



## SOUTH SOUND FLY FISHERS

# THE GARDEN HACKLE

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Club has two outings planned in October. One in fresh water and one in the salt.

## The Leader's Line

By President Gene Rivers



Greetings South Sound Fly Fishers,

It doesn't seem like it's October already, but it is. It's been a great year of fishing for SSFF members and Fall is continuing to produce excellent results. The weather is cooler and it is a great time to get out. Both fresh water lakes, streams and the saltwater are providing outstanding fishing right now. The heat of Summer is gone. It's time to get out there.

We have changed the format of the annual SSFF Fly Tying class this year. It is now a modular format. This means you can save money and take one class, two classes, three classes or all four. The classes are currently in session but it is not too late to take Session 3 or Session 4. We plan to follow this modular concept again next year.

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Jay Paulson will be teaching his outstanding Titanic Flies and the secrets on how to properly tie these effective flies at Session 3 on Oct 16.

Thomas Lamphere will be teaching Sea Run Cutthroat flies at Session 4 on Oct 23. Thomas is also an outstanding fly tier and instructor. You may have attended our Program given by Thomas earlier this year. He ties beautiful flies and will help you tie better.

Details for these Fly Tying Classes have been posted on our Facebook page and the SSFF website. Just show up with your fly tying vice and tools. All hooks and materials are provided by the instructors. Pay at the class. No preregistration is necessary

The nominating committee of SSFF has selected an outstanding slate of Officers to present to the club at the October meeting. Club elections will take place at November's General meeting. Be sure to attend the October and November meetings. We do not have a General meeting in December because the holidays are a busy time for all.

Outings led by Jim McAllister have been well attended this year and the fishing at all outings has been good. Jim has exciting plans for next year's outings. If you don't know where to fish, ask Jim. And of course, go on a club outing. This is a great opportunity to learn where to fish and how to fish for anyone seeking to expand their knowledge of fly fishing.

Our October speaker will be a WDFW representative who will be updating us on the latest information regarding the Atlantic Salmon situation in our region. We have heard rave reviews of this program. Hope you can make it.

Chester Allen will again be speaking to SSFF in November. Chester will be speaking to us about Bass and Spiny Ray fishing in the Northwest. Chester will have copies of his new book *Yellowstone Runners* for sale at the meeting. Chester will sign copies of his book at the November meeting.

I hope to see you on the water or at one of our fly tying classes!

*Gene*



1Photo by Gene Rivers

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# The October Program

Don Freeman Program Chair



## The Limelight

### Atlantic Salmon Update

in response to feedback we heard from members following last month's newsletter, a representative from WDFW headquarters with the most recent findings and insight into the recent San Juan County salmon farming mishap will share their findings and clarify what effects, if any, we should expect under current and future management. This is a great opportunity to gain some insight to the complexity of interests, regulatory agencies, environmental and recreational groups and commercial entities that are seeking to balance demand on a diminishing resource in a growing population impacting Puget Sound.

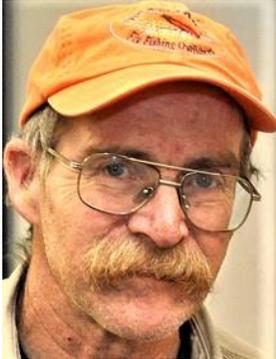
*Don*



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## Outings

By Jim McAllister-Outings Chair



What a great Outing we had at Summit Lake last month. Congratulations to all who participated and caught fish - I'm pretty sure that was everyone! October is a great month with two great fishing opportunities, and we'll take advantage of both.

October brings our annual Hoodsport trip for Chum. There's also Munn Lake. No guarantee, but history shows fish were typically planted the week of our general meeting. So, we will have two great outings this month to Munn Lake and Hoodsport.

### Munn Lake

Date: Saturday, October 21

Meet-Up: 9:00 am at Munn Lake

Directions: From the north starting from Yelm Hwy take Henderson Blvd south about 1.0 mile to 65th Ave SE. Turn left on 65th and go about 0.3 mile to the boat launch road. From the south use Old Hwy 99 and turn right (north) on Henderson Blvd. Go about 1.2 miles to 65th Ave SE. Turn right on 65th and go about 0.3 mile to the boat launch road. Bring your Discover Pass to park in the lot! Munn Lake Gear:

Rods and setups - folks fish a variety of weights. 5-6 wt should be good. Bring what you have. My recommendation is for a full- on intermediate sink-tip line. Fishers using these sinking lines do better in Munn than those using floating lines. It's really tough to shore-fish Munn, and wading isn't practical. You'll need a pontoon boat, float tube, inflatable kayak (like Chris Kliem recommends) or other floatation.

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## Hoodsport (near Vance Creek Hatchery)

Date: Saturday, October 28

Meet-Up: 8:00 am Haggen store parking lot. Haggen is on the Olympia west side at the intersection of Black Lake Blvd and Cooper Point Road. It's just off the 101 at the Black Lake off ramp. Meet in the front parking lot facing the entrance, but away from the store. A little roadway runs along the parking lot on that side. Look for a U.S. Mail box and white election ballot box. Park there, and we won't impede the market traffic. We can caravan and carpool from there. I'd like to leave by 8:20 to arrive in Hoodsport by 9:00-ish. If you need morning caffeine you'll find Starbucks, Mickey D's, and Sonic Drive-In all next to the Haggen parking lot. Or go inside Haggen for snacks and (yet another) Starbucks. If you go straight to Hoodsport look for your fellow SSFF fishers at the Vance Creek Hatchery about 9:00.

Rods and setups: My recommendation is for a floating or sink-tip line. Rod should be 7-wt or heavier. Flies: Woolly Buggers in chartreuse or hot pink. Bjorn at The Fly Fisher can supply you his Chum Candy flies. Fishers wade here, they also use floatation. We'll discuss restrictions on where we may fish. We'll discuss more about these great outings at the Club meeting Tuesday, October 17. See you at the meeting, or at one of these great outings!

Tight Lines,

*Jim*

Summit Lake Thurston County



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## THE SOAPBOX BY Don Freeman Conservation and Political chair



Greetings South Sound Fly Fishers,

I'm just going to expand on the subject we talked about last month. Although the press on the salmon farming pen escape has quieted down, the event brought a lot of fresh attention questioning the wisdom of farming exotic species where they could compete with native populations that have commercial, cultural and environmental significance.

I have asked for a representative from WDFW to come give us an overview of net pen farming and how it intermeshes with historical fisheries, native species, commercial and recreational demands and environmental concerns.

Best regards,

*Don*



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## SSFF Board Member Max Doerge

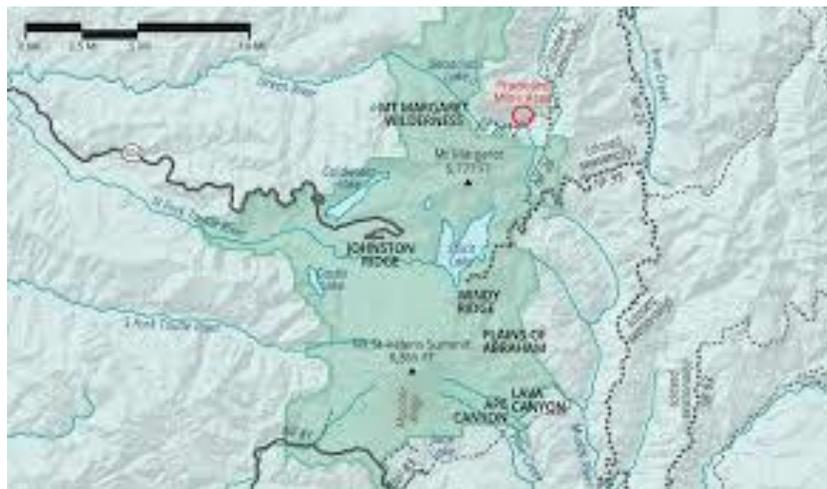


### Greetings SSFF Members,

This item is from Clark Skamania Flyfishers Newsletter:

The Forest Service has just allowed a foreign mining company, Ascot Resources, to conduct exploratory drilling in the Green River Valley near Mount St. Helens. This is a step toward developing a large copper, gold, and molybdenum mine on public lands and waters bordering the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. The Forest Service originally purchased the Green River Valley to promote conservation and public recreation, not for mining. Mining exploration or development in the Green River Valley threatens recreation, water quality, fish and wildlife, and sets a terrible precedent for public lands nationwide. You can help object to this bad Forest Service decision by signing an online petition at this link: <https://cascadeforest.org/stop-the-mine/>

This petition was developed by the Cascade Forest Conservancy, leader of the campaign to halt this mine. There are 20 conservation groups working with Cascade Forest against this mine. Clark-Skamania Flyfishers has contributed money to Cascade Forest to help fund this “no mine” campaign. Anyone can sign the petition, so feel free to share it with friends and neighbors and urge them to sign on. The more names in opposition the better.



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# South Sound Fly Fishers Fundraising

By John Sabo  
Fundraising Chair



## SSFF Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction

Save the date of the South Sound Fly Fishers' Family Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Black Lake Grange Hall.

The dinner will be at 6:00 and the auction will start at 7:00. It will be a live-only auction and all funds raised will go to the club's conservation and service projects to include:

South Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group

Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Casting for Recovery

Project Healing Waters at the American Lake Veterans Hospital

Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail

The family pot-luck is always a success, with an abundance of hot-dishes, salads and desserts.

We hope to auction donations of "experiences and adventures" (fishing trips, gourmet dinners, etc.), and valuable items like rods, reels and gift cards, art, and fishing supplies. We are looking forward to evening of fun, fine food, friendship, fish stories, and entertainment as we generate funds to continue our club's conservation and education programs.

*John*

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# Membership

by VP Randy Allen, Acting Membership Chair



Hello Fellow Fly Fishers:

Welcome Bill Perconte! Bill is our newest member and we missed seeing you at the September meeting. We have a name badge ready to present to you and a South Sound Finn fly tied by one of expert fly tying members. We will also want to take your picture and put it in the next Garden Hackle so that you are introduced to the club.

Dennis Olson joined in September. WELCOME DENNIS! We have your name badge and want to take your picture so that you are properly introduced to the club in the newsletter. We see you're interested in trout, Steelhead and Coastal Cutthroat trout. We have plenty of members that can help!

As always, all club members are encouraged to introduce themselves to a new face to get to know the new members or guests. It is important for everyone to help welcome newcomers to the club. All it takes is "Hi, I haven't seen you here before." Remember our best friends were all once strangers.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting!

*Randy*

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## Around the Campfire with Gary Oberbillig



(This is another story from fly fisher, fly tier, mariner, longtime SSFF and former board member Gary Oberbillig)

I learned to fly fish from my grandfather when I was going on twelve years old. His name was John Simpson and he was born in the late 1870's near Punxsutawney Pennsylvania. This was long before Punxsutawney was known for Ground Hog Day and certainly before actor Bill Murray and Punxsutawney Phil popularized the Ground Hog Day celebration in the movies.

After finishing teachers college, my Grandfather hunted and fly fished his way to the western states. His first real job was in Colorado as a school teacher. He later homesteaded in Boise Valley Idaho. His homestead was on the Big Lost River which came winding out of the mountains for over hundred miles and then disappeared into the ground before reaching the Snake. My grandfather was an accomplished hunter and fly fisher and told me that the guides he used on some of his trips also guided Theodore Roosevelt on his many trips in the great west.

My grandfather's family had settled in Western Pennsylvania after the Revolutionary War and fly fishing was a great part of their Scotch-Irish tradition. As a boy he was taught by his father and grandfather on how to use gut leaders kept moist and flexible in small felt lined tins. The gut leaders were joined with fly lines of woven horse tail. Grandfather used a telescoping steel fly rod and he would cast across and then let the line proceed down stream mending the line so that the fly drifted as naturally as possible and always where the fast water met the slow.

For my twelfth birthday, grandfather bought me a solid glass fly rod with a Pflueger reel. It had a level floating fly line and a leader made of synthetic material. This was in the late '40's, about the time nylon and plastics started to replace organic lines and leaders. The solid glass rod made casting difficult, but my grandfather patiently taught me how to fly fish just as he had learned as a boy on the streams of Pennsylvania.

I learned the traditional set up. The leader was about seven feet long and had two dropper flies known as snells, each tied ahead of the fly at the end of the line. The leader was tied with dropper loops so the snells could be fastened to the main line loop to loop. The snells were about six inches long and came complete with a fly. The most popular flies at that time were Ginger Quills, Renegades and Pink Ladies. I received a fly tying kit on my next birthday and I learned to tie my own flies.

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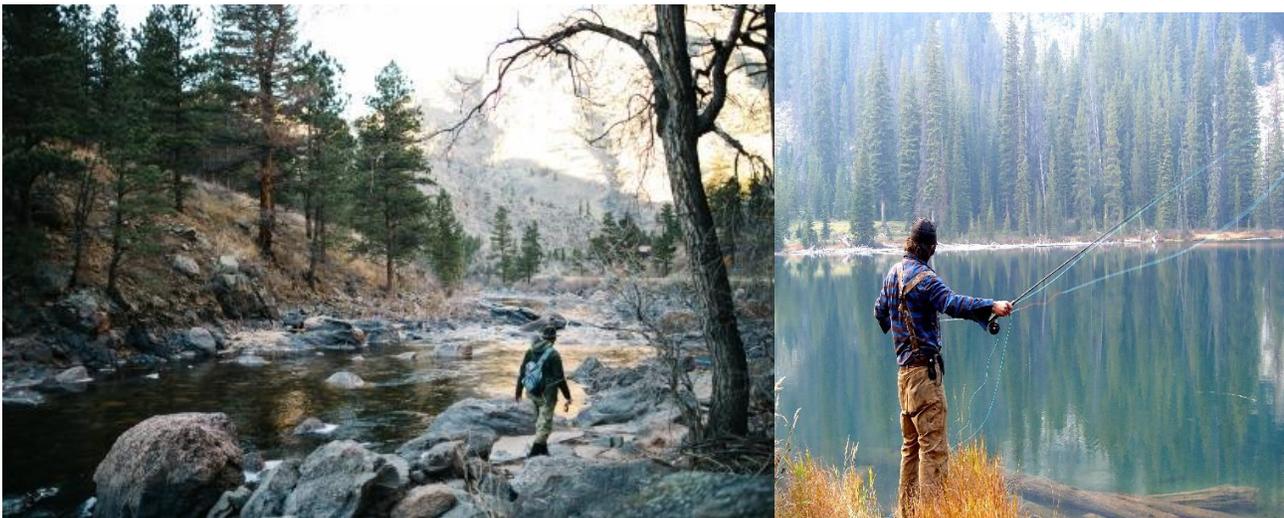
We fished all the local rivers and streams for pan fish and in the autumn there were plenty of Salmon and Steelhead to be had as they made their long trek up the Snake to spawn in one of its many tributaries.

One of my favorite fishing trips was to head north into the high country to fly fish for Rainbow and Bull trout. We fished Big Creek and Johnson Creek and many of the other tributaries of the Salmon River. All these rivers and streams were blue ribbon quality in those days. This large geographic region is now known and protected as the River of No Return Wilderness.

I learned the subtle aspects of fly fishing from my grandfather. How to properly cast a fly and retrieve it so it looked like a natural. Hopefully, the young people of today have this opportunity, although times have changed. Fortunately, the Youth Fly Fishing Academy tries mightily to pass on these skills and values to the young people that go through the program each year.

In the evenings of our trips to the mountains my family would gather around the campfire and my grandfather would share stories about his early hunting and fishing days. These stories are now part of my history and I willingly share them with my many friends and certainly all the young people involved with the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy.

#### River of No Return Wilderness



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## Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy



Once again we are preparing for another Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy to be held June 24-30, 2018 at Gwinwood Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The Staff will be contacting over 50 dedicated volunteers to contribute their time for the success of the Academy and for the kids. This Academy is all about the girls and boys, 12-16 years old, to teach them the basics of fly fishing and conservation. The event is one full week with the staff and youth living at the Gwinwood Center and boarding in cabins. All meals are provided. Students need to bring their personal belongings, i.e., sleeping bags, pillows, rubber boots, etc. All fishing gear and fly tying equipment is provided, however, students may bring their own fishing gear.

The event is supported by WCTU, WSCFFI, SSFF, Olympia Chapter TU and PSFF.

The enrollment fee to each student is only \$300, sponsorships are available through TU Chapters, WSCFFI fly clubs and private donations. No applicant will be turned away because of lack of funds.

Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2018 until April 15, 2018. Applications may be downloaded from our website - [www.nwycffa.org](http://www.nwycffa.org), via email to [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or call 360753-1259. Each applicant must submit an essay explaining why THEY want to attend The Academy. A letter of recommendation is required from a school teacher or counselor.

We are very proud of The Academy, this has been a life changing experience for many of our youth.

Our Youth are the guardians of the future for the sport of fly fishing



## Club Bulletin Board

**Meeting Night Activities** Doors are open at 5:30 and Walt Dohring will use the club's camera and projector on the big screen to demonstrate how he ties some of his favorite patterns. Walt is an expert production tier and you will gain by watching his demonstration before the start of the club business meeting and program.

Notice--For as long as we have good weather and daylight there will be casting on the back lawn of the fire station prior to club meetings. Bring your favorite rod or try a club rod and enjoy casting with club members. If you want to increase your range and consistency or just want to improve your overall casting skill, experienced casters will be there to gladly help you.

**Please...**

**Do not park in the Fire Station's main driveways during SSFF meetings. If parking spaces in front of the fire Station are full please use the parking areas behind the building.**

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Help Coastal Cutthroat Trout (Sea Run). Volunteers are needed by the WDFW Coastal Cutthroat Initiative. Learn about these iconic fish as you work to help further their recovery.

Call Bill Young at 360-426-8416. Leave a message if Bill is out on a stream.

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# Fly of the Month

## The PRINCE



By Bob Bates

There are so many great fly tiers at TU and FFF shows that finding someone to photograph for the FFF Fly of the Month is easy. Just look for an empty chair in front of a tier, and sit down. Such was the case at the 2011 East Idaho Fly Tying Expo when I sat down in front of Milt Jenkins of Taylorsville, Utah. I looked at his nice flies on display, and then I realized he had only one hand. A prosthetic device served as the other hand. He lost his left hand in an industrial accident, and in no way was he going to wither away in a pool of self-pity. He continued his love of fly tying, which started when he was 14, found a way around the limitations of his prosthesis and returned to work two months after the accident. He still ties flies professionally, although he admits that he is a little slower than before when he turned out 5,000 to 6,000 flies a year.

One of the flies that Milt tied was a Prince. Many books and anglers call it the Prince Nymph, so take your choice. This nymph was developed by Californian Doug Prince in 1941. Doug was also a winner of the FFF Buszek Memorial Award in 1981. He tied the original pattern with black ostrich herl, and it survives to this day as the Black Forked Tail. It uses black biots for the tail. However, nearly every Prince (Nymph) that I have seen in books and fly shops is tied with brown biots and peacock herl. It is sometimes called the Brown Forked Tail. Most anglers consider this a moving water fly, but I have used it with success in lakes.

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In streams fish it like any other nymph. Cast so it drifts around boulders, through current seams, below riffles and other places where you think trout might be looking for food. Sometimes there are no clear features in the water or indications of subsurface irregularities. Then I usually cast one quarter upstream, and let the fly drift naturally downstream. Sometimes I let it sink a bit more by letting out line. At the end of the drift the fly will swing toward shore.

Don't be in a hurry to retrieve the line; let the fly hang for a while in the current below you. You might be surprised by a nice fish. Some writers say that fish follow the fly across the current and hit when the fly stopped. It could also be that the fish was searching the quiet near shore water for a bit of food. For me it is usually several seconds after the swing is completed before the fish hits. Maybe it just got irritated at that bug swinging in the current. Normally I use a floating fly line and a 10- to 12-foot leader. If the water is deep I'll use a sink tip line and a shorter leader.

In lakes I'll use floating to full sinking lines. On the sinking lies, I will shorten the leader to sometimes only five feet. Retrieves range from a slow hand twist to vigorous strip, but most of the time it will be an irregular strip/pause/strip type of retrieve.

### **Materials List**

**Hook:** Daiichi 1180, sizes 6 - 14

**Weight:** Optional, can use a thin lead wire for weight

**Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0

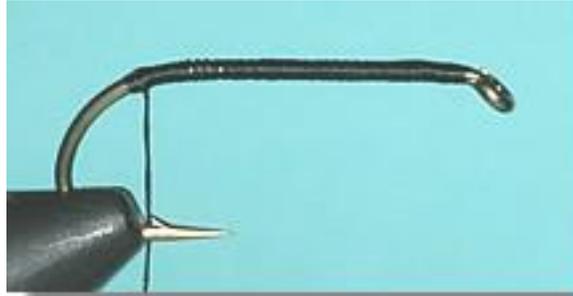
**Tail:** Goose biots, brown

**Rib:** Silver oval tinsel

**Body:** Peacock herl, 3 or 4 pieces.

**Beard:** Pheasant tail  
fibers **Wings:** Goose  
biots, white

**Tying steps:**



1. Start thread behind eye and wind back to over barb.



2. Attach the tail. Tie biots in so the concave side is toward the hook, so when the thread is tightened they will flair outward a bit. Want the length to be about half the length of the body.



3. Trim excess butts on tail, and then tie on rib. Milt also uses gold oval tinsel or holographic tinsel.



4. Tie 3-4 pieces of peacock herl behind eye, wrap back to the barb and then forward for a full body. Secure herl about two eye lengths behind the eye.



5. Reverse wrap rib so it goes across the herl and doesn't sink into it. Half hitch after the rib is secured to prevent bad language. Trim excess tinsel.



6. The next step is easier when the hook is turned over. A vise that rotates is a convenience for this. Recently Milt has been using pheasant tail fibers for the beard rather than hackle. It is easier to handle. Pull the fibers straight out from the shaft to even the tips, and then pull them off. Tie them on the bottom of the hook with a couple of thread winds. If necessary pull the fibers one way or the other so the tips are just barely touching the point of the hook. When they are in the right place tighten the thread.



7. Turn the hook right side up, and put on the wings one at a time. Adjust them so they are about body length. Put a couple more thread winds to hold them in place. Hold a finger on top as the thread is pulled down so the wings do not roll over. Trim the excess biots. Whip finish to cover the white butts. Put on a little glue on its head to finish it.

**Closing Comments:** Milt uses different materials for the rib, gold oval tinsel and holographic tinsel. Some tiers wrap a brown hackle and do not make a beard. Others wrap the brown hackle, and pull the barbs down to make a beard. Still others pull off a bunch of brown barbs, and make them into a beard. This makes a good bead head fly also. Most people use gold beads. So what I am saying is there are many ways to tie a fly that will catch a fish. The most important thing is to go fishing.

Please note: The demonstration you are viewing makes no claim, implied or otherwise, that the presenter or demonstrator of the fly pattern was the original creator of the fly. This is the guest tier's version of this fly and it may differ from the creator's or other versions and variations.

**SSFF wishes to thank FFI for producing Fly of the Month and sharing this pattern.**



Photo by Howard Nanto



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**Club Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month except December. Doors open at 5:30PM with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm. All regularly scheduled meetings are held at the North Olympia Fire Station, 5046 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia WA. USA.**