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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

March 2013

March 11

Board Meeting
Garibaldi Family Restaurant
7:00 pm

March 14

Monthly Meeting
"Alaska on a Budget"
with Bob Karau
Pringle Community Center
7:00 pm

March 23

Deschutes River
Pine Tree to Beavertail

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Alaska on a Budget with Bob Karau March 14 — 7:00 pm



We've seen the advertisements, read the articles, and perhaps dreamed of fishing Alaska. Most of those advertisements come from high-end lodges with high-end price tags. Bob's presentation will show us how to make an Alaskan trip on a limited budget. Learn how to coordinate your trip so it will be both enjoyable and productive without breaking the budget.

"I'd recommend anybody going up there to do this for themselves. It's not magical," Karau said. "The water's very accessible if you can just get some resource information about creeks in the area and time your trips to the average run times.

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2/15/2013)*

March Outing to the Deschutes

Pine Tree to Beavertail

Our March outing is on March 23 on the Deschutes River. We will float between Pine Tree and Beavertail, launching at Pine Tree at about 9:00. Also, there is much bank access for those who do not have a boat or pontoon boat. We will shuttle ourselves.

We will camp at Beavertail Campground, located about 15 miles downstream of Maupin. To get there, take I-5 and I-84 to The Dalles, travel South on US197 to Tygh Valley, go East on OR 216, and turn left onto the river access road on the East side of the river. Beavertail

campground is about 9 miles downstream. Although I have made this trip in one day, it is much easier to camp at least one night.

Most fishing will be nymphing with a large fly, such as a stonefly nymph or Prince Nymph, in front with a small trailing fly, such as a size 16-18 gray or peacock soft hackle, size 14-16 Green Rockworm, size 16-20 Hares Ear or Pheasant Tail, size 18 midge pupae, etc. We may have hatches of Blue Wing Olive, size 16-18 Adams, or Black Caddis, size 16-18 black Elk Hair Caddis, in the afternoon. Since



steelhead are present, a 5 or 6-weight rod is recommended.

We will grill some hamburgers on Saturday evening, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

Remember to purchase your Boater's Pass if you float the river. We have a link on our website.

From the President By Ken Karnosh

This is the prime time to fish for winter steelhead on the coastal streams and the weather is slowly improving to where it will be pleasant to fish for some trout in streams or lakes. Hopefully, you will be able to get out and try for them.

Remember the Northwest Fly Expo in Albany on March 8 and 9. In addition to the many fly tyers to watch, there are a number of interesting classes as well as many exhibits. You can also acquire some new "stuff" either from the exhibitors or through the silent auction, which our club is running, or the frequent raffles. We hope to see you there. The Statesman-Journal is launching a new monthly article on fly tying with a link on their website to a video of tying each fly. Starting

this month, a tyer from our club will be featured. Jim Ferguson has graciously agreed to be the featured tyer for the first couple of months and we will feature other tyers after that. This is a chance to get more publicity for our club. Look for the article soon.

Also, the Statesman-Journal would love to have you take a picture of the next nice fish that you catch and submit it for their use in the newspaper. The photo should be high resolution and you should include information including name and hometown of person, where and when caught, estimated weight/length, what you caught it on, and who took the picture. Submit the photo and information to Outdoors@StatesmanJournal.com. This is a chance to get your picture in the paper!



Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

Having exhausted my efforts (and my available time) at trying to catch a Colorado River Striped Bass with one of my finer fur and feather creations, my wife and I met up with friends in Tucson, and headed east toward Galveston and our scheduled Caribbean cruise.

Our routing took us through San Antonio where we enjoyed a relaxing stay at Lackland Air Force Base, and did the usual touristy stuff. We picked a good time to be here, as the Guadalupe River chapter of Trout Unlimited was hosting a "Troutfest" at New Braunfels just to the north of us. Although touted to be a really big thing for the locals who might be enamored with all things fly fishing, it was anything but. (Sometimes, they just don't do everything bigger in Texas).

What they lacked in size however, was made up for with enthusiasm, and to their credit, their keynote speaker and presenter was none other than Mr. Lefty Kreh. Mr. Kreh is

indeed a master of the long rod, and has forgotten more about using one than most of us will ever hope to learn. It was indeed an honor and privilege to be able to attend one of his classes; especially knowing that at 88 years of age, it could well be one of his last public appearances.

The Guadalupe River is Texas' premiere trout stream and a world class fishery. The river itself resembles the South Umpqua and is a tail out stream from the dam that created Canyon Lake, which is located just north of New Braunfels. The water that feeds the river comes directly from the bottom of the lake, and provides for some true trophy trout fishing. As might be expected, Catch and Release is a way of life. You are allowed to keep one Rainbow or Brown trout per day, BUT—it must be in excess of 18 inches. AND, there is no public access. All of the river banks are private property, and owed by a num-

ber of camping resorts, where river access is given to those who are staying there. Some will allow access to their river frontage for a pay to play rod fee.

Needless to say, I did not spend my pennies to fish for something I can do at home for nothing. Cheapo? Yes! But I am saving them for my salt water adventures along the Texas Gulf Coast in search of Red Fish, Sea Trout, or maybe a Tarpon (Yea Right!). And then of course, there is Belize, where I can hear Bonefish, Snook, and Permit calling my name, and where our cruise ship will be stopping for a day. That one might just break the great grandkids piggy banks; as the going rate for a guide and boat runs \$450. But then, grandpa is worth it. Right kids? **RIGHT KIDS??**

*Tune in next month for the rest of
the story*

2013 NW Fly Tyer Expo

March 8 & 9
Albany OR

200 Tyers
50 Exhibitors
Casting Demos
Classes
Raffles

www.nwexpo.com

Program Notes for April

April 11: **Phil Rowley** returns to share with us. Phil is a noted fly tyer, author, and fly fisherman from British Columbia. Check out his web site www.flycraftangling.com for tips on strategies and tactics, fly tying, and entomology (especially on still waters).

Want to Build a Net?

We have had a frame that is used to build nets donated to us.

If you have any desire to try to build a net we would be happy to let you use the frame to build one or more nets. A couple of our members know how to build nets and may be willing to show you how the device works.

Let Ken know if you are interested. We will have the frame at our March meeting.

February Auction

With the expert leadership of Tim Johnson, we had another successful auction in February that will help pay our expenses during 2013. Thanks to Will and Reenie Satak for cooking the dinner and to everyone who helped with the auction. Thanks especially to the people who purchased items at the auction.

Businesses that contributed items for the auction included:

- Caddis Fly Shop in Eugene
- Cascadia Fly Shop/Wes Campbell in Corvallis
- Creekside Fly Fishing in Salem
- Hareline Dubbing Products in Monroe
- Oregon Outdoor Excursions/Dave Carpenter in Mehama
- River City Fly Shop in Beaverton
- Two Rivers Fly Shop in Albany
- Wholesale Sports in Salem.

Let's show our appreciation for these businesses whenever we can.

Many club members also donated numerous items, including:

- Bob Gabler
- Duane Heuberger
- Bob Karau
- Bill Meier
- Steve Morton
- Howard Palmer
- Ray Phelps

And many others as well.

Thank you so much!

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.

Welcome New Members

Frank Flux—Keizer
Don Jelick — Stayton
Don Malstrom — Salem

There are a number of new members learning their way around the club. Take some time to encourage and welcome someone new to you.

Reminder that Dues are Due

It is that time of year again and it is time to pay your dues for 2013. You are the foundation of the Santiam Flycasters and we need your continued membership and support. It is easy to do and all you have to do is fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and mail it with the dues or simply bring it to the next meeting. We can only continue to send your newsletter through March unless we receive the dues payment.

February Outing to the Crooked River



It seems like the words “hardy” and “intrepid” often characterize the Santiam Flycasters who attend the club outings. The February trip to the Crooked River in Central Oregon provided an opportunity for adventure for those “hardy and intrepid” folk who made their way to spend some time on this river.

The three who spent Friday night in tents at Devil’s Post Pile Campground, (Ken, Tim, and Loren) showed great dedication to our sport. The temperature dropped to 21 degrees and a gusty wind came up that blew away the Club’s dining canopy. Fortunately, the tents did not follow. The next morning they woke up to a dusting of snow, and, as Tim writes, “the remnants of our Camp.” After they made a fire, had some coffee and breakfast, they went

upstream to fish Big Bend Campground just below Bowman Dam. They were joined later on Saturday by four others who had spent a warmer and less windy night in town.

It was very cold on the river, but most were rewarded with several fish. Some were caught on dries, while others fell to nymphs under indicators. Some hatches were coming off and it was fun to watch the trout break the surface with their noses or rolling like porpoises. It was challenging (read “frustrating”) as well to find the perfect fly and present the perfect drift and still have them ignore your offering.

The Crooked River is a beautiful setting. Tim reports seeing and/or hearing some interesting birds: the Northern Pygmy Owl,

Golden Eagles, and Great Horned Owls calling to each other.

We were all glad to see Sam when he arrived with the hamburgers and grill. It was kind of a windy lunch but it sure hit the spot.

A couple more arrived after lunch bringing the number of our group to nine. Sam, Matt, and his Dad fished Saturday afternoon and reported catching some fish as well. That showed a good amount of diligence on their part due to the cold, windy weather.

All in all the Crooked River outing provided a memorable experience and some good memories as we look forward to what we hope will be warmer outings in the next few months.



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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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March Fly of the Month— Caddis Pupae

By Jim Ferguson



After living as a larva, the caddis transitions into the pupa stage where it builds some protective cavity and closes it off as it makes the transformation to the adult. This process takes about one to several weeks to complete. During this phase, all adult parts are formed and completed before emergence. When it is time for emergence, the pupa cuts itself out of its chamber, swims and floats to the surface. They eventually break thru the surface tension and escape as an adult.

The following recipe is a realistic / exact pattern for an emerging caddis.

Hook: TMC 205, TMC 205BL, size 12 - 16
Thread: Olive (or to match body color)
Shuck (optional): Antron sparkle emerger yarn
Abdomen: V-rib clear, or colored to match naturals, 2 nine inch sections to be woven. Underbody of floss, crystal flash / splash or dubbing to match naturals
Legs: Emu, olive or natural
Wings: Medallion sheeting
Antennae: Olive or orange dyed mallard fiber swept back
Eyes: Mono eyes made from 30# maxima
Thorax: Insect Green dubbing or Ice Dub Caddis Green

ORDER OF TYING

1. Mount hook in vise, attach thread about 1 eye length back of hook eye.
2. Lay a short thread base about 1/16" long and mount the eyes on top of the shank using figure eight wraps.
3. Take the thread back to middle of hook (If you want a trailing shuck, take the thread back a ways and attach the shuck material and bind it down as you take the thread to the back of the hook. You want to get it to look like the grub shape, then take the thread to the middle of the hook.)
4. Attach V-rib on the top edges of the shank. (2 nine inch sections, can be shorter, but wait until you learn how to do the weaving.) Tie the V-rib down on the shank and take the thread and the V-rib to the back of the hook. You want to get pretty far down the shank to give this pattern a grub like appearance.
5. Add some dubbing to the thread, or tie in the underbody material and wrap thread and body material forward to the thorax position.
6. Weave the body to the thorax position and tie off. Cut off waste.
7. Attach legs on lower sides of body.
8. Cut the medallion sheeting for the wings
9. Attach medallion sheeting so it hangs along sides.
10. Tie in the antennae to sweep back over the body, slightly v shape.
11. Dub the thorax. Be sure to wrap over the eyes and make a figure 8 of dubbing around the eyes. Tie off and trim waste, then pick out the dubbing.
12. Construct the head, whip finish, cut off thread waste. Place head cement over thread head.

If you do not know how to weave the body described above, you can simply use one strand of V-rib, or D-rib, or round vinyl body material and tie it down the shank as described above and then simply wrap the body material forward over the underbody material. Not quite as natural appearing as the woven body but still effective. Jim Schollmeyer's book, **Benchside Reference**, gives some directions .



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Membership Application

It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like-minded organizations.

2013 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308

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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