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MAY MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2016 @ Farm House Rest

Wet Fly / Social Gathering: 6:00PM

Dinner / General Meeting: 7:00PM

President's Message:

By: Jim Paget

As summer is approaching, we all hope to spend a lot more time fishing. Many of us have plans for what we hope will be memorable trips. If you do make a trip or even if you are fishing locally, remember to take some pictures to share with the rest of us at the November meeting.

After this month's meeting the next meeting will be AFTER the Skagit Salmon Festival, so please pay attention to your emails as we will be looking for help in a number of areas for the festival.

Remember also to consider a submission for the one-time conservation grants. In the annual budget we set aside \$2000 to be granted on a one-time basis. If you have an idea or an organization that should be considered, be contact Dick Raisler before September 15th.

Also remember that we are soliciting ideas for a \$500 grant to an organization that supports girls learn to fly fish. These funds are from the Ford fund which was created from the sale of the rods donated by the Fords.

This Months Presentation:

By: Ryan Johnson

Our May Presentation will feature Scott Willison, Owner of the Confluence Fly Shop in Bellingham, WA. Scott will share some of the latest and greatest innovations in the fly tackle industry, what's new and exciting in the world of fly fishing. Scott will also share a slideshow from Rajeff Sports and talk about their rod design principals and company vision. The presentation will be hands on with lots of new products to handle and ask questions about and as in years past, Scott will tie in practical applications for anything new in our local fisheries. Following the presentation, the club will offer a free raffle to all attendees for one of five gift certificates to the Confluence Fly Shop.

Bio: Scott has fished throughout the Western United States, the Carribbean, France and Costa Rica in his 30+ years of fly fishing. While an ardent steelheader at heart, Scott equally enjoys fishing the beaches of Puget Sound and local stillwaters for everything from trout to bluegill. In addition to owning the Confluence Fly Shop, Scott is an active member of the 4th Corner Fly Fishers, a Native Fish Society River Steward for the Stillaguamish River and current Treasurer for the North Sound Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



Fly of the Month:

By: Ryan Johnson

I'm going to tie a rather garish but irresistible bass fly we'll call BOB W. (Big 'Ol Bass Worm). Whatcom and Skagit Counties are home to some incredible warm water fisheries that have some bragging sized largemouth bass in them. Conventional anglers use a lot of plastics when targeting bass and there's no denying the appeal of a slowly retrieved long and slender worm. The BOB W. is tied entirely with synthetic materials that give inherent translucency and movement to the fly, while making it pretty easy to cast despite the large profile. Toss it on a floating line deep into the weed beds on your favorite bass lake and hang on.

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BOB W

Thread: 140 Denier Ultra Thread

Hook: #1 or #2 Gamakatsu B10S

Weed Guard: #20 Rio Hard Mono

Tail: Furled Polar Chenille

Body: Polar Chenille

Legs: Hareline Crazy Legs



Colors: Black, Brown, Olive Brown, Chartreuse, Purple, Purple/Pink. All of these combos catch fish, but the all black with black/blue flake Crazy Legs is my go to for big bass.

Fly Rod Raffle:

By: Bruce Freet

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 apiece at our club store during our club meetings in March, April, and May for the last fly rod of the 15 fly rods donated to the Fidalgo Fly Fishers by Paul and Mary Ford. This fly rod is a R.L. Winston BL5 990-5, which is a 9 wt. 9ft. 5-piece fly rod with a fast action, full wells grip, and up-locking reel seat with rod sock and case. It was used often, but shows almost no wear. It originally sold for \$600 in 1998. The drawing will occur at our May meeting. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. Write your name on the ticket before you drop it into the bag. You do not have to be at the meeting to win. Good Luck!!!



Give Away Night!:

In addition to the 9 wt Winston Rod that will be raffled off, there are 5 gift certificates for \$50 each up for grabs just for showing up. No purchase necessary. Members will be given a raffle ticket at check in or before the drawing. 5 lucky people will win a \$50 gift certificate to the Confluence Fly Shop.

Up Coming Events:

- **Saturday September 10th from 10am to 6 pm** - The Skagit River Salmond Festival.

Note: Please check the Outings and Event page on the web site, things get added from time to time.

New Member:

By: Ryan Johnson



Four new members were inducted into the club during the general meeting held on April 21st at the Farmhouse restaurant by President Jim Paget.

New members are: Jerry VanVliet, sponsored by Tim VanDyken; Mark Gilmore, sponsored by Bruce Freet; David Snyder, sponsored by Dan Farmer and Rene' Blanquies, sponsored by Danny Beatty. The members come to us from all walks of life and with varying backgrounds in fly fishing ranging from beginner to seasoned veterans.

Welcome to all of you. It's great to have you with us.

Website Change:

By: Jim Paget

We now have a current copy of the By-Laws on the website. There is a folder under the Bulletin Board and General Category entitled FFFDOCS.

Why such a seemingly buried location? Bill Brodie, our webmaster has made sure that every part of the website is accessible by every device out there, where it is Apple, Microsoft, Android or Kindle. To make the change to the main portion of the website is an excruciating effort, best not attempted without a bottle of a fine single malted. Putting the documents in the Bulletin Board Portion was relatively painless effort.

Salmon Festival:

By: Jim Paget

The Skagit River Salmond Festival will be on Saturday, September 10th from 10 AM to 6 PM. It will be held at the Waterfront Park at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge. We will be having our usual booth featuring both fly casting and fly tying. Don't feel competent with your skills in those areas? We also will need help with both setup and tear down. As the date approaches you will all receive emails asking for your help with specific tasks. Please seriously consider how you can help. Not only is it an important outreach activity for our club, it really is a lot of fun.



Photo of the Month:

By: Carl Hendricks



Look close and see what he is on, wonder how tall the ladder is? May just be a new way to fish all the tide times.

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