



## **Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers**

**Next Chapter Meeting:**

**Wednesday July 24, 2019 - 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

### **Up and Coming Activities:**

#### **July**

**24 – General Club Meeting**

Speaker: James Beasley, Wicked Lures

**26-28 – Sekiu Club Outing**

#### **August**

**14 – Board Meeting**

**28 – Steak & Corn Feed**

**Swap Meet**

#### **September**

**21 – Carbon River Cleanup**

**27-28 – Mike Wood Memorial Fall Outing**

#### **November**

**16 – Minter Creek Cleanup**

## President's Message -- Rob Larsen



Well, here it is the end of July already. I am looking forward to our Sekiu outing and hope to see many of you there. There should be good numbers of both Kings and Silvers for our catching pleasure. The club potluck will be Friday night at 6:00 at Steve Beach House again (Thanks Steve). I am confident it will be delicious and I am sure there will be some great story telling. I hope you can attend.

Closer to home, fishing out in area 11 started off really well but slowed considerably after the first week. They claim nearly 25 percent of the quota was reached the first week. I did not fish opening day but a friend of mine did and said he saw in excess of 50 fish caught on opening day. I took my first skunk of the year this past Saturday and only saw 2 fish landed with over 100 boats in the area around Point Defiance. Hopefully more fish will move in. Get out there while you can because the King season may not be open very long. On the bright side, Coho fishing should be very good again this year. I plan to fish off Redondo again in August and September. You may want to put that in your plan because it should be even better.

I had a friend stop by Minter Creek this past week and it was chuck full of kings. He talked to the hatchery manager and he said that they are already seeing a few of the fall kings mixed with the last of the springers. My friend said that the fish looked like they would average 15 to 18 pounds. Due to efforts from our club over the past 3 years we will get to fish on 30 percent of the King run and the majority of the Silvers this year. We can make a difference if we work hard. If able, please plan to spend some time there and encourage folks to follow the rules so we can get it open even earlier next year. Mark your calendars -- we will be doing a Minter Creek Cleanup - November 16 this year. There should be lots of Chums to catch the same day. The board is looking for a member to take the lead on this event, so if any of you are willing please let me know.

This month's speaker should be exceptional. It will be a chance to learn how to fish Wicked Spinners. I hope to see you all there.

Tight Lines  
Rob Larsen  
SOF PSA President



## July Speaker – James Beasley

James is the president of Wicked Lures and is an avid fisherman. He lives on the Olympic Peninsula and spends lots of time fishing. He has agreed to come and share highly effective techniques to catch Salmon with Wicked Lures both in Fresh and Salt water. If you have not used any of the Wicked products, this is a great opportunity to pick up another highly effective arrow for your quiver. Come learn from James.



## Sekiu Club Outing – July 26-28

The club will be having an outing at Sekiu July 26th through July 28th. It should still be open for king fishing. We will be putting together a potluck Friday evening. Come enjoy the fun!

Contact Bob Pornn [bob\\_cindy@comcast.net](mailto:bob_cindy@comcast.net) or Earl Betts 253-797-8400 or [earlebetts@msn.com](mailto:earlebetts@msn.com) for information on lodging.

For this Sekiu outing our Secretary Steve Fulkerson has offered up his beach front home for the Potluck Dinner on Friday evening , July 27th. It's just west outside of town 6-8 miles and on the west side of the HoKo River. The address is: 252 Vista Drive, Sekiu, Wa.

360-963-2161 Cabin Phone

Start Time: 5 PM- early for those of you who want to go back out for the evening bite.

We will be having Potluck dinner so bring your own meat for the grill and we will combine other dishes for the potluck variety. I'm looking so forward to this!

## Steak and Corn Feed – August 28<sup>th</sup>



Our annual Steak and Corn Feed will be held August 22nd, 6PM at the Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn (411 E. St. N.E.). It is located on the west side of Auburn High School's football stadium. As in all the years past, the club is paying for the PRIME RIB while the membership will bring all the Potluck items.



Like last year, we've decided to have a club swap, trade, sale event of any items you have sitting around your garage that you may want to get rid of. So, go thru your unused items, bring them along with your side dish and see what you can trade or sell. Feel free to donate them to the club if they don't sell.

Please RSVP to Jim Hand [jimhand\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:jimhand_1@hotmail.com)

## Washington Sportsmen's Show 2020

As most of you know, we have a SOF Auburn booth at the Washington Sportsmen's Show and we are letting you know to **get the date on your calendar (January 22-26)** as it is a great show. We need volunteers to run the booth, setup and take down.

The O'Loughlin Trade Show folks are great supporters. They provide a booth free of charge for marketing our chapter events and it is also our biggest fundraiser (we sell homemade jigs) which allows us to do kids derbies, the disabled event at American lake, and our chapter outings.



Watch the website for more updated info: <https://www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/>

## Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp

The Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter's Ken Kumasawa Memorial Youth Camp Award Selection Committee and Board of Directors are proud to announce that we have selected a youth, Brodie Cochran, to sponsor again this year. Brodie did an



Conner Williams and  
Brody Cochran attended  
camp last year

outstanding job of representing himself and our chapter at last year's camp. The boys camp is July 21-27 this year and Brodie is excited for the opportunity and we're planning on him giving us a great report out at our August steak and corn feed general meeting.



The Washington State Junior Sportsmen's Conservation Camp on Orcas Island includes hiking & outdoor survival, ecology & marine biology, water safety & canoeing, archery & range safety, wildlife & habitat management, hunter's education, fly tying & fishing, leadership skills, first aid & CPR, and marksmanship. Details about the camp are available at [www.washingtonconservationcamps.org](http://www.washingtonconservationcamps.org).

The Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers and Ken's family are proud to honor Ken in this way. He loved helping the youth at the Federal Way Kid's Derby and participating in many other fisheries groups and activities to improve our fisheries. Ken is missed by us all as he was a true friend and fellow

fisherman. He's looking down from above and smiling that he is being honored in this way and that he is giving to the youth that he so enjoyed helped to fish.

## Your support needed: Skykomish Summer Steelhead Hatchery Genetic Management Plan (HGMP)

The HGMP has been submitted to NOAA and NOAA has responded with a sufficiency letter indicating they will review the plan.

WDFW would like our support via letters/emails to NOAA requesting expedited review and approval.

We should address our comments to:

Barry Thom  
Regional Administrator  
NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region  
1201NE Lloyd Boulevard,Suite 1100  
Portland Oregon 97232  
e-mail:[barry.thom@noaa.gov](mailto:barry.thom@noaa.gov)

Natasha Preston  
Acting Branch Chief,Anadromous Production and Inland Fisheries  
Sustainable Fisheries Division  
NOA Fisheries West Coast Region  
1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard,suite 1100  
Portland Oregon 97232  
Email [natasha.preston@noaa.gov](mailto:natasha.preston@noaa.gov)

Emi Kondo  
Sustainable Fisheries Division  
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Portland Oregon ,97232  
E-mail: emi.kondo@ noaa.gov

In our letters/emails we should stress how important the Skykomish summer Steelhead program is to the Washington fishermen and our children. And we should stress the need for approval of the HGMP by August 2020.

All SOF PSA members need to write to NOAA **in the next 2 weeks** requesting they prioritize this project.

Points to be made:

- 1 The SKY summer Steelhead program is the best recreational program in the state with high angler participation and enjoyment.
- 2 We need this program for our families and grandchildren.
- 3 It is biologically sound using the best available wild stock.
4. It is close to the metropolitan area and is available to many who cannot afford to travel to remote area.
5. The economy of many small towns depends on this fishery.
6. Businesses that sell fishing tackle depend on it.
7. ETC

Thank you!

## **CCA Update: Oyster Planting**

CCA Washington members and volunteers from PSA, Trout Unlimited and Coastal Cutthroat Coalition collaborated with other organizations to distribute nearly 300 bags of seeded oyster shells in South Puget Sound this month. In total, tens of thousands of oyster seed were planted by several dozen volunteers at two separate events.

The second year project, funded by CCA National's Building Conservation Trust, aims to improve water quality and create new salmon habitat. The oysters, planted at Penrose Point State Park and Kopachuck State Park, will also provide recreational oyster harvest opportunities. Monitoring and studies, conducted by different agencies and the University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University, will be undertaken to determine the effects that the plantings have on water quality, salmon habitat, and will guide future oyster planting efforts.

Thanks to Joe Slepiski, the CCA Sea-Tac chapter president, who helped spearhead the project. Additionally, a big thank you goes out to the volunteers who participated at the two planting events, and the agencies, organizations, and businesses that have helped support the project.

Watch this YouTube video for the oyster planting at Kopachuck  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA6E\\_CLpGfA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA6E_CLpGfA&feature=youtu.be)







## Tip of the Month – Maximize your time on the water

from Rob Larsen

Prepare before you go out. What does this mean? Everything I can, I get ready before I am on the water. Pre-tie setups, sharpen hooks, get bait ready, have multiple rods tied up, and so on. Why do top fishermen do this? Because it maximizes fishing time. By doing this, I don't lose time transitioning between methods.

Example when fishing the Hump -- I always have Jig rod, float rod and plug rod ready to go. When I fish the sound I have multiple spoons, squid and Ace high flies tied and ready to go. In addition, I have an extra trolling rod so if I have a problem, I just switch it out. I will also have vertical jigs pre-tied and a rod ready to snap it on.

Bait -- have it ready to go so you can just change them out. I have learned this from fishing with the best over the years. Legends like Clancy Holt, Todd Girtz and Rob Nowaviski all prepare ahead. When fish go on the bite, you are able to maximize fishing time and that means more fish.

Tight lines.

## Netpen Project

The SOF PSA board discussed the huge success they have in California with netpens, which get 30 times the return rate as fish released from hatcheries as shown in the recent Reel News article.

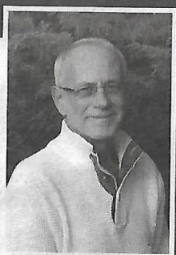
We have been in contact with the California group for additional data and are thinking of mounting an initiative for the WA Puget Sound Anglers to promote a similar program in WA.

See below for details on the California program.

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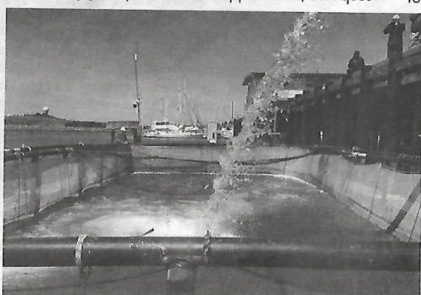
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JIM GOERG, Publishing Editor

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There are many organizations here in the Northwest that realize the advantages of managing saltwater net pens to acclimate hatchery smolts before releasing those precious salmonids. By avoiding fresh water predation and turbines, the pen survival rate greatly exceeds those released upriver.

In Washington, the legislature has made available \$15 million for increased salmon hatchery production, funding greatly needed and appreciated, but I ques-



## NET PENS... PLAY IT BY THE NUMBERS

tion the survival rate of these added smolts when released into the rivers.

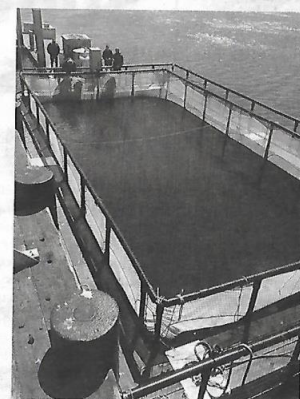
California's central valley is home to one of the largest salmon runs on the west coast, but those fish faced tremendous obstacles, much due to irrigation that can even make the Sacramento River run backwards! Something needed to be done and the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) started trucking fish to the upper reaches of San Francisco Bay, a better solution but not enough.

The Coastside Fishing Club and their 12,000 members lobbied for another option, that being acclimation net pens for better smolt survival, to be located near Half Moon Bay. CDFW was skeptical but agreed to a trial of 250,000 smolts if CFC coded wire tagged, vaccinated and fed the fish. The program began in 2011-12.

The next year CFC received 420,000 hatchery smolts and three years later the results were stunning! The small count of Coastside acclimated fish returning actually matched the hatchery release of 30 times more fish. The effects have been widespread and the California salmon have been caught by both commercials and recreation anglers as far north as Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

CDFW was so excited by the results that they gave Coastside 750,000 smolts last year. In 2018 the catch rate was 35 times higher using saltwater acclimation net pens when compared to the traditional hatchery water-

## Editor's Creel



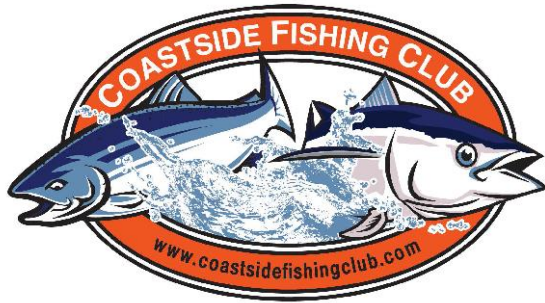
What an eye-opener, eh? A fishing club and a group of volunteers, out-managed the managers of salmon fisheries in California. My question is, do the managers of the broken management systems in Oregon and Washington have their eyes open? Could there be more salmon for the Orcas? Could there be more fish for the tribes to split with the other fishers? Could there be commercial gillnetters and seiners actually producing their own fish to harvest instead of reaping the harvest they didn't plant or pay for? Could the recreational anglers that provide the departments with their funding through license sales actually have a sustained fishery?

*James A. Goerg*

## Pillar Point Salmon Acclimation



## Improving Recreational Fishing Opportunities



Salmon are the iconic sport fish of the San Mateo coast



California's Salmon are Under Attack • Habitat loss –dams built without fish passage • Water diversion and exports –Alters natural hydrologic cycle –Reduces spawning success in remaining habitat –Makes juvenile salmon far more susceptible to predators • Drought • Politics

Coastside Fishing Club Response to Challenges • Some hatchery production already trucked • Seek to improve survival and harvest through coastal acclimation • Planning started in 2007 • Approved by CDFW in 2011 • Coastside Fishing Club spent over \$100,000 in infrastructure and 1000's of volunteer hours

### Acclimation Begins in 2012

• Salmon raised by CDFW at Feather River Hatchery near Oroville • Coastside Fishing Club volunteers travel to the hatchery to vaccinate fish against disease • All fish receive a coded wire tag to allow identification upon recovery • CDFW trucks fish to Pillar Point Harbor • Coastside Fishing Club volunteers tend to fish until their release

### Working at the Hatchery

• CDFW pathologists require fish to be vaccinated against vibriosis.

### Preparing the Net Pen

• Floating net pen measures 30 ft by 54 ft

### Phase 1 Results (So Far)

• 2012 Releases – 180,000 fish released – 2.97% harvested as two-or three-year-olds – CDFW net pens in San Pablo Bay harvest = 0.75% – Coleman National Fish Hatchery = 0.2% • 2013 Releases – 420,000 fish – 0.5% harvested as two-year-olds – CDFW net pens in San Pablo Bay harvest = 0.10% – Coleman National Fish Hatchery = 0.004% – Nimbus Fish Hatchery = 0.01%

Benefits to San Mateo Recreation • In 2013, a few fish caught outside harbor • In 2014, very active fishery inside and outside harbor –Close-in ocean fishery a benefit to kayaks and smaller boats –Harbor fishery makes salmon accessible to shore anglers • Not good years for local salmon fishing aside from the Coastside fish

### Phase 2 Status

• 360,000 fish acclimated in 2014 • 360,000 fish planned for 2015 • Coastside has paid 100% of CWT costs, about \$60,000 • Expenses not sustainable • Coastside looking for help from Fish and Game Propagation Fund held by SM County

### Phase 3 (2016 and 2017) Plans



• Coastside may modestly increase production provided fish can be safely handled in three deliveries –480,000 in 2016 –480,000 in 2017 • CWT costs are \$40,000 per year • Coastside continues to provide more than 800 volunteer hours annually to support project

## Raffle News

July 2019 Raffle News

***Don't Miss Out!***  
***Custom GLoomis Raffle Rod!!!!!!***



Since we are in the dog days of summer I thought I would offer up some incentive to show up at the meeting this month. This very nice 9' custom spinning Loomis rod is just that kind of incentive. The beautiful wood reel seat adds nicely to its overall ambiance. Bring your wallets and don't let this slip away. I will also have a Penn reel, some more knives, including a nice fillet knife and some salmon fishing gear. As usual the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.

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. Last month I pulled at least 5 names including one who left early before getting the winner. Don't miss your name being drawn! Thanks for reading!

***We need more Donations for use in our raffles!*** We accept any donations from our members and in return will give you an appropriate number of raffle tickets. Let me know you saw this and I'll give you something special. Early bird gets the worm. 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! ☺  
Greg Hindman

## Visit Our Website

The website has the recipe of the month, links to our sponsors, and 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](http://www.saveourfish.org)





## Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 36 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.



## Please be courteous during the meeting

Take your conversations outside the meeting room or hold them until the break so that others can hear whoever is speaking.

Thank you!

## Thank You!

A huge "thank you" to those of you who were able to help Shane and Dayle Conrad load up the UHaul on the Big Move Day! They really appreciate you taking time away from fishing ☺ Shane retired and the Conrads moved to Cathlamet. Dayle is still in Federal Way during the week and going home on the weekends. Shane will keep us updated on the fishing report on the Elochoman and Columbia Rivers.



## Membership – New and Renewals

It is time to renew your SOF membership. You can pay by mail or online at

<http://www.saveourfish.org/Membership/Membership.htm>.

The membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter or you can contact our member chair, Rich Gregory, at [rwgav8@hotmail.com](mailto:rwgav8@hotmail.com).

Click here to pay: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIzb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX\\_IssRDmduLv7mgOlq4MR0](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIzb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjwgtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlq4MR0)

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!


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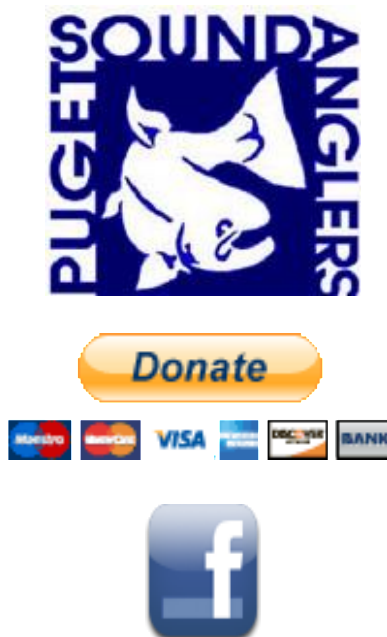
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You can also get to this Donate link via our main web site <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

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



## Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter. Hats are embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting. \$10



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Sof.psa@hotmail.com)

# SOF Sponsors

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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](mailto:sof.psa@hotmail.com) for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



Greg Hindman fishing with  
Todd Gertz in Neah Bay

Rob Larsen with  
Neah Bay King







Steve Bagley – Walleye and Small Mouth Bass  
fishing on the Columbia River with Kyle Jones



Carver Brothers and Son Joel –  
Oregon Dory Fishing Trip

# Recipe of the Month

## Sriracha Honey Roasted Broccoli

<https://barefeetinthekitchen.com/sriracha-honey-roasted-broccoli/>

Recipe slightly adapted from and with thanks to Rosemarried

Servings: 2 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 large head of broccoli cut into bite size pieces, about 6 cups worth
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1-2 teaspoons sriracha adjust to your preference
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 1 green onion thinly sliced, about 2 tablespoons

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Line a baking sheet with a slipat mat or foil. In a small bowl or measuring cup, combine the soy sauce, sesame oil, honey, sriracha and pepper. Pour this mixture over the broccoli and toss well to coat.
2. Spread the broccoli across the lined baking sheet. Place on the middle oven rack and roast for 8-12 minutes, until the broccoli is tender and the edges are turning brown.
3. Remove the broccoli from the oven and transfer to a bowl. Toss with the green onions and the almonds and serve hot. Enjoy!





## Save Our Fish Chapter

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### 2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Date:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i> ):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i> ):		
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#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2019 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2019 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or [sof.psa@hotmail.com](mailto: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	
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#### PAYMENT

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