

NORTH SOUND

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing - Healing Those Who Serve

North Sound TU Speyapalooza May 3

Join North Sound TU for their annual Speyapalooza starting at 10am and running all day. A free event devoted to 2-hand spey rods. Bring your waders to demo various rods, take a class, enjoy lunch. Prizes. Held at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, WA. **We will be doing outreach and would welcome any assistance.**

Ala Spit - May 10

Spring in the north sound means the chance for searun cutthroat and bull trout off Whidbey's Ala Spit. We'll meet in the parking lot at 7am. RSVP if you'll need any gear.

Intro Classes - May 4 & 15

I'm giving a couple Intro to Fly Fishing presentations to other orgs this month. The first is with Blue Star Families' Connect Outdoor Program and the second is for Sno-Isle Libraries. Participants and volunteers welcome. See calendar for more details.



Monthly Meetings

*Burlington and Everett Meetings now on tap —
Bellingham starting soon!*

Everett - Everett VA Outpatient VA Clinic
First Tuesday of the month (6:30pm)

Oak Harbor - American Legion George Morris Post 129
First Thursday of the month (6:30pm)

Bellingham - Bellingham Vet Center
Second Monday of the month, starting Jun 9th (6:00pm)

Burlington - American Legion Post 91
Last Monday of the month, starting May 26th (6:30pm)





Spring FishOut

The North Sound had a huge showing at the Northwest Regional Spring FishOut at Beaver Lake. Six North Sound anglers and four boat captain volunteers ventured down to Sammamish for the day.



Local Clubs

- FFF Pints & Flies (5/13)
- WIFFC Monthly Meeting (5/14)

Last Month

Many firsts in the month of April

We began the month with our first off-island meeting in Everett. This was a huge first step to expanding our reach throughout the entire North Sound. Six folks attended the meeting at the Everett VA clinic. Assistant Program lead Tim is the lead for Everett.

We also had our first North Sound participants take part in the Northwest Region's Spring FishOut at Beaver Lake in Sammamish.

On the 15th we were invited to crash Fidalgo Fly Fishers' monthly Pints & Flies in Anacortes and enjoyed an incredibly informative tying presentation.

We participated in outreach events via Skagit County's Veterans Standdown and the WA State Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Town Hall meeting in Oak Harbor.

Finally, ten veterans and volunteers met up on the Yakima River for two days of fishing the Salmonfly hatch for our inaugural Spring Yakima multi day trip.

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Outreach

Outreach to veteran organizations and the fly fishing community is critical to our success as a program. Not only do these events spread the PHW story, but they serve to recruit volunteers for future events. Assistance with outreach is always appreciated!

- Upcoming Outreach Events:
 - North Sound TU Speyapalooza (5/3)
 - 4th Corner Fly Fishers (5/22)
 - Monthly PNW Vets Meetings in Island, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties (various dates)
 - VFW Post 8870 - Edmonds (8/20)
 - Evergreen Fly Fishing Club - Everett (8/26)

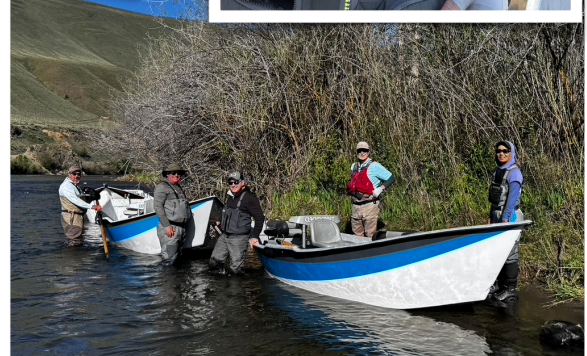


Outreach presentation to **Growing Veterans** in Lynden, WA (11Apr25)



Yakima Salmonfly Outing

North Sound's First MultiDay Fishing Event



May				
May 1	Whidbey First Thursday	Fly Tying	American Legion George Morris Post 129, Oak Harbor	
May 3	North Sound TU Speyapalooza	Outreach	Howard Miller Steelhead Park, Rockport, WA	Outreach Volunteers needed
May 4	Intro to Fly Fishing Presentation (Blue Star Families)	Education	Oak Harbor Library	
May 6	Everett Meeting	Fly Tying	Everett VA Outpatient Clinic	
May 13	FFF - Pints & Flies	Fly Tying	Chuckanut Brewery	
May 14	WIFFC Monthly Meeting	Montana	Greenbank, WA	
May 15	Intro to Fly Fishing Presentation (WIFFC - Sno-Isle Libraries)	Education	Oak Harbor Library	
May 26	Burlington Meeting	Education & Fly Tying	American Legion Post 91, Burlington	
Long Range				
Jun 1	Casting Clinic with Blue Star Families	Casting	Coupeville Community Green	Volunteers needed to assist.
Jun 9	Bellingham Meeting	Education	Bellingham Vet Center	Inaugural Bellingham Meeting!
Jun 21	Women's Only Class	Fishing Outing	Cle Elum - Teanaway River	
Aug 9	Pinkapalooza	Fishing Outing	Fort Casey State Park	Saltwater Beach Fishing. Cookout and camping at Jeff's place in Coupeville afterwards.
Sep 26-28	PNW Region 2Fly Competition	Fishing Outing	Ellensburg, WA	3-4 active North Sound Participants to fish. Rowers Needed. Camping.
Oct	Skagit River Float	Fishing Outing	Skagit River	
Nov 8	Veterans Days Weekend Chum Float	Fishing Outing	Skagit River	Multiple Boat Float with cookout on the river
Nov-Dec	Rod Building Class	Rod Building	Location: TBD	Multi-day Rod Building class for 4 active participants
Dec	Skagit River Float	Fishing Outing	Skagit River	