings me to discovery #2. I have been using a smartphone app called OKD collect to log my catches and fish sightings. I can customize a form, so I can log my GPS location, fly used, fish caught weather, tide, and I can even snap a picture of my catch. All right from my phone, right after I catch a fish so I won't forget to do it later. I can then upload it to a map for later analysis. Here is a link: it's also free! <http://opendatakit.org/use/collect/>



This app has so much potential. I am also planning to use this for our cutthroat conservation projects here to come.

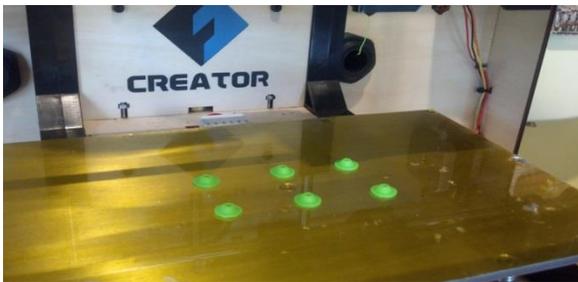
In software, the possibilities are virtually limitless, especially if you're a programmer. I am not a programmer, but I am learning. However, we cannot forget the hardware side of things. I have been dabbling in this realm as well. Over the past few years, "hardware" has gone local. There has been an "open hardware" movement that has been able to put very complex electronics in the hands of students, hobbyists and entrepreneurs. Out of this movement the 3D printing buzz/boom has arose. While 3D printing has been around for a long time, the plethora of consumer choices is very recent.

When I started reading about this, I immediately thought, "what can I print that can be used for fly fishing?" Then I bought one and away I went. I have been able to print a spare spool for my Lamson Guru 3.0.



Obviously it's not as good as a fully machined spare spool, but in a pinch and on a budget I think it will do just fine.

I have also printed things like monster cones for streamers, a fly box and a rod turner to help me make a fly rod.



I can literally "nerd out" on this subject for pages on things like Arduino and accelerometers and the like, but I will spare you.

The point is, as a fly fisher, we can have the best of both worlds. Let's take advantage of the ever progressing world and direct our passion and creativity towards the advancement of our sport. Whether it's to help us fish safer or smarter, or more effectively, technology does have its place in a fisherman's life. Then, when we have had our fill of computers and gadgetry, we can lose ourselves in the ancient forests of the peninsula, or the rocky bluffs to our east and totally *unplug*.



2013 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Twenty two boys and girls enrolled in the Academy this year and 22 boys and girls graduated on June 28th. We had another great group of kids. Of course, kids will be kids, and we had our moments, but we/they all survived. They all went home with books, flies, vest, hat, fly boxes, new rod and reel with backing, line and furred leaders. The furred leaders were purchased from The Fly Fisher at a very generous reduced price. The Fly Fisher in Lacey is a very good friend of the Academy. Bjorn goes out of his way to take care of these kids. These boys and girls now have the basics for their future in fly fishing.

Now it's time to thank all the folks that made this event possible. The members of the South Sound Fly Fishers, the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and the Olympia Chapter of TU deserve all the credit for putting this event on. The casting instructors were there for 3 days, working with these kids. The fly tying instructors spent 2 whole days with the kids. Instructors lecturing on various conservation subjects spent hours, not only teaching, but preparing for their time in front of the kids. To me, this is genuine dedication to the future of our future fly fishers. All the guides that accompanied the kids for fishing at the pond and the river at bright AM and late PM. Thank you to the Gillies that were responsible for getting the kids to whatever/wherever they were to be. And we

need to thank all the TU Chapters, FF Clubs, business organizations and individuals for the financial support to make this event happen. Thanks to the staff for their dedicated service to make this work. I have purposely not mentioned any names, you know who you are and I don't think you're looking for any medals. So now we prepare for 2014. We will no longer have a staff for The Academy, we now will have a Team, so please consider joining the Team next year in organizing 2014. Mike

ANGLERS: Do you need a life jacket?

FISH SAFE: *Wear a Life Jacket!!* Some life jackets are designed with anglers in mind, offering the "look" and convenience of a fishing vest, while still providing flotation. Make sure all life jacket or inflatable vests are U.S. Coast Guard approved.

A Life Jacket is "**REQUIRED**" to be on board when any of the following conditions exist:

Angler sits above the water surface and uses the vessel for transportation, i.e. – a pontoon boat and small rafts.

Vessel is designed to be rowed or paddles.

Angler also might use kicking fins.

Vessel has a 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN). (A HIN is not the same as a state-issued vessel registration number.)

A Life Jacket is "**NOT REQUIRED**" but recommended when:

Angler's body sits in the water, i.e. float tubes or belly tubes.

Vessel is propelled by kicking fins and does not have a HIN

Please note: If a motor is attached, it is considered a boat. It may be necessary to register the vessel as a motorboat, and a life jacket is required to be carried on board.

For more boating safety information, call (360) 586-6592. Washington State law (RCW 79A.60.160) requires all boats to carry a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket for

each person on board. Children 12 years and younger are required to wear a life jacket when on board boats under 19 feet long.

The information for “ANGLERS: Do you need a life jacket?” is copied from a poster that is published by The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. This poster should be displayed at every boat ramp in the State of Washington. Anytime I get on the water in my pontoon boat, I wear my inflatable life vest. Two years ago, the sheriff in Grant County was writing tickets on Park Lake for those folks that were not in compliance with the law. There are many times I wear my life jacket when I’m wading in a river and I definitely wear it when I’m floating a river.

-Mike Clancy

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- \$50 Bayview school of cooking certificate
- Many other great items from local businesses



Guinea and Gold (pattern by Gary Oberbillig) (tied by Ryan Haseman)