



Santiam Flycasters

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Board Meeting

Monday, January 6

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, January 9

Fly Fishing the Willamette
with Lou Verdugo

7:00 pm Pringle Community
Center

January SFC Outing

Saturday January 25

Winema Lake

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

January 2014

Fly Fishing the Willamette: Marshall Island (Hayes Lane) to Harrisburg With Lou Verdugo January 9—7:00 pm

Local Guide Lou Verdugo is presenting a program on this "close to home" fishery. He will cover location, fly selection, fly fishing equipment, and fly fishing tactics from Marshall Island (Hayes Lane) to Harrisburg on the Willamette River.

Years of experience fishing this particular drift has given Lou many new insights into this fishery. See this water through the eyes of a guide to add a fresh perspective to your next float down this beautiful place close to Salem.

Note: Lou's presentation was postponed from the December meeting due to weather related issues. Many thanks to John Rodriguez for filling in.

January Outing to Wi-Ne-Ma Lake



On January 25, our first outing for 2014 will be at the lake at Camp Wi-Ne-Ma, which is located just west of Highway 101 between mileposts 93 and 94. To get there, drive West on Highways 22 and 18 and either go on Highway 18 to Highway 101 and turn right or take the Three Rivers Highway at Valley Junction, turn left onto the Little Nestucca Highway to Highway 101 and turn left. If you want to carpool, we will plan to leave the West Salem Safeway parking lot by 8:00 am.

The lake has a good population of small, feisty cutthroat trout. Gear would include a light rod with either floating or intermediate line (the water is not very deep) and nymph or streamer type flies. Green has been a successful color in the past. There are a couple of docks to cast from, but it is best to use either a pontoon boat or float tube.

Coffee is available all day and Leroy and Jean will serve us lunch indoors about noon, for a donation of \$5. If the weather is not cooperative, bring your tying materials and we can tie some flies indoors or practice some casting, also indoors.

This is a very fun way to break the winter doldrums and start the new year right!

Scheduled SFC Club Outings 2014

January 25	Winema Lake
February 22	Middle Fork Willamette
March 15	Crooked River
April 26	Haystack Reservoir
May 3	Metolius River
May 17	Wickiup Reservoir/South Twin Lake
June 7	Trail Bridge Reservoir*
June 21	Deschutes River
July 12	East Lake
July 26	North Santiam River*
August 16	Umpqua River
September 6	Nestucca River*
September 20	Lava Lake
October 4	Crooked River*
October 18	Deschutes River
November 15	Detroit Lake

* Denotes an "informal" outing.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

If you haven't done so already, this is an excellent time to renew your membership for 2014. 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 the Santiam Flycasters website (www.santiamflycasters.com).

You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the January 9th monthly meeting, or mail to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

Thanks for your support of the club.

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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.

We are on the web!
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2014 Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction – Thursday, February 13

Make sure to mark your calendar for this important date. The Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction is a win-win for our club. It raises funds necessary for the club to cover costs of speaker fees, Pringle Hall rental fees, outing costs, and other expenses. Membership fees are not enough to cover all of these costs. The auction also benefits club members by providing fishing, camping and related items at a great value.

We receive some of the auction items from fly fishing equipment manufacturers, retailers, outfitters, and fly shops. However, many of these items come from our own members in the form of hand-tied flies and fly fishing equipment and camping supplies.

So, please consider tying a dozen or so flies for the auction (we will provide the fly boxes). If you have the skills, mounted display flies are popular items at the auction.

Also, consider donating one of your surplus fly rods, reels, fly lines, fly tying tools and materials, or camping equipment. Donated items should be clean and in good condition (one flyfisher's surplus is another's treasure).

For more information, please contact Tim Johnson, this year's auction coordinator, at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com or 503-363-8435.

From the President By Howard Palmer

The holidays have come and gone once again, and we are blessed to have another year of fly fishing ahead of us. I look forward to being your president once more, as we venture into 2014.

The board has selected a full schedule of outings for the coming year and I encourage you to join us whenever you can get away. In selecting our monthly destinations, we endeavored to form a balance between still and moving waters to test our fishing skills. If you have a favorite place to toss a fly, that is not on our list, do not hesitate to let us know, and we will fill another vacant Saturday. If you are retired, or otherwise have time off during the week, many of us are likewise free to join you. All you need to do is ask.

We will begin our year with a fly tying demo at Sportsman's Warehouse on January 18th from 10-2. If you are interested in participating, give me a call. This is an excellent opportunity to make the community aware of our existence. If you are not a tier, it's a great way for you to show support for those of us that will be tying flies that day. Come out and join us.

If you are not a tier, and would like to learn, or increase your current skill level, please let me know as I am interested in forming a tying group to meet with on a regular basis (weekly or monthly).

Our first outing of the year will be a return to Winema Lake which will be hosted by Leroy Shepherd and his staff at Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp located just north of Neskowin on the Oregon Coast. We are of course at the mercy of the weather, but Leroy has been really good at bringing in blue skies for this outing and I encourage you to join us. We will meet at the West Salem Safeway by 8:00 AM, to car pool. Lunch will be provided by the camp staff for a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person.

Our annual auction is just around the corner in February, and we welcome your donations for this annual fundraiser. It's the perfect opportunity to show off your tying and other skills, so break out that dusty old vise, and make up a couple of boxes. Anything fly fishing is welcome.

Howard Palmer

President



Need up-to-date information on what's happening with the Santiam Flycasters?

Bookmark www.santiamflycasters.com in your web browser.

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.

January 18 Tie-In

On January 18, some of our members will demonstrate tying a variety of flies at Sportsmen's Warehouse on Lancaster Avenue from 10:00 to 2:00.

If you are willing to help with this, let Ken Karnosh know. We may even have some pizza for the tyers!

Come on over to visit with the tyers. You may learn to tie a new fly or just learn a different method or technique.

NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

Silent Auction

As usual, we will be running the silent auction at the NW Fly Tyers Expo in Albany on March 7 and 8 and need some volunteers to do that.

If you are willing to help for a couple of hours, we will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. Volunteers will receive free admission as well as our gratitude. Duties include set-up in the morning, observing the tables, and helping to close tables periodically.

Also, put this on your calendar to attend. The Expo will also be open on March 7,8,9.

Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

Lost Skills of the Steelhead Fisherman

My father was an avid (make that AVID) steelhead fisherman who, being cursed with being part of the working class, had to wait for a day off, to chase these elusive sea-going trout. As a logger, his daily trips to the woods took him over and along many of Oregon's prime north coast steelhead rivers; which in turn, gave him a powerful insight as to which river would provide him with the best luck in bringing one home. He was very good at the catching part, and many twenty pound fish fell to his efforts. In short, we ate a lot of steelhead and salmon when I was growing up.

One thing he did not do well however, was share his steelhead catching prowess with me. Whether it was want of the solitude he gleaned from his time on the water, or, the fact that he did not want some snot-nosed tricycle motor pulling at his coat along the way, will never be known; as he passed from this life several years ago. What ever his reason, he simply did not teach me the fine art of fishing for these princes of the ocean.

Thinking back on who and what I was at the time, I would probably not have wanted me around either. I was, for lack of a better description, the type of kid that would have made an ideal poster child for ADHD. I spent most of my days wound up like an eight-day clock on a seven day spring, and was (in all truthfulness) a nasty little brat that would have made a great anchor for a drift boat.

Consequently, I have never felt the thrill of fighting a steelhead, and I know that my life will never be complete because of it. That being said, I must also add that I am one of the most warm-blooded people you will ever meet, and the thought of standing knee deep in some river in the dead of winter, being pelted with snow and rain, while I break ice out of the eyes on my rod, just doesn't have the appeal that it once did. Not that it ever did, but at my age, tying steelhead flies in front of a warm fire just makes a lot more sense.

But, if you are heading out to one of our coastal rivers, and in need of someone to keep the car heater working, or a fire burning, I might well be your man. I might even wet a line. In the mean time, I'll get the flies ready.

Tight lines,

Howard

Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo
March 7,8,9, 2014
Lane County Expo Center, Albany Oregon
www.nwexpo.com

January Fly of the Month— by Leroy Shepherd “Something Special”

I was asked to recommend a fly for use at Winema Lake. Here is a fly that has brought me the most luck when fishing lakes including our lake here at Camp Wi-Ne-Ma. It started out when I was figuring out how to tie a Carey Special but didn't have all the listed ingredients. My friend and fellow SFC member Loren Doty added the Golden Pheasant tippet tail. Instead of Pheasant Rump Hackle, I ended up tying in clumps of fiber from a Pheasant Tail. This has become my “go to” fly in lakes hooking fish here at the Camp's Lake, Coffenbury Lake, Hebo Lake, Three Creek Lake, Round Lake, Crane Prairie, Marion Lake, and Haystack Reservoir. For me, anyway, this simple-to-tie fly is “Something Special.”

Something Special

Hook: Wet Fly 8-12

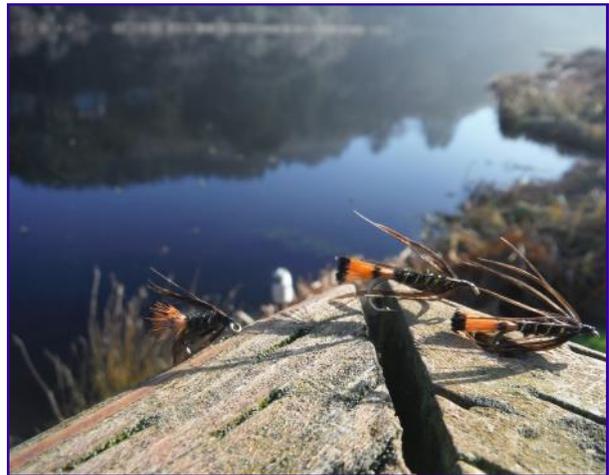
Thread: Black

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippet

Rib: Gold French Oval Tinsel

Body: Peacock Herl

Wing: Pheasant Tail Fibers (tied in clumps of three to four strands in four places around the hook shank). After tying off the head, use bodkin to separate the fibers.



View Across Winema Lake

“Something Special” at Three Creek Lake last October



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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

www.santiamflycasters.com

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 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 _____