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July 13-14

John Day River Outing

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Three Creek Lake Outing

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

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John Day River Outing



section above camp. If anyone is interested, they can float the stretch a second time either on Friday or Sunday.

To get there, go over the Santiam Pass (OR 22), turn left onto OR 126 just East of Sisters and follow it

through Redmond to Prineville. I suggest filling the fuel tank in Prineville, then follow US 26 to Mitchell. Just before Mitchell, turn left (North) on OR 207, drive about 20 miles to OR 19.

On July 13, we will float a section of the John Day River to fish for smallmouth bass. We will camp at **Muleshoe Campground** just above Service Creek and float the 5 mile

Turn right (East) and Muleshoe Campground will be just up the road.

There is no water supply at the campground. Services and supplies are available at Spray, about 12 miles upriver. The club will not provide a meal, so be prepared or drive to Spray for a dinner.

Suggested equipment is a 4 or 5 weight rod with floating line. Flies include woolly buggers, leeches, streamers, and poppers. Some smallmouth will run to 15" or larger. Be sure to bring your sun protection!

Three Creek Lake Outing — July 27

On July 27, we will be fishing Three Creek Lake. To get there, drive over the Santiam Pass (OR 22) to Sisters. In the middle of Sisters, turn right (South) at the sign and drive about 15 miles on Forest Road 16 to the lake.

Three Creek Lake is a fun fishery with rainbow and brook trout up to about 15". Best results are from a floating device, although fishermen have been successful from some shore locations.

Suggested equipment includes rods of 4 to 6 weight with floating line in mornings and eve-

nings and intermediate or Type 3 or 4 sinking lines at other times. Successful flies in the past include Carey Specials and Rickard's Callibaetis. At times early and late, a midge hatch has triggered significant fish activity.

We will have lunch at 1:00 on Saturday, with Sloppy Joes cooked by Chef Howard, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.



Hopefully, some of us will get there early and save some camping spots. Be sure to bring your bug spray!

From the President By Ken Karnosh

My granddaughter from Seattle, Sofia-4 years young, recently said that she wanted Baba (Grandpa) Ken to take her fishing. We had tried fishing at one of their local lakes last year, but had zero action then.

We visited them over Memorial Day, with the plan to fish on Monday. On Sunday, the weather was nice, but it was raining when we got up on Monday, so we visited a heron rookery and did other things. Late in the afternoon, the rain appeared to stop, so we headed to the nearby Samammish River (small, about 40' wide) in a local park. The trees there were big enough to even have dry spots under them.

I had brought my spinning rod, but I rigged Sofia's pink Princess Zebco with bobber and Powerbait. I cast it out and she retrieved it, with no luck, several times.

Sofia's Mom suggested that I rig up my spinning rod and also fish with that, so I rigged it with a bobber and a rubber-leg Woolly Bugger.

On the second cast with my rod, Sofia hooked and landed a 10-inch Pikeminnow on the Woolly Bugger. A few minutes later, Dad, fishing with the pink Zebco, caught a small Sculpin. We saw quite a few small fish jumping, but no others took our gracious offerings.

Soon, the rain began in earnest so we went home for dinner after a successful outing. Sofia wanted to fish again the next afternoon, but I'm told that Baba Ken was too engrossed in his nap. We'll go fishing again soon. Who knows, maybe she'll convince her Mom and Dad to fish as well!

Enjoy your Summer. See you on the water.



Name Tags

Do you wish that you had a name tag so you could get an extra free ticket for the meeting raffle? Do you wish that other person had a name tag so you could act like you actually remembered his/her name? Or, do you wish you had a name tag so others would remember YOUR name?

Well, we have a good deal for you! We can have name tags made here in Salem for only \$8.00. If you want to buy a name tag, contact Tim, preferably along with a check or \$8.00 in cash and he will get one for you by the next meeting. You'll recover the cost in free raffle tickets in less than a year!

Meeting Programs

Do you have a program, presenter, or topic that you would like us to consider for one of our meetings? We are trying to have a mix of program topics and presenters that will hopefully provide some information to those of us who are newer to fly fishing as well as programs that are of interest to the more experienced of us.

If you have a suggestion for one or more of our upcoming meeting programs, please let Dwight Klemin know at dgklemin@msn.com.

We welcome your input and suggestions.

Youth Outdoor Day

About 12 of us helped youth tie Woolly Buggers at Youth Outdoor Day on June 15, including Loren Bergerson, John Berrgren, Gary Caneva, John Esbenshade, Jerry Gibb, Tim Johnson, Ken Karnosh, Howard Palmer, Jeremy Richmond, Reenie Satak, Will Satak, and Sam Thomas. Several of the North Santiam Speycasters also helped youth learn some basic casting.

Although the turnout of youth seemed a bit smaller this year, we still had several hundred youth tie a Woolly Bugger, some of which were very colorful!

If you have not helped with this event and want a fun chance to help make a youth happy, plan to help out next year for the 12th Youth Outdoor Day!

FISHING PRIVATE LAKES
by
Leroy Shepherd



As the one who puts the newsletter together it gives me the opportunity to put in a "big fish" picture once in a while.

Early in June I was invited to fish a private lake close to Mitchell at Canyon Creek Ranch. It was the first (and likely only time) in which fish in the 16-18 inch range were called "small." I did manage to hook and bring in a couple of 20 inchers. Along with enjoying some time on the water with friends I also learned another important lesson about fishing private waters.

Always ride with the guy who has the key to the locked gate. If you don't you might find that there is a two mile hike before you get to fish!

June Outing to the Metolius River
By Matt Neznanski



After a rainy and cool end to May, Santiam Flycasters who topped Santiam Pass met dry bluebird skies over the Metolius River on the first weekend in June. ODFW's "Free fishing weekend" was in effect, but it only seemed to affect a small stretch of river near the hatchery and most turnouts and runs were lightly pressured, at least in the morning.

A handful of club members wet a line on the notoriously difficult river, with several fish caught by Saturday. Metolius regulars Jeremy and Josh

brats at midday and the assembled side dishes were appropriately cheesy, creamy and sweet. Steve Reynolds and Howard faced off in an impromptu dutch oven challenge. I believe the result was a draw.

If you've not seen green drakes hatching on the Metolius, it's worth a trip. Westfly said to prepare by stocking up with size 12 dries and emergers. To say they're being conservative is to match their understatement. I'd say to start with 8's. Those bugs are huge.

The crystal clear water and scent of warm pines on the Metolius are downright inspiring. Sure, the fishing is tough, but if it were just about catching fish, we'd all be drowning worms at Free-way Lakes.

Richmond fared better and even tried to share some insight to those of us who struggled even though we could see fish flashing and feeding near our drifting nymphs.

Tim expertly charred the



June Outing to East Lake By Howard Palmer

Sixteen members of Santiam Flycasters ventured east of the Cascades for our scheduled outing at East Lake on June 22, for some highly successful fly fishing. Historically, the weather for June, on this Central Oregon high lake (6350 ft) can always be predictable; in that you can almost bet that it will rain, snow, hail, but you may be blessed with a burst of sunshine now and then. This year was no different, as Gary and I were welcomed to the mountain with rain, snow, and hail when we arrived on Thursday afternoon. The temperature dropped to near 30 that night, and although the rain had pretty much let up by morning, heavy frost covered the table, chairs, boat, and pretty much everything else left out, when I headed for the fire pit on Friday morning.

At 7:00 AM the surface of the lake was boiling with rise forms, and Gary and I ventured forth upon the waters. By 8:00 AM, my hands were so cold they ached, and I retreated to camp for the rest of the day to tie flies and tend my fire. (Yes, I am a wimp)

Saturday dawned bright and clear, and I joined the



others in pursuit of the waiting Brown and Rainbow Trout, Kokanee, and Atlantic Salmon that the lake is known for. No one bothered to tell the fish however, that over 95% of their diet is supposed to be sub-surface, as most of our success came from dry flies. My wooly bugger, Carry Special, and various nymphs, were basically ignored.

Everyone caught fish, which a couple of us dispatched to the ice box, and we all enjoyed a great lunch of cheese burgers that were provided by the club and cooked by chef Tim and accompanied by various side dishes brought by the members.

The weather in July and August is normally more user friendly and the lake provides great and reservable camping opportunities. If you decide to

venture there however, remember that any fish you decide to retain must be fin clipped. *(Oh yea; don't forget to take a coat, even if it is 100 degrees in Bend)*



Looking Ahead

July: No Club Meeting

August 8: Casting Clinic

Great Opportunities Ahead to "Wet a Line"

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

Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

“In Search of Summer”

Summer is officially here. At least that’s what my calendar says. So, where is it? It certainly did not accompany my son and I on our annual Father’s Day outing two weeks ago (*of course, it wasn’t “officially” here yet*). Nor, was it with my wife and I on an outing to the Oregon coast last week with our RV club.

And then of course, there was our club outing to East Lake this past weekend. I have been to East Lake in June many times over the years, and have come to a simple conclusion: June is not a good month to go there. I do not recall one single trip to this fabulous lake in June, that it did not either rain, snow, or hail; but I can recall many trips there where it did all three (as it did this weekend).

There is just something about setting in my pontoon boat in a driving snow storm that does not compute. My Snowbird mindset, simply will not allow me to understand why anyone would allow

their hands to lose all feeling to a point of not being able to identify that long thin stick as having any purpose other than making you even more miserable. In short, one should not be thinking of having a Hot Buttered Rum this close to the 4th of July.

Family commitments dictate that I most likely will not wet another line until our club outing to Three Creek Lake at the end of July, and that’s probably a good thing. Maybe by the time I get there (it is also about 6400 feet elevation), summer will have finally arrived, and I will be able to relax around my camp fire with a Scotch in one hand, and insect repellent in the other. For, I know as surely as I set here, that the warming rays of our beautiful summer sun will have brought forth the hoards of mosquitoes that await our arrival.

And, that’s OK. Miserable as I may be fighting those little critters, I will be miserably warm in the process.

Tight Lines -
Howard

June Meeting—Gathering Around the Tying Bench



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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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July Fly of the Month— Pumpkin Seed

By Jim Ferguson



The Pumpkin Seed is a good wet fly for both lakes and slow stream waters. You can consider it to be a searching pattern. The name is derived from the pumpkin colored bead head. In this case it is a "seed" bead which is made out of glass or plastic. It is not a metallic substance. Fishing depth will be controlled by type of line, speed of retrieve, hook selection, water velocity or any combination of these factors. Often, patience to let the fly sink to an adequate depth and a slow retrieve is required. A floating line with a sink tip is a great set up while fishing from a float tube with this fly. Some of the high lakes in Central Oregon have an orange headed beetle which this fly can be used to imitate the drowned version.

- Hook:** Standard wet fly size 10-14. A 1XH or 2XH may be useful.
- Bead:** A pumpkin colored "seed" bead. (dirty orange)
- Tail:** Olive marabou equal to hook length or slightly longer. If you get a lot of short strikes, shorten the tail.
- Body:** Olive dubbing made from a mixture of various fiber components to give it a variable color.
Peacock dubbing would also work as a variation.
- Hackle:** Grizzly dyed dirty orange wrapped up the body in 4 to 5 turns with an extra turn or two at front behind the bead. Other colors may work too. Try some olive duns or a grizzly dyed with picric acid (produces a vibrant dirty yellow)
- Rib:** Optional. If you do decide to use a rib, you might tie it in after tying in the tail, then tie in body, then tie in hackle by the butt at the front and wrap hackle back, trap the hackle with the rib wire and reverse wrap the rib forward similar to how the elk hair caddis is tied. Use a fine gold wire for the body rib.



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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 _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

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.

X

Signature

Print Name

Date