


Aims and Purposes

The Members of the FCFF are united by our enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing and by our desire to preserve and enhance fishing opportunities for all. To these ends, we will strive to promote conservation of angling brotherhood and to broaden the understanding of fellow anglers.

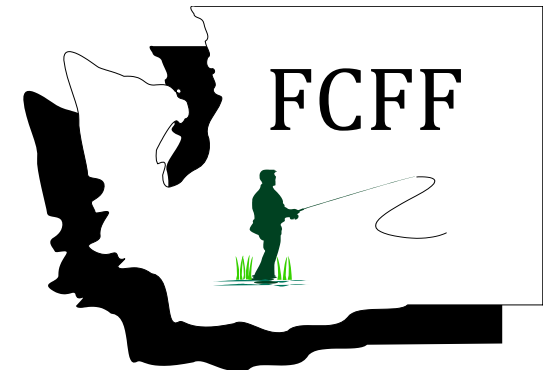
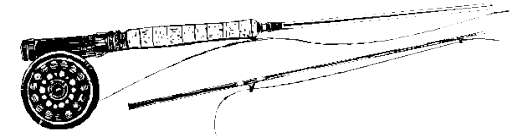
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The following are the aims and objectives as stated in our constitution.

- * To work for the betterment and preservation of angling waters and surrounding lands.
- * To promote the creation of "Fly Only" and/or quality fishing waters and encourage appropriate management of these waters.
- * To practice and advocate protection of the resource and the natural environment.
- * To improve the "State-of-the-Art" of flyfishing and keep members informed of developments of interest.
- * To maintain high standards of membership by selecting as prospective members those persons who are dedicated to fly fishing, are good sportsmen, and are conservation oriented; and to temper organizational growth consistent with the maintenance of quality membership standards.
- * To develop and implement programs of education designed to encourage individuals of all ages to become fly fishers and better sportsmen.
- * To respect the rights and wishes of land owners who provide access to fishing waters.



The Fourth Corner Fly Fishers



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Introducing The FCFF

On April 12, 1972, a group of ten Bellingham area men sharing common interests in the sport of fly fishing, conservation of our fishery resources and the natural environment, organized a club dedicated to those interests.

Thus, the

FOURTH CORNER FLY FISHERS.

Major environmental and stream restoration projects have included Little Deer Creek (tributary of the Stillaquamish), Nessel Creek (tributary of the Nooksack), and Boy Creek Interpretive Salmon Center in co-operation with the National Forest Service.

For many years the FCFF has acted as steward for Squalicum Lake, one of the few "Fly Fishing Only" lakes in the county. The club maintains a creel census station constructed by the members at the entrance to the lake.

The club works with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) both financially and providing volunteer labor on local rivers and for conservation projects.

The FCFF is active in the educational arena. We are actively working with Western Washington University on programs related to environmental, entomology, fly fishing, fly tying, and resource conservation. The programs are offered to youth groups such as the FFA and the Four H clubs as well as other local groups.

Fellowship among club members is perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of membership.

The FCFF club has monthly meetings, year around club outings, and fund raising auctions and raffles.

Meetings

Monthly club meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the Bellingham Country Club, 3729 Meridian St., Bellingham, WA 98225

The gathering begins around 6:00 PM (The "Wet Fly" hour). The dinner starts at 7:00 PM, the program starts around 8:00 PM, and our meeting (members only) starts at 9:00 PM.

After the program, we hold a raffle for prizes and flies. The tickets cost 50 cents each. Up for grabs is anything from flies to gadgets.

We have a "Fly Plate". Bring a fly, receive a ticket and have a chance at a plate full of flies.

Outings

Frequent outings are offered to members and their guests at numerous locations in the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon, as well as British Columbia, Canada.

Wading the streams and fishing the lakes with older members is very rewarding and an education all by itself.

It is the responsibility of ALL members and guests to obey ALL local, state, and federal regulations for ALL of the outings.

Raffles and Auctions

Besides the monthly meeting raffles, we also hold a conservation auction every other year and all proceeds go towards various conservation efforts and projects.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- * Attend four membership meetings, an outing, and a conservation project if possible.
- * Complete the questionnaire, the application, and have two sponsors that are members who you know sign the application.
- * Submit the application with the initiation fee and dues to the membership chairman.
- * The application will be read at the next board meeting. At least one sponsor must be present to speak on their behalf.
- * Board accepts or rejects application. On approval, application is read at the next general meeting and voted on by the membership for acceptance or rejection.