



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday February 22, 2017 - 6:00pm

**Round Table Pizza
4002 A Street SE
Auburn, WA**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:

<http://saveourfish.org/board>

Newsletter editor: Dayle Conrad

Speaker – Shelby Ross, owner of Ross Outdoor Adventures

Shelby grew up near the south shore of Potholes Reservoir. Fishing and hunting have been an obsession of his since age four. At age 14 he began running his parents boat nearly daily in the summer months chasing walleye, bass and anything else they could catch. He began guiding waterfowl hunters at age 19 on Potholes Reservoir in 1998 for Meseberg Adventures Duck Taxi based at MarDon Resort. Guiding fishing trips soon followed and he started Ross Outdoor Adventures in 2003. He offers guided fishing trips primarily for walleye and bass as well as airboat tours on Potholes Reservoir, Moses Lake, Banks Lake, Lake Roosevelt, and private

lakes and continues to guide waterfowl hunters through Meseberg Adventures during October-January. Each fall they plan to offer combination duck hunting and fishing trips. He does everything possible to insure the best possible experience for every one of his customers. Whether you just want to catch fish, introduce your youngster or spouse to fishing, are learning a new body of water to fish with your own boat, or learn the newest techniques for walleye or bass fishing, he can tailor your trip to match your goals for a great day on the water.

www.potholesfishing.com

Up and Coming Activities:

February

25 – General Club Meeting

Shelby Ross, Ross Outdoor Adventures

March

8 – Board Meeting

11 – CCA Banquet

22 – General Club Meeting

Nick Norbeck, Elite Guide Service

He will speak on spring chinook, fall chinook and steelhead on the Cowlitz River.

eliteguideservice.com

May

6 – Youth Fishing Derby

Auburn

20 – Kids Fishing Derby

Algona

June

3 – Hooked on Fishing

Kids Fishing Derby

Federal Way



President's Message -- Carl Carver

Our January meeting featured speaker Lawrence McCrone of the Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH). What an educational presentation he gave on the life cycle of salmon and the many obstacles they encounter to survive from egg stage to returning to their river of origin. It was an eye opener and sad to hear the numbers regarding eggs hatched and pair(s) returning. I will share some of the information in next month's newsletter. It is clear by what was heard that it is a crisis situation and emphasized how important our hatcheries are to sustaining and improving our fisheries.

We've started the year off with a very successful Washington Sportsmen's Show again this year and it is all made possible by the awesome member volunteers (see the write-up in the newsletter for details).

Member Earl Betts and I went to Olympia to support member representative Frank Urabeck and State Puget Sound Anglers (PSA) president Ron Garner who testified together before the House Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee in opposition to House Bill HB 1647 Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase. Frank took the lead and did us proud, as his testimony was excellent and it was well received by the committee. It was clear by the chair's comments that Frank and Ron were well known and respected as our representatives. Frank stated that we agree the department needs adequate funding and that we are willing to work with others to

produce a new (substitute) bill that may garner greater public support. We'll keep you informed at our general meeting and via our newsletters regarding this and several other important issues (Columbia River Gillnetting, Skokomish River Closure Status, North of Falcon, season setting process, etc.) that are in the works. **THANK YOU, Frank & Ron** for all the dedication and hard work you do day in and day out to support Puget Sound Anglers and the sportsmen/women of Washington regarding our fisheries.

As I've written in several President's Messages and talked about at our general meetings, together/united we can and are making a difference in our fisheries by participating actively in our chapter and weighing in and supporting when called upon. Many of our key leaders in the fishing community have made it clear that 2017 is the year to make our stand with the Feds, state, tribes, and WDFW for what we know is right for conservation as well as fair/equitable to sportsmen/women regarding our fisheries. I hope to see you get involved or up your involvement going forward.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you at one or more of our meetings this year.

Sincerely,
Carl Carver

Brice Ponds at Flaming Geyser State Park – Help needed!

The state will be delivering the steelhead broodstock to the ponds at Flaming Geyser State park sometime between March 13-15th. We will be having a work party to get the ponds set up and ready on Saturday March 11th. Please let me know at the general meeting on the 22nd if you are able to help out. The pond set up will start at 9:00am. I will also have sign-up sheets for volunteering to feed the fish. It takes a group effort to support this program. Any help that you can provide is very much appreciated.

Tip of the Month – Ice Fishing Tips, Tricks and Tactics

From Greg Hindman

Below are some tips and strategies that should help improve your next ice fishing experience. We are always looking for new, bold ways to improve anglers' success at ice fishing.

- **Depth Matters** – Fish generally will stay a specific depth during the winter, making it easy to find them. Do some simple internet research to find out what depth the species of fish you're trying to catch stay around during the winter months.
- **Slow and Steady Wins the Fish** – Fish don't expend as much energy during the winter months. If you move your bait or jig too fast a fish might let it go in order to save energy. This is the biggest problem novice ice fisherman have when they start out.
- **Use a Bobber to Set the Hook at the Right Time** – Not only do fish use less energy during the winter months, they are also less aggressive. They won't hit your bait or jig as aggressively as they would during the summer months. This is where a slip bobber comes into play. With a slip bobber you can set the depth of line and see when a fish might be giving you action.
- **Cover the Hole** – If you're ice fishing in a shallow area then it's best to keep some ice shavings in the hole to prevent the light from penetrating the surface. This keeps the fish from avoiding the area where



you're fishing. However, if you're trying to catch crappie the light can actually attract small plankton that in turn attracts crappie.

- **Bait the Bottom** – Both bluegills and perch love to feed off the bottom during the winter months. Trying bouncing your bait off the bottom to stir up some mud and debris, this can attract fish from a distance. First person to tell Greg you saw this gets 5 raffle tickets.
- **Chum the Hole** – Sometimes chumming your hole can actually bring more fish to your location. While most fish don't want to exert too much energy in the icy water, they can still be attracted to other fish feeding. Trying grinding up some minnows or dropping some wax worms in and let them go crazy.
- **Learn How to Treat Hypothermia** – Most ice fishing related deaths are not due to drowning, but instead due to hypothermia. Make sure you educate yourself on what to do if you or a fellow angler falls into icy water. Remember, someone can die as soon as 20 minutes of being soaked in icy water. Always have a cell phone on hand to call for help and a spare set of winter clothing nearby.



30th Annual Washington Sportsmen's Show Report

The show was a huge success for our chapter again this year thanks to all the hard work by our members at our booth. The Sportsmen's Show activity for our chapter is headed up by Jim

Hand who did an outstanding job of organizing, communicating with membership and providing support. The members who gave of their time to run the booth were as follows: Jim Hand (leader), Don Payne, Bob Porn, Russ Carver, Rob Larsen, Kathy Carino, Ed Charlshe, Duane Horton, Alex Skitimas, Jordan Paladay, Jim Toycen, Norm Moberg, Greg Hindman, Ron Howard & Julie, Rich Gregory, Hal Boynton, Matt Anderson, and Carl Carver.

A special thanks to Don Payne for organizing all the efforts to get the jigs poured, painted, tied, packaged, and displayed as well as all the tracking and accounting of what we had and what was sold. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort as you made a positive difference. We sold 727 jigs total which brought in \$1,137. In addition we sold a membership, jigs, and received cash donations which brought our total near \$1,500. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds support our fishing derbies, chapter outings, and donations to organizations which benefit our fisheries like Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH).

[Note: We have several hundred jigs left that didn't sell and they will be available for sale to our membership and others. There will be a display board at our general meeting with the jigs displayed by size and color. You can place your order, pay, and they will be delivered to you. So come to the meeting and take advantage. The membership discount is \\$1.50 for 3/8 & 1/2 oz and \\$.75 for 1/8 & 1/4 oz.](#)

CCA Banquet – March 11, 2017

Coastal Conservation Association is the largest and most successful marine conservation organization in the United States of America. With thousands of dedicated members and volunteers in Washington,



CCA has an unwavering commitment to protect the health and longevity of our fisheries.

To achieve this goal, CCA Sea Tac chapter is hosting its **10th Annual Banquet and Fundraising Event March 11th, 2017** at the IBEW Local Hall (19802 62nd Ave South in Kent). This fun filled event features a prime rib dinner, entertainment, raffles, games, and fantastic live and silent auctions.

Ticket prices are \$75 individual, \$140 couple and includes a 1 year membership to CCA, a \$35 value. Rob Larsen is coordinating ticket sales for the SOF PSA Chapter. If you need a ticket contact Rob.

If you have any questions regarding the banquet or how you might help contact Earl Betts at 253-797-8400 or at earlebetts@msn.com.

CCAWashington

How You Can Be a "Silent Member" of your CCA Chapter Banquet Committee

As you probably know, putting on a banquet fundraiser is not an easy task. Our banquet committee does a fantastic job at making the event happen but they could use some more help. We understand that not all of our members have the time to be regular banquet committee members, but there are other ways to help out the committee and the fish!

- 1) Buy a banquet ticket and sell a few to some friends. It's the best way to renew your membership and the event is sure to be a good time! We can't have a banquet without attendees.
- 2) See the attached list of items to be underwritten for our banquet. You truly make your money work its magic! Make your tax-deductible donation for the wholesale cost value of the item and we will use it to generate the retail value at the fundraiser. For example, your donation of \$125 for a Coach Purse gives us an asset that we can use to raise its retail value of \$350. There are a wide variety of items to choose from. This is a way to make donations go further!
- 3) Take a few of the underwriting lists home and use them to obtain donations from your family, friends, and business contacts. People love the cause (who doesn't want to save our Salmon?) and many folks will help us to raise money if we make it simple for them. Talk to business you know such as dentists, real estate agents, financial planners, insurance agents, attorneys, etc. Remember, the #1 reason that people contribute to a worthwhile cause is because someone they know reached out and asked them.
- 4) Bring a bottle or two of good wine to our meetings. We'll use it as a part of an auction item on the night of the event.

There! Now you're an unofficial member of our banquet committee!

CCA SeaTac 10th Annual Banquet Fundraiser
Saturday, March 11th, 2017 @ IBEW Local 46 Hall

Visit Our Website

The website has new pictures in the Hogpen, links to our sponsors, a year's worth of past newsletters. There is a new link on the Hogpen web page to submit photo's for the Hogpen, which will provide the pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Christmas Banquet.

Let us know what you think of the new design! www.saveourfish.org



SOF Facebook Page



The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 27 members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance. **Let's see how many members we can get this year!** This is a great way to get club information. It can also be used to connect with other members to fill an empty seat in the boat, see where other members are fishing (if they are willing to share), or post videos, photos, or other fishing and conservation interests.

Raffle News

February 2017 Raffle News

Happy Winter everyone! Since we are down to 5 or 6 Fetha Styx and Winter Steelhead is still upon us, this month we will have a classic rod that's perfect for just that. Here's an 8'6" Casting 10-17Lb Med/Hvy Fetha Styx. I'll have fly fishing bag and items from Silver Horde. I'll have another surprise knife package that will be up this month so don't miss out, especially you hunters out there. Additionally, we have some more knives available so the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.

We have our new few hats available and I will put one old one in the draw this month. (\$15 for a regular hat and \$20 for a waterproof hat if you don't get lucky) as well as floats and assorted corkie's for sale. I'll bring some of the stock of Extreme bags and will take reasonable offers of our overstock. ***Get the word out!!!!!!***

As usual we will be doing the active member's only drawing for 10 tickets that you can use in the general raffle. We will pull names from a hat of all active members and I will draw names until we have a winner who is present at the meeting. Don't miss your name being drawn! Thanks for reading!

We NEED some donations for used items in our raffles! We accept any donations from our members and in return will give you an appropriate number of raffle tickets. Also, if you know anyone that has a hoard of stuff in their garages they'd want to move let me know and I'll go determine what they have and possibly buy it for the club.

Make sure to bring a friend and spread the word about the great items and games we are offering up! ☺

Contact me with any raffle related questions at GregHindman@Comcast.Net



Membership – New and Renewals

Hi All, Great News! The SOF Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers wants to let you know about some important updates to our website and to give you a link to our web page where you can Pay your annual dues, purchase jigs, or donate money for any of our projects.

Your board of directors decided to **extend the \$5.00 discount thru the end of February** so hurry and get your \$25.00 paid for 2017.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0

Use the **“Donate with a Card”** option if you don’t have a Paypal account.

You will get an email confirmation/receipt after you complete the payment process. Make sure you fill in your email address!


Here’s what the top of the form looks like. **Click the \$ sign to fill in your amount then click the + sign on the “Add special instructions” and tell us what you are paying for. Example: 2017 dues for Greg Hindman.**

Here’s what the top of the form looks like:

Donate to
Save Our Fish

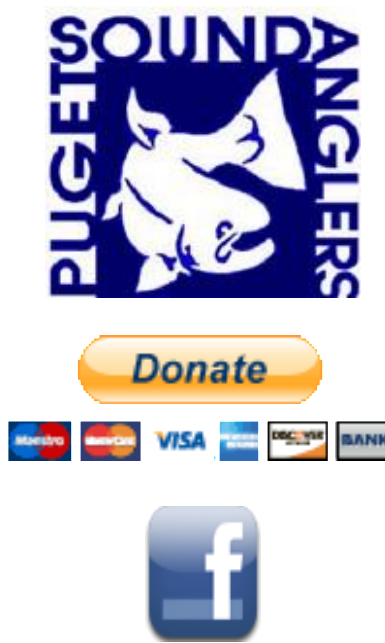
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 Add special instructions to the seller:

You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

It looks like the below:



The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

Floats for Sale by SOF

SOF purchased Paulownia wood floats (similar to Thill balsa floats) from Auburn S&M at a deep discount and is offering them to members. They are slightly blemished and were rejected by Beau Mac because the brass ring at the bottom is not well seated. This is probably not a problem if a bead is used below the float, but can be easily fixed by applying silicone or heating the ring to melt the glue to allow reseating. They sell at Sportco for \$3 each. There are six sizes: 1/4 oz, 3/8 oz, 1/2 oz, 5/8 oz, 3/4 oz, and 1 oz. Most bags include a bobber stop and two beads for each float. They are priced as below:

18 bags of 18 floats--3 each of all six sizes for \$20

2 bags of 15 floats--3 of each size (except 3/4 oz) for \$17

19 bags of 12 floats--3 of each of the four smallest sizes for \$12

3 bags of 12 floats--4 each of 5/8, 3/8, and 1/4 oz for \$10

23 bags of 20 floats--10 of each of the two smallest sizes for \$15 (No bobber stops or beads in many of these bags because we ran out.)

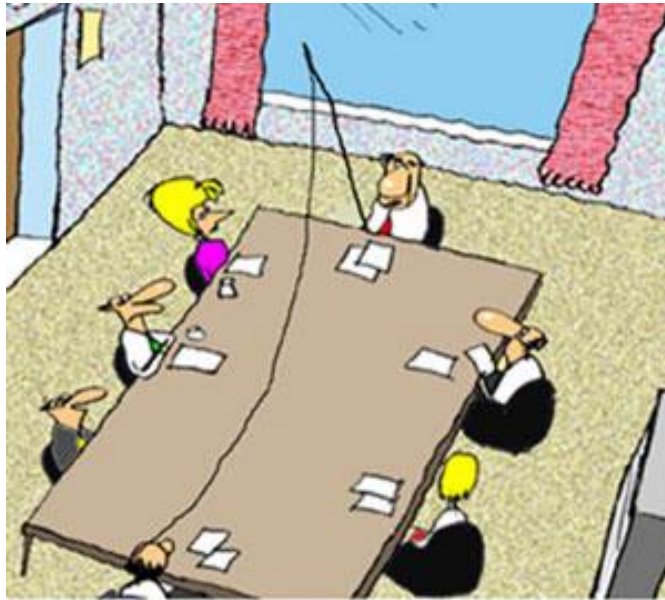
Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter with your choice of two different hats, both embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Xtreme Guide waterproof hat is only \$20.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting.





"Someone please remove my fish hook from Smythe's head. Anyone else caught falling asleep will receive the same treatment."

Member Classifieds

Do you have any items in the garage that have just been collecting dust over the years? Maybe a fishing pole that you just don't use anymore. Why not sell it to a fellow member in the new classifieds section? Send a brief description of the item you would like to sell and photo if available to sof.psa@hotmail.com and we will include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:
Sof.psa@hotmail.com

For Sale: 16' Clackacraft drift boat
Please call Norm Moberg if interested 253-797-3066



SOF Sponsors

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[Washington Sportsmen's Show](#)



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Hog Pen

Do you have a picture from your latest fishing adventures? Be sure to send it, with your descriptive caption to sof.psa@hotmail.com for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.

There hasn't been much fishing going on in the Pacific Northwest the past month, so in lieu of cat pictures I bring you to ice fishing in Michigan.

My brother, David, lives in Battle Creek, Michigan and they have a guys' weekend every year. They go up north to Houghton Lake and set up ice fishing for northern pike and walleye.



My nephew, DJ, in front of the portable ice shanty on Houghton Lake. The hotel in the background is where they spend the night.



My brother, David with a nice pike.
He holds it like a true fisherman ☺



28 and 30inch pike



Until next time.....dc

Recipe of the Month

Creamy Salmon and Shrimp in Puff Pastry



from FishPeopleSeafood.com

(Editor's note: Valentine's Day is already passed, but you can make this anytime to impress your honey. You don't necessarily need to cut your puff pastry in heart shapes. You can make them any shape you want. And you all know what Keta is, right? It's a fancy name for Chum. I would say to use any kind of salmon you want in this recipe.)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 roll of puff pastry, chilled
- 8 oz Fishpeople Keta or Sockeye Wild Salmon
- 3 large shelled shrimp/prawns, kept whole
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 3 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 lemon, zested and chopped fine
- 1 oz. of capers, approx. 15 to 20
- 1/2 teaspoon of dried or fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon of olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of balsamic vinegar
- Dash of cracked pepper and sea salt to taste
- Egg yolk, whipped

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Roll out the puff pastry and cut out the tops and bottoms of two large hearts using a heart-shaped tin or a sharp knife. Make sure that the bottom heart is approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ larger on all sides than the top heart.

3. Add oil to a sauté pan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until translucent, 2-3 minutes. Add the vinegar and cook for an additional minute.
4. Combine the onions with all other ingredients, except salmon, shrimp and egg yolk, in a medium bowl and mix well, until creamy.
5. Spread the filling onto one of the hearts, leaving a ½ inch margin around the edges.
6. Arrange the salmon on top of the filling and then place the 3 shrimp on top of the salmon. Top with a dollop of filling and brush the edges of the hearts with egg yolk and then place the other heart on top.
7. Press the edges of both hearts together firmly by pinching between your thumb and fore finger all the way around the edge to seal well and then push the tines of a fork against this outside edge all the way around for final seal. Brush entire heart with egg yolk and transfer the hearts with a flat spatula to a cookie sheet. If you have enough dough to cut out smaller hearts, it's fun to add others to the surface of the puff pastry, but make sure to coat the backs with yolk.
8. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.
9. Serve with a salad and a dry Riesling or Willamette Valley Pinot Noir for a complete meal!



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2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Date:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Email Address:		
Sponsor:		

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2017 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2017 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or sof.psa@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
Adult: 18-61 – annual dues \$30	
Family: heads of household and all other family members younger than 18 – annual dues \$40	
Juvenile: 17 and younger – annual dues \$15	
Senior: 62 and older – annual dues \$20	

PAYMENT

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Roster ☐ TRN ☐ Email

Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

**Save Our Fish
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