



Leader Line

Happy New Year

It's late December, cold, foggy and the skies are dripping on us. I'm sitting in my float tube, on my favorite local lake and freezing my toes off (couldn't find my heated battery charged socks). Me thinks I really am a fair weather angler. I've got so many layers on I can barely cast. We've been in the water almost two hours — not a nibble. Changed my fly to a white bunny leach with a pink bead on a size 14 jig hook. Dang if I didn't get a bite, then lost it on my first cast. Second cast, same thing. The next two casts brought a 13- and 15-inch rainbow to my net. Suddenly a big tug, a long run, then the fish turned around and charged me. Stripping as

fast as I could, I landed a 22-inch approximately 4-5 pound rainbow. Thankfully hubby had his camera to document. Enjoying the setting and scenery is great, but what I really enjoy is *catching* fish. I love fly-fishing. I love Puget Sound Fly-Fishers, the community it's provided me, the skills and the environments it's shown me.

2024 was a banner year for PSFF. Meeting attendance was always a packed house. The year ended with 38 new members, some relatively new to fly-fishing. Working with PenMet Parks, Gig Harbor, a Fly-Fishing 101 course was offered. We celebrated PSFF with an end of the year holiday party featuring a silent auction, satisfying dinners provided by Tower Lanes, and tasty desserts brought by members. It was invitingly noisy and loads of fun.

Next Meeting
January 9

Tower Lanes
6323 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406

Dinner: 6:30
Program 7:15

I will be the PSFF President for 2025, a commitment I made while serving as president in 2024. I learned the club's history, the ways of a non-profit organization, facilitating a Board meeting, and enlisting volunteers to help sustain and guide the direction of Puget Sound Fly-Fishers. This second year offers me an opportunity to implement plans to enrich the membership with more fly-fishing knowledge and opportunities, and to involve the club in more local conservation projects.

The 2025 vacant positions for our leadership staff were filled, *all* new members. Let me introduce them:

Website Editor: Jason Hardt
Raffles: Fred Olin
Outings: Julie Kelner
Newsletter Editor: Kara Jensen
Email Editor: Merritt Kline

Other 2025 news:

- Dues will increase as of Feb. 1. See details in this newsletter.
- Beginning Fly-Tying class Jan. 11-Feb. 1. Class is filled.
- Fly-Fishing Show, Bellevue, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 15-16
- NW Fly-Tyer & Fly-Fishing Expo, Albany, OR. Dates TBD usually in March
- Fly-Fishing 101, Tuesdays, May 6-27. Details to come.

Through fly-fishing we can restore local waterways to their natural beauty and educate others to be aware and conserve the healthy environment of our Pacific Northwest. See you on the water.



Tess Frazier
Club President

Programs

Marc Williamson is January 9 Speaker



This month, we're thrilled to welcome Marc Williamson from Fall River Fly Fishing.

At a young age, Marc's father gifted him a J.C. Higgins fly rod outfit, sparking a lifelong passion

for fly-fishing. In 1983, Marc embarked on his professional journey by joining the industry, offering fly-tying classes, conducting seminars, and providing in-store demonstrations on knot tying, entomology, and stream reading. Marc's expertise extends throughout the Pacific Northwest, where he shares his knowledge and passion through fly-fishing presentations that captivate hundreds of attendees at prestigious events like the Portland Sportsman Show and the Fly Fishing Show.

Marc currently collaborates with Gary Borger to co-instruct a fly-fishing school at Clydehurst Ranch in Montana.

Marc will be presenting a session on fly-fishing lakes and rivers in Oregon, sharing his insights and experiences with us.



Mark Paul
Programs Chair

Outings

Greeting PSFF Members!

As your new outings chair I'm looking forward to participating and planning the club's outings for 2025, (outings are my favorite thing!)

Please let me know if there is a fishing location that may be of interest to members and worth checking out for a potential outing site. I hope to provide a variety of fishing opportunities for the club's members including newbies and others that are seasoned in the sport.

Briefly I have been fly fishing for about 10 years, spending a lot of time volunteering for Trout Unlimited assisting in their conservation efforts. That time spent not only provided a way to give back but also

opened doors to learn how to fly fish, visit some pretty cool places and meet wonderful people. Anyways, connecting with nature, sharing experiences and absorbing moments of peace out on the water is what fly fishing brings to me.

See you on the water,

Warm Regards,



Julie Kelner
Outings Chair

Education

January

Fly Tying

The monthly fly tying session is **cancelled** for January due to the beginning fly tying class. We will resume February, 15.

Beginning Fly-Tying coming in January

A beginning fly tying class is scheduled for consecutive Saturdays, beginning January 11, 2025. This class is currently full, but let me know if you have in-

terest as a subsequent class could be scheduled.

Introduction To Fly-Fishing Class

On May 6, 13, 20, 27, we will conduct our Introduction to Fly Fishing class (FF101). Following last year's class, we got together to discuss needed improvements to the sessions. In addition to some course material changes, we decided to add a fourth session. The venue will be the

same, Sehmel Homestead Park in Gig Harbor, 6:00-9:00 PM on Tuesdays. Volunteers, especially to assist with casting, would be greatly appreciated. We are also planning a "field trip" to Trophy Lake casting ponds following the course.



Rob Jensen
Education Chair

2025 Help Wanted

Facebook Group Page Moderator/Editor

You must be on Facebook. This role allows you to create club posts or ads to promote the club, it's activities and meetings. Include training to set you up for success! Contact Bryan Habeck if you're interested

Membership

Welcome to 2025 - It is Time to Renew Your Membership

PLEASE use the website to renew if you can, this will simplify the process in the future. With the new year comes a decision by the PSFF board to introduce a new fee structure. Renewal before the deadline of February 1 is \$45. Renewal after the deadline of February 1 is \$50. New members will be charged \$55 for a membership, \$5 of which is for the welcome packet.

You have three options to renew for your convenience:

1. The preferred, fastest and easiest way to renew is to go to psff.org. Scroll down to "Join The Club or Renew" and click on "Join Now". Fill out the electronic form, click on "Submit" and you will automatically be taken to the page to complete your purchase.

2. Fill out the PDF on the "Join Now" page, print it and mail the form following the instructions on the

form. If paying by check or money order, enclose with the form before sending.

3. Fill out the PDF, print it and bring it to the next club meeting and find Dennis Beardsley to make payment. Cash, check, credit/debit card accepted.

As a valued member, you'll continue to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow fly-fishers, access to fly-tying, casting classes, monthly outings, engaging monthly speakers, and special events like our annual summer picnic and holiday gathering. Renew early to lock in last year's rates before they increase, and don't miss out on another great year with us!



Joe Harrison
Membership Chair

January Anniversaries/Years:

Mark Baumann	1	Doug Bayes	1	Tim Bayliss	1
Jon Blue	1	Wayne McMillan	1	Jim Pickett	1
David Skau	1	Helen Skau	1	Glenn Star	1
Rachel Dagovitz	2	Joe Harrison	2	Eric Shry	2
David Oliver	3	Julie Kellner	4	Doug Post	8
May Weller	1	Paul Fournier	17	John Clark	35

Raffles

Are You Feeling Lucky?

There will be four raffle choices. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and (new) 14 for \$10.

There will also be a 5x5 square for a quality fly-tying kit including vise and tools in a wooden case.

Each square will be \$5. Kit is valued at \$65.

Please fill out the survey found on the raffle ticket table so I can offer items that you might need and/or want.

Fred Olin
Raffles

Fly Fishers International and the Academy

Enrollment is now open for the June 21-28, 2025 Youth Academy to be conducted again at the Panhandle Lake 4H Camp west of Shelton. Go to the website – nwyccfa.com to learn about the event, the application is available and more important information. To learn about Panhandle Lake, go to panhandle-camp.com. It's a beautiful facility. The camp is for boys and girls, 12 to 16. They come away from the Academy totally ready for fly fishing. Tuition again is \$750.00 for the entire week.

The September Fly Casting Fair in Vancouver was a sunny suc-

cess. The crowd was large and included a big number of Washington and Oregon fly fishers. With that success, we are moving our tour next event, Sunday, April 27th at a new place, and with a new name. We're expanding our spring event in Puget Sound into the Washington FFI Fly Casting and Tying Fair and moving the location to Issaquah at Pickering Barn, a city park and event space just off I-90 at the 17th Avenue exit. Both the lawns and indoor space at Pickering are larger than Ballenger Park. The new location is more central for FFI members and other

guests, south, east and north of Seattle.

We are proud to announce, our Larry Gibbs was named FFI's National Fly Fisher of the year. An award Larry so deserved.

One more date to remember, Oregon Council's event in Albany Oregon, March 7 & 8 2025, at the fairgrounds with great RV parking. This is another fun event, hope to see you there.



Mike Clancy
Legislation/FFI



2025 PSFF - Officers and Committee Chairs

Club Officers

President: Tess Frazier
Vice President: Rob Jensen
Past President: vacant
Secretary: Anne Stiffler
Treasurer: Dennis Beardsley
Director, 1st year: Mark Paul
Director, 2nd year: David Frazier
Director, 3rd year: Richard Stone

Committee Chairs

Conservation: Greg Shimek
Education: Rob Jensen
Email Editor: Merritt Kline
Legislation/FFI: Mike Clancy
Librarian: Tom Krughoff
Membership: Joe Harrison
Newsletter Editor: Kara Jensen
Outings: Julie Kelner
Programs: Mark Paul
Raffles: Fred Olin
Website Editor: Jason Hardt

Having Trouble Joining the Members Only Forum?

1) Launch the PSFF.org webpage as shown in **Figure 1** and click on the Log In link (circled in red). That'll take you to the Sign-up or Log-In form in **Figure 2**.

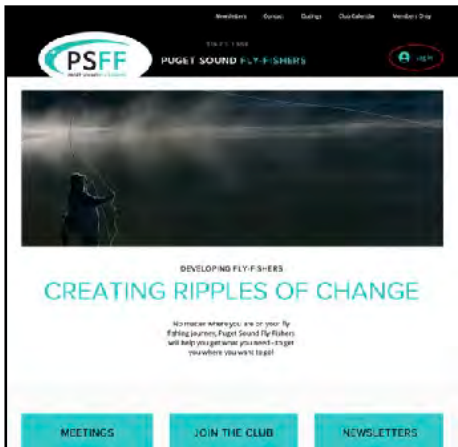


Figure 1

2) Log in or sign up

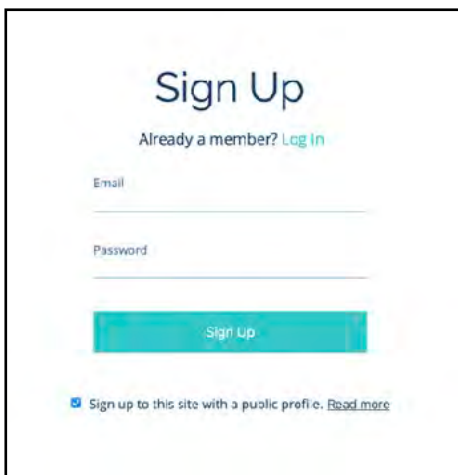


Figure 2

If you are registering as a new FORUM member, Sign Up first as shown in **Figure 2**. Enter your email address and create a password. Once you've done

that and have received confirmation that you've been confirmed as a member and now have access, then log in (clicking the teal type seen in **Figure 2**) and click on the Members Only link as shown in **Figure 3**.

3) Members Only will now be available to you

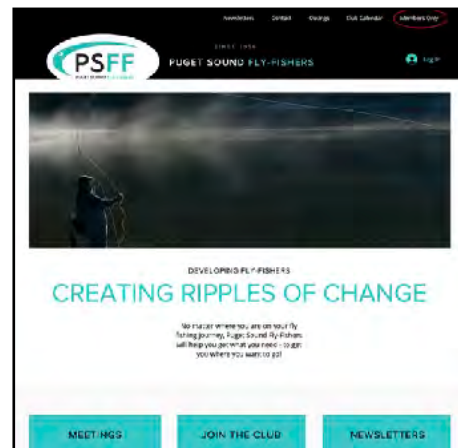


Figure 3

4) The Forum Page

Explore the different categories of discussions and learn about where others are fishing, and what they're tying.



Figure 4