



Santiam Flycasters

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Board Meeting

Monday, April 7

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, April 10

Cast Around

6:15 PM on the Lawn

March Program

John Bartlett—Carp on the Fly

7:00 pm Pringle Community Center

April SFC Outings

April 26 Haystack Reservoir

May 3 Metolius River

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

April 2014

April Program

Thursday April 10 — 7:00 pm — Pringle Community Center

Carp on the Fly with John Bartlett



One of the more remarkable developments in fly fishing in recent years has been the exploding popularity of fly-fishing for carp. As a species, carp are surprisingly difficult to hook and even harder to land. The unique challenges they present to a fly rodder have turned carp into the fastest growing segment of the fly-fishing industry.

Santiam Flycasters is pleased to welcome noted carp on the fly expert John "Montana" Bartlett to present on April 10th. John is one of the country's leading authorities on how

to catch big carp on a fly. He is a current Pro Staffer at Carppro.net, presents at fly clubs and shops throughout Oregon and Washington and his blog Carp on the Fly (<http://carponthefly.blogspot.com>) is one of the most popular carp hangouts on the web. Come join us on April 10th and learn more about these plentiful, challenging, and very large fish!



Fly "Cast Around" Returns

With the return of longer evenings we will start the pre-meeting casting practice on the lawn or "Cast Around." This month the emphasis is on the "Quick Cast." The Quick Cast is a great cast when fishing for Carp. Develop this skill at the "Cast Around" at 6:15 on the lawn before the general meeting. Learn several steps to become proficient at the quick cast. A demo and clinic on the lawn at 6:15. Bring your floating WF line and practice the Quick Cast.

Bugology 101 with John Rodriguez will be part of the regular meeting at 7:00 pm focusing on several important hatches for Spring time fishing.

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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 Outing to Haystack Reservoir

Saturday April 26



On April 26, we will fish Haystack Reservoir. This is a fun fishery, with a hopeful stocking of trout by ODFW plus several species of warmwater fish as well.

To get there, drive Highway 22 East to just past Sisters, veer left onto Highway 126 to Redmond, turn North onto US 97 for about 15 miles, and turn right at the sign for Haystack. Turn right again onto the Haystack

access road. We will camp on the far (East) side of the reservoir.

Some kind of floating device is helpful for fishing. Suggested equipment is 4-6 weight rods with the normal lake flies, including leeches, woolly buggers, small woolly worms, etc.

Contact Steve Reynolds by e-mail at steveDR83@hotmail.com or by phone at (541)926-1055 if you have questions. The club will provide a tasty entrée for dinner late Saturday afternoon, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.



May Outing to the Metolius

Saturday May 3

Also, remember our outing to the Metolius River on May 3. We will camp at Smiling River Campground and will provide an entrée for a mid-day meal.

Suggested dry flies include size 14-20 Blue Wing Olives, 16-20 Pale Morning Duns, 12-16 olive caddis, maybe 12-14 Green Drakes, and maybe 8-12 Stimulators if stoneflies are out. Nymphs include size 8-

12 tungsten bead Kaufmann Stone, 12-16 tan or olive beaded hares ear, 16-18 partridge and yellow soft hackles, 18-20 zebra midges, 14-16 egg, and 14-20 pheasant tails.



If you have questions, contact Jeremy Richmond by e-mail at JeremyPaulRichmond@gmail.com or by phone at (503)391-9242. He will be at the club meeting to answer questions as well.



**2014 SFC Outings
Yet to Come**

- Apr 26 — Haystack Reservoir
- May 3 — Metolius River
- May 17 — Wickiup Reservoir/South Twin Lake
- Jun 21 — Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
- Jun 28 — Trail Bridge Reservoir*
- Jul 12 — East Lake
- Jul 26 — North Santiam River*
- Aug 16 — Umpqua River
- Sep 6 — Nestucca River*
- Sep 20 — Lava Lake
- Oct 4 — Crooked River*
- Oct 18 — Deschutes River—Maupin Area
- Nov 15 — Detroit Lake

* Denotes Informal Outing

Watch the web site, read the newsletter, or come to the meetings for more information as these outings approach.

Deadline on Dues

If we don't receive your club dues for 2014, you will not receive any more Santiam Flycasters newsletters past this one. We hope that you will be able to continue your membership.

If you choose to not renew your membership, we are sorry to hear that but hope that you will remember us and come back to visit periodically.

Dues remain the same low price of \$25 for individuals or \$30 for families. Use the form at the back of the newsletter to renew your membership, or download the form from our website (www.santiamflycasters.com).

You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the monthly meeting, or mail to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

Thanks for your support of the club.

**Crooked River
Outing Report**



The weekend of March 15th brought 15 members of Santiam Flycasters together for an overnight outing on the beautiful Crooked River. This fabled stream boasts some of the best trout (and white fish) fishing that Central Oregon has to offer, and everyone hooked and/or landed fish. As promised, midges

were the meal of choice for the majority of these eager fishes. For me, the highlight of the weekend was watching Shane's son Brent catch his first fish on a fly. I'm sure that some folks would refer to the teaching of a young boy as akin to "contributing to the delinquency of a minor", but to this grandfather type, it was a real thrill. The weather was wonderful, albeit somewhat cool at night, with temps dropping to near 30; making our evening and morning fires a welcome place for socializing, and fish tale telling. The sun warmed us nicely during the day however, and we were basking in 65 degrees by the time we broke for lunch at 12:30. The club provided our noon meal of Spaghetti that had been left over from the auction, and prepared by yours truly. All in all, it was a delightful weekend, and a great way to welcome the spring fishing season.



Youth Outdoor Day—May 31

As usual, we will be helping youngsters to tie Woolly Buggers at Youth Outdoor Day at E. E. Wilson (Camp Adair) Wildlife Area on May 31.

Please sign up to help with this fun event. Look for Ken at the meeting or e-mail him at KenKarnosh@gmail.com.

From the President By Howard Palmer

Now that April is upon us, and Spring is beginning to show itself in the flowers and greenery of our part of the world, it is time to dust off our equipment, and venture forth to our favorite fishing holes. We are blessed to have many fine venues available to us to wet a fly, and I encourage each of you to get out and enjoy them. ODFW is doing their part to help with a full schedule of stocking, so things are really looking up. Watch our SFC-Fish web site for impromptu day trips, and don't hesitate to send an invitation if you plan on heading out. There are lots of us with empty calendars just waiting to hear from you.

Our scheduled outing for April is our annual trek to Haystack Reservoir,



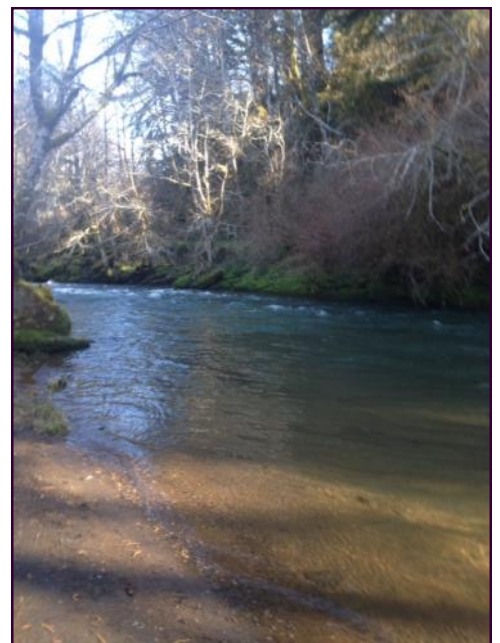
which is located just off of highway 97 between Redmond and Madras. This lake has large numbers of large fish including Perch, Bass, Trout, and who knows what else. I am told that there is also a good population of Crawfish in the lake, and I plan on taking my trap so that we can indulge ourselves in these tasty poor man's lobster.

Tight Lines
Howard

Nestucca River Outing Report



On Saturday, March 22nd, 14 members of the club headed to the Nestucca River in search of those ever elusive sea going Rainbows known as Steelhead. Again, the weather was absolutely wonderful and the river was in near perfect condition. That being said, it would seem that no one bothered to invite the fish. Not one hit, bite, bump, or other near miss was reported. These "fish of a thousand casts" lived up to their reputation and everybody got closer to that magic number before we loaded up, and headed back to the valley. I even got the chance to try out my new Spey Rod to swing a couple of really nice flies that I had tied up for the trip. Although it was my first time fishing with a two hander, it was easy to understand why people get addicted to using one. Oh well, maybe next time.



*Please Welcome These
New Members to SFC*

Brian Boock, Salem

Ed Doak, Salem

Bob Ruediger, Salem

Mark Turula, Silverton

Darryl Mann, Keizer

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

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, 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.

Fishing with the Frog **By Howard Palmer**

The Cost of Doing Business

A few years ago my son asked what I wanted for Father's Day. I told him I wanted him to teach me how to fly fish. He agreed and we set about planning what has become an annual father/son get-a-way that we both look forward to with great anticipation. It also kindled a passion within me for a sport that I have learned to truly love; and one that provides me with a place to invest my excess disposable income.

"*Excess disposable income*" is somewhat of a new concept to me, as I certainly never had much before I retired. But, now that I am, I find that what disposable income I do have matches my "*excess free time*" quite nicely and fly fishing and fly tying have the ability to eliminate both. What once only required a single 5 weight rod with a floating line, now requires six rods of weights varying from 3 to 12; each with a floating, intermediate, and full sinking line. And that doesn't count my new spey rod (that I swore that I would never own) and the Skagit system of lines I needed for it. I bought it at the auction for a song. The Skagit system is another story, but I'm actually learning to love it too.

At first, my fishing vest brought over from the "*Dark Side*" of fishing with bait and hardware was more than adequate; at least until I saw that stylish pro model from SIMMS that I just had to have, and I really hesitate to tell you what I paid for it. It was perfect at the time and had lots of pockets to put all of the fly boxes, and other goodies that fly fishermen need to survive a day on the water. Today it hangs in the closet as I venture forth with a small shoulder bag and a lanyard that holds my tools and tippets.

Of course, no self-respecting fly fisherman would ever leave the house for their favorite lake without a float tube (at least not until you learn what a pontoon boat is, and then you have to own one of those). This, of course, requires a self-inflating life jacket.

Of course, cheap waders just don't cut it. We really should have the new zippered kind if we really want to look like we know what we're doing out there. All waders leak for no reason and you end up with new ones every 3-4 years anyway. The only question is whether we want to spend \$100 for a decent pair on sale at Sportsman's, or, do we go for the \$750 SIMMS PRO model that would REALLY make us look good doing what we do?

The bottom line here is that I was totally in the dark about how much "*excess disposable income*" I had thrown in the toilet in pursuit of this fine hobby, until I began to make a list of the things I want to pass on to my son and his siblings. When I totaled it all up I realize that if my darling wife puts it all in an Estate Sale she just might get enough to put me away in style (or not) -- because she might use the proceeds to take that long awaited trip to Hawaii. Either way, it's just the cost of doing business.

See you on the water— Howard

April Fly of the Month— by Jim Ferguson

SCREAMING BANSHEE Trout Pattern: skating caddis



Hook:	TMC 2487 #14 -20
Thread:	UNI 8/0 , color to match dubbing
Forward Wing:	Natural yearling elk hair
Abdomen:	Small Opal Mirage Tinsel
Thorax:	Superfine dubbing to match hatch
Wing:	Natural deer hair
Shellback:	Elk hair butt ends pulled up & forward to split wing

This pattern is one developed by Charlie Craven and is written up in the Oct-Nov-Dec 2013 Fly Fisherman magazine. His article goes through how he developed the pattern as well as providing step by step directions. What seems significant for this fly is how it resembles another pattern called the "Bat Wing" when viewed from the front or side. This is a waking fly adapted to a trout sized pattern. You can also fish it as an emerger in the normal manner. I used bleached yearling elk hair for the forward directed wing. This makes the fly easier to see on the water.

TYING DIRECTIONS

1. Secure the hook in the vise. Wrap a thread base starting just behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the base down past the half way and then take the thread back to a position about 1 eye length (or slightly more) behind the eye. See figure #1.
2. Clean and stack a clump of yearling elk hair. You want the wing to extend about one shank length beyond the tie in position behind the eye of the hook. Tie in the elk hair on top of the shank with several tight thread wraps. See figure #2.

3. Clip off half of the elk hair butts and bind down the remaining butts back into the bend of the hook. See figure #3. Try to keep the thread wraps smooth and bring the thread back to the position above the hook point.
4. Tie in the opal Mirage Tinsel and wrap it back down the hook shank to the bend and then forward to the starting point. Tie off and cut off the waste tinsel. See figure #4. You might want to coat the tinsel with a thin layer of cement or a UV setting epoxy coating.
5. Dub a thorax using a very thin layer built into an egg shape overlapping the front edge of the tinsel body. See figure #5.
6. Select, clean, and stack a clump of deer hair. Pre-cut the butts so the hair selection is one shank length long. Place the butt ends on top of the shank in front of the dubbing. Place two wraps of thread over the butt ends of the deer hair. Pull down on the thread to get the hair to flair. See figure #6 & #7. My wing is a little longer than one shank length.
7. Carefully use your scissors or a dubbing needle and your fingers to divide the deer hair into two equal halves. Lift the butts of the elk hair up and over the hook shank and between the divided wings. See figure #8.
8. Make a couple more turns of thread to secure the butt ends of the elk hair directly on top of the deer hair tie in position. Pull down on the thread to flair the elk butts. Lift the butts of the elk hair and trim them even with the deer butts. See figure #9 and #10.
9. Carefully lift the forward wing slightly and advance the tying thread to the front under the wing. Build a small thread dam behind the hook eye to prop up the wing. Whip finish your fly. See figures #11, #12, and #13 for top, side, and bottom views.



Fig. #1



Fig. #2



Fig. #3



Fig. #4



Fig. #5



Fig. #6



Fig. #7



Fig. #8



Fig. #9



Fig. 10



Fig. #11



Fig.#12



Fig.#13

Fly Casting Tip of the Month

"Your back-cast determines your forecast. Use the metric casting system to develop back-cast skill."

The Metric system is ground casting where the caster stands perpendicular to a straight line on the ground and casts the fly line parallel close to the ground. The caster can easily see the un-rolling loop on the back-cast.

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The Calendar lists all the meetings, events, and outings.

Back Issues of the newsletter are archived.

Contact Information, Helpful Links, and other Resources are just a click away.



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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.

2014 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 for new members.

Name _____

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Telephone: _____ Email _____

Family Members: _____

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

Please tell 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 or 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