



# Santiam Flycasters

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

April 2013

April 8, 2013

Board Meeting  
Garibaldi Family Restaurant  
7:00 pm

April 11, 2013

Monthly Meeting  
Phil Rowley: Tactics for Tough Waters  
Pringle Community Center  
7:00 pm

April 20, 2013

Haystack Reservoir

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## Phil Rowley: Tactics for Tough Waters April 11 —7:00 pm



At the age of 6 Phil Rowley was introduced to coarse fishing in England and has been hooked ever since. For over 20 years Phil Rowley has been fly-fishing stillwaters almost exclusively. His love of stillwater fly fishing has taken him all over British Columbia and Washington in the pursuit of trout and char.

A former commercial fly tyer Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. Phil's book *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters* has become a best seller. As a compliment to *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters* Phil released *Stillwater Solutions Recipes Volume 1*, co authored with long time friend Brian Chan. Phil has a number of DVD's including *DVD Tying Flies for Stillwaters* and 2 recently released DVD's with Jack Dennis and Snake River Books.

When he is not tying flies or on the water Phil travels western North America performing at outdoor shows, teaching a variety of seminars, speaking to fly clubs and conducting weekend fly-fishing schools. In addition to Phil's shows and seminars he has had the good fortune to appear on such T.V. shows as *Sport Fishing B.C.*, *Fishing Alberta*, *The New Fly Fisher* and *Fishing*

with Shelly and Courtney. Recently Phil became one of the co-hosts of the *New Fly Fisher*, a television production dedicated to fly fisher education.

Phil's website, [www.FlyCraftAngling.com](http://www.FlyCraftAngling.com) is dedicated to fly-fishing and fly tying education. Featuring tips, techniques and streaming video this comprehensive site is constantly changing to meet the needs of its members. In early 2004 Phil along with good friend Brian Chan released a signature line of fly tying materials christened *Stillwater Solutions* in partnership with Super Fly. Phil is currently the Director of Marketing and Communications and co-host for the *New Fly Fisher T.V.* show.

When he is not focused upon fly-fishing Phil spends time with his wife Patsy and their two active sons, Brandon and Sean. The entire family enjoys the outdoors and fly-fishing in particular.

## April Outing to Haystack Reservoir

On April 20, we will have an outing at Haystack Reservoir, located east of Highway 97 between Redmond and Madras. When we fished this lake last year, we had a fun time catching several species and various sizes of fish including a couple of lunker trout.

To get there, drive over the Santiam Pass, turn left onto Highway 126 just beyond Sisters, go to Redmond, turn left

onto Highway 97, go about 15 miles to the turnoff for Haystack Reservoir to the right. Follow the signs to the Reservoir. We will be camping on the far (east) end of the lake.

Probably a variety of flies will produce fish. I plan to try a *Wooly Buggler* or leech pattern with a smaller *Callibaetis* or similar trailing fly on an intermediate or sinking line. A 4 to 6 weight rod is appropriate.



We will have some hamburgers for lunch on Saturday, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish. Many of us will probably go over on Friday and plan to return on Sunday. Hope you can join us!

## From the President By Ken Karnosh

This month, I will highlight some of the volunteer and outreach efforts by our Club.

Thanks to Tim Johnson, Bob Karau, Steve Morton, and Jim Snyder for demonstrating fly tying at Creekside Fly Shop in early March. These are always fun affairs. We'll probably do another one in the next few weeks.

Thanks to the many of our club that helped to run the Silent Auction at the Expo in March, including Duane and Deanne Heuberger, Gaye Snyder, and Kathy Smith who have been involved in closing the bids there for many years. The Expo continues to be a success due to the valiant efforts of many, including Jim Fisher and Dwight Klemin of our club.

On April 9, we will renew our association with Project Healing Waters as we demonstrate fly tying and help get interested veterans involved

in that activity, as well as possibly in fly-fishing. Frank Flux is our lead in this effort and several of our members have volunteered to help.

On May 23, we will work with Scott Elementary School during their Outdoors Day to do a bit of fly tying and basic casting with the kids. Details are still being worked on, but I will be looking for a few people to help with that.

Youth Outdoor Day is on June 15 at E. E. Wilson Refuge at Camp Adair. I will again be looking for volunteers to help kids tie Woolly Buggers and Dwight will be looking for volunteers to help with casting instruction. It is a fun event that involves about 700 kids.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped with these events. As you know, they wouldn't be a success without your commitment.




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## Great Opportunities Ahead to “Wet a Line”

A number of outings are on the schedule for the rest of 2013. These outings offer opportunities to explore new waters, spend time with friends, learn some new skills, gain practical advice, and enjoy some of the most beautiful parts of Oregon. We always have a good time on the water (whether we catch fish or not). Watch the club website ([www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)) or attend the club meeting previous to the outing for more details on these outings.

April 20 — Haystack Reservoir

May 4 — Davis Lake

June 1 — Metolius River

June 22 — East Lake

July 13 — John Day River

July 27 — Three Creek Lake

August 17 — South Umpqua River

September 7 — Diamond Lake

September 21 — Lava Lake

October 19 — Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

October 26 — Detroit Lake

November 9 — Miami River

## March Outing to the Deschutes River



With its towering chiseled basalt canyon walls, abundant wildlife, magnificent river and wild trout, a fishing trip on the Deschutes River is a special treat any time of the year. For wildlife, we had close encounters with Big Horned Sheep near the river's edge. A gigantic Golden Eagle was seen perched alongside the river a little upstream of the Pine Tree put-in, and lots of other birds were seen on the river, including mergansers, goldeneye, ring-necked ducks, kingfishers paddling the way down the river, and canyon wrens singing from the canyon walls. There was also evidence of beaver activity at various spots along the river's edge.

We also found some fish -- native rainbows and whitefish. I don't think anyone found a steelhead this trip. Dead drifting with an indicator seemed to work best for subsurface fishing. Dry flies enticed strikes on the surface in the afternoon during a Marsh Brown hatch. It was a little challenging to find fish, but once found we could usually catch several, ranging 12-16 inches.

Thirteen club members made it over to the Deschutes outing this spring. Around half of us floated the river between Pine Tree and Beavertail campgrounds. The others fished from the bank, which is



very accessible the length of that stretch of river. Both techniques seemed to work equally well.

The weather could not have been nicer for an early spring weekend. What little wind we had was light and short lived. On Saturday, it was overcast for most of the day. The clouds cleared away by evening, revealing starry skies after dark. Tim grilled hamburgers and brats, and we all sat around the campfire telling stories as the air chilled. When we couldn't crowd any closer to the fire for warmth, we decided it was probably time for bed. The overnight low was 25 degrees, but it was dry and no wind. So, I guess you could say, it was pretty much a perfect March outing.

We had one mishap. Michael Miller flipped his boat in a freak encounter with a tree. While holding onto a downed

tree suspended in the current and waiting for CJ to catch up, the tree started to move. A rope on Michael's boat became entangled in the tree's branches, causing Michael and his boat to flip over. Michael said it happened in an instant, snapping his fly rod in the process. Michael wasn't injured, but he got a good soaking from head to foot. Yes, Michael was wearing his lifejacket, thankfully. I think there's a good lesson here for us all. We never know when we might really need that life jacket on. An unexpected mishap can happen in a heartbeat. So, while on the water it's best to wear one's life jacket (and whistle) at all times. Be safe on the water and use that life jacket.

More From the Deschutes Outing



White Water Falls

## Fishing with the Frog (The Rest of the Story)

By Howard Palmer

My trip to the Gulf of Mexico, and the cruise into the deep Caribbean, provided many lessons in traveling life-styles. My wife and I travel primarily by RV; pulling our trailer hither and yon, in search of wild and wonderful things that are available to those who would go look for them.

Traveling with the rich and famous aboard a large cruise ship has never been on our bucket list, and when long time friends invited us to join them on a sea going odyssey out of Galveston, Texas, our initial reaction was not, "No, but HELL NO."

I have driven every inch of Interstate 10 several times, and the section of this highway that runs between El Paso and Houston, Texas is one of the most boring and lonely stretches of road on the face of our planet. It is 967 miles of mostly desert terrain that can take upwards of three plus days to cross when you are dragging your vacation home behind you. I could not remember ever leaving anything along its shoulders, that I could not live without, and the idea of re-tracing this route, was very unappealing. That is, until I watched a fishing show about fly fishing for Red Fish in the Inland Waterway near Galveston, the day after we initially said, "No."

This had to be an omen of the greatest importance, and I began to rethink my adversity to the idea, and thoughts of the Bone Fish, Tarpon, Permit, and Snook, that awaited me at the ports that we would be visiting, convinced me to convince my wife that maybe we should try this cruising thing. Hey, we might even enjoy it. It was not that hard to get her to change her mind, and we ventured east from Arizona, in early February.

I have targeted Red Fish in the past, but always with the same results. A cold front seems to follow me like Pigpen's dust cloud in Peanuts, on these trips, and it always destroys any reasonable opportunity of pursuing this saltwater prize. I've drug the

trailer clear to Key West just to fish the salt, and my five year planning did not include a plan B. It turned out to be the coldest winter in 80 years, and the temperatures never rose above the 50's. There were lots of fish, but they were floating belly up due to the cold water. This trip would prove no different, and another cold front arrived right on schedule the day after we did; bringing high winds and bone chilling temps. Even the local guides told me that I would be wasting my time (and money) to pursue the local Red Fish. The winds did abate one afternoon, and I eagerly walked into the water in search of my target. I did indeed catch a Red Fish, albeit a very, very small Red Fish. None the less, it was a Red Fish, and it just had to be another omen of what awaited me at the ports of call our ship would be visiting.

Yea right. Our first port of call was the island of Roatan on the northern coast of Honduras. The ads I found on line touted it as having some of the best "flats fishing" in the world. However, the cost of a six hour trip would cost me \$550, plus tip. I decided to wait until we arrived in Belize, which of course is a world class fly fishing destination. There, the cost of a six hour guided trip went for a mere \$450. Having traveled to Mexico a number of times, I knew I could make a better deal in Cozumel, our third and final stop. It was a wise choice as a guided trip there would only cost me \$250, although it would only be for a four hour period. It was decision time.

Now, as much as I longed to wet a line in pursuit of a salt swimming trophy, my wife's 75th birthday was nearing. With my limited funds, I knew that she would never appreciate a stuffed tarpon hanging over the mantle nearly as much as she would, some kind of bangle that was available from one of the local jewelry shops on shore.

The rest of the story is really quite simple. I am not as stupid as I look, and the little woman got a real nice ring for her birthday. The Permit, Tarpon, and Bone Fish still swim free, and I do not have to sleep on the couch. Life is good.

## Looking Ahead

May 9: Program TBD

June 13: Meeting with  
Fly Tying Demonstra-  
tions

June 15: Youth Day

July: No Club Meeting

August 8: Casting Clinic

## SFC-Fish Electronic Message Board

One of the benefits of being a Santiam Flycasters member is having access to the SFC-FISH electronic message board. The message board gives members the opportunity to communicate with other about fly fishing and related topics. Once subscribed, you can post messages to SFC-FISH by sending an email to [sfc-fish@googlegroups.com](mailto:sfc-fish@googlegroups.com). You will receive messages posted by other members via your email account. It's as easy as that. To subscribe to SFC-FISH, simply send an email request to [santiamflycasters@yahoo.com](mailto:santiamflycasters@yahoo.com), and we'll subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board. Note: your SFC membership must be current to be a subscriber of SFC-FISH..

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## North Santiam Guided Trip

Dave Carpenter of Oregon Outdoor Excursions has donated a 1/2 day guided trip for two people to fish for steelhead and trout on the North Santiam River. Because we had many other items for our auction, we decided to raffle this trip.

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. We will draw the winning ticket at our April meeting.

This will be a fun trip. Dave knows the North Santiam well since he lives in Mehama.

This is your chance to fish our home water! He also may be willing to negotiate a full day trip if you wish.

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## Canopy Parts

As you know, the 10' x 10' Quik Shade Weekend 100 pop-up canopy that we used at outings did not survive our outing on the Crooked River. Loren and Tim have salvaged the usable parts, including some of the metal and plastic parts plus the canvas canopy.

If you have any need for any of the salvaged parts, please let us know and we will happily give them to you.

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## Resources From Bob Karau's March Presentation Alaska on a Budget

Here is the list of resource material Bob handed out at the March meeting. Thank you for a great presentation.

Highway Angler V, Gunnar Pedersen, Fishing Alaska Publications.

Fly Fishing Alaska, Revised Addition, Anthony Route

Alaska Department of Fish and Game:

[www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov)

[www.adfg.gov](http://www.adfg.gov) – "Sport Fishing Brochure"

Parks Highway Map : Published by Todd Communications

Susitna River Lodging -- [www.susitnariverlodging.com](http://www.susitnariverlodging.com)

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge -- [www.talkeetnalodge.com](http://www.talkeetnalodge.com)

Talkeetna Roadhouse -- [www.talkeetnaroadhouse.com](http://www.talkeetnaroadhouse.com)

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**Board Members Wanted**  
The Santiam Flycasters want you!

We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or, if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings or want to share your opinion; please join us.

No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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**April Fly of the Month— Chugger Style Stone**  
By Jim Ferguson



**Hook:** The pictured hooks are Mustads with the barb pinched down. Size of hook should be determined from the foam thickness. You want to have enough gape to catch the fish. Length of hook depends on the number of body segments you want. Size 8 and 6 are shown above with 2 mm foam.

**Body:** 2 mm foam. Various colors can be used: yellow, tan, orange. Felt pen can be used to darken top of body. Foam is placed on a needle held in the vise for the first body section.

**Wing:** A golden olive deer body hair was used above with a light tan Z-Yarn over wing.

**Legs:** Try various colors. Top sample has a light cream leg and the lower sample has brown medium centipede legs. Some of the striped style legs in orange/brown or tan/black could be used.

**Thread:** To match body. Be sure to put head cement on all the threads forming the body sections. Laying a thread base at the start and using cement between the foam while forming body sections would help to keep the body from rotating on the hook.





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**Membership Application**

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**2013 Membership Application**

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

\*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please atell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

- Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics
- Improve my Fly Tying skills
- Improve my Fly Casting skills
- Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects
- Go on fishing trips with other club members
- Learn more about fishing in the area
- Other, Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

**Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged on publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence. I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_