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NO BOARD MEETING AND
NO GENERAL MEETING IN
JULY

Returns Thursday, August 14
7:00 pm Pringle Community
Center

July SFC Outings
July 12—East Lake
July 26—North Santiam
River

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

July 2014

No General Meeting in July

We hope you find more time to "get on the water."
See you in August with the Casting Clinic

July 12 Outing to East Lake



Our July 12 outing is at East Lake. East Lake has rainbows, browns, atlantics, and kokanee. If you plan to keep any fish, remember that the rainbows must be fin clipped to keep, since ODFW introduced the Blackwater strain of rainbows last year.

This is a very good chance for newer fishermen to learn to fish a lake and probably catch some fish. So, please join us there if you can. Fishing is best from a floating device, although one can catch some fish from the shore. If you want to borrow a float tube and

fins, contact Ken at KenKarnosh@gmail.com.

To get there, drive Highway 22 to Bend, turn right (south) onto Highway 97, drive about 22 miles to the East Lake/Newberry Crater road and turn to the left (east). Follow it about 17 miles and it takes you into Cinder Hill Campground, which is where we will camp. Several of us have reserved campsites in the sites 8-18 area.

Flies include woolly buggers or leeches, callibaetis, and chironomid patterns fished on 4-6 weight rods. Most of the day, it is best to use an intermediate or Type III line, although we caught fish all day on surface stuff last year.

The club will provide an entrée for lunch on Saturday, so bring a side dish to share if you wish. This is a really fun outing, but remember that the nights can get chilly at 6,000 feet elevation! If you have questions, contact Tim Johnson at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com or by phone at (503)363-8435.

July 26 Outing—North Santiam River

On July 26, we plan to float and fish the North Santiam River from Stayton to the Shelburn boat ramp, about 5 miles. Let's meet at the Stayton boat ramp, on the south end of the bridge, at about 9:00. We can shuttle ourselves.

Pontoon boats or drift boats are needed for this trip. Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Flies include standard nymphs (stoneflies, pheasant tail, hare's ear, bird's nest, caddis) and dries (caddis, PMD, etc.)

This is an informal outing, so we will not provide any food. Bring your lunch and sunscreen and remember your personal flotation device (life jacket)! If you have questions, contact Ken Karnosh at KenKarnosh@gmail.com or by phone at (503)588-2523.

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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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**Fly Fishing and Touring in Argentina and Chile's
Southern Patagonia
(February 13-26, 2014)
By Dell Swearingen**



Nico our head guide (Has guided in Argentina, Iceland and Bolivia.)

Introduction: A fishing friend sent me an email with an attachment from the Fly Water Travel in Ashland, Oregon. It advertised a pioneering fishing adventure on a 50,000 acre estancia (ranch) called Kooi Noom (Where the fish are) in the Southern Patagonia, Argentina. The article boasted of local lakes and rivers hosting rainbow trout averaging four to five pounds with 15 pound fish possible. It was clear that my friend and

four others were going with or without me, so I joined the group. Then, my thoughts transitioned to trip preparation.

Prerequisites: The trip required a Passport; Reciprocity Entry Receipt (\$160); 5 and 7 weight fly rods; floating fly lines; chest high waders, with comfortable walking and wading boots; a buff; large foam grasshoppers, bead head scuds, bead head wooly buggers-example: black marabou tail, olive body, with a coachman feather palmered to head and Adams dry flies; clothing appropriated for heavy winds common to the area. After packing several times, I was ready for the fishing trip.

The Trip: From Silverton, my wife took me to the Portland, Oregon airport (PDX). Two of us flew on American Airlines from Portland to Dallas, Texas (DFW) (2,016 miles.) We were joined by four others, who came from Phoenix and Palm Springs, for the red eye American Airlines flight to Buenos Aires (5,264 miles.) We were met at the International Airport (EZE) by the LOL tour group who transferred us to our hotel and provided an interesting and informative five hour tour of Buenos Aires. We saw the local sights and learned about the 30,000 Argentineans who went missing during the military rule in the 1970s.



Sunset from our deck in Silverton

The next morning, we were transported to the Buenos Aires domestic airport (AEP) for our flight to Calafate, Argentina. We flew on Aerolineas Argentinas and arrived in Calafate around noon (1,697 miles.) There we were met by two of our fishing guides for the six hour ride through the world's fifth largest desert over mostly gravel roads. Along the way, we saw several herds of wild guanacos (Llama); wild rheas and gray fox. Once on the estancia, we saw beautiful flamingos and black neck swans.

**2014 SFC Outings
Yet to Come**

- 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.

**July 19 Tie-In
Sportsmen's Warehouse**

On July 19, some of us will be demonstrating tying a variety of flies from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tell your friends about it and come down to visit. You may learn to tie a new fly or just a different technique.

With luck, Rich Youngers will be there and you can visit with him!



Estancia Rio Capitan

The setting: The 50,000 acre Estancia, Estancia Rio Capitan, raises mostly sheep. Except for the back drop of the snow covered Andes, it reminded me of the contry side around Summer Lake, Oregon. The comfortable Lodge included a living room, dining room and three bedrooms each with two single beds and a private bathroom. A crystal clear, spring creek ran through the middle of the property with a wooden foot bridge (Over huge rainbow trout) leading to the building where we stored our rods, boots, and fishing gear. The guides were very knowledgeable, helpful and spoke fluent English. The food and presentation was excellent. One of the dinner high lights was a lamb Asada BBQ prepared by the head gaucho. We dined and visited with the whole staff that night and had a wonderful evening. This leads to the main reason for the trip.

The fishing: It was all sight fishing enhanced by the guides' keen eyes. The lake with the largest fish (up to 20 pounds) was Lake Quiroga; however, it can only be fished when the wind allows, which only happened once during our stay. Two guides take four people to the Lake at one time, so I did not get to fish it, but the group that did were skunked. The El Capitan River flows out of the Lake and downstream is a large falls, which the fish cannot navigate. Smolt which wash over the falls return and spawn in the EL Capitan River.

From Lake Quiroga to bottom farmland, the El Capitan River was continual white water rapids. The fish were located in pocket water behind boulders. The guides allow two people on the middle section of the El Capitan and two on the lower section of the El Capitan at any one time.



Guido, our guide, holding the author's 30" rainbow on El Capitan River



Guido holding another of the author's fish



Guido, our guide, holding the author's 30" rainbow on El Capitan River



The author with another nice rainbow



Perito Moreno Glacier



El Chalten



Beautiful Blue Spire Splitting off Viedma



Torres del Paine Spires

The spring creek was full of small rainbow trout, from six inches to a foot in length. The Laguna produced well over 150 fish for the six of us. One day two of us scouted the Nierdes and the Chico rivers. The Nierdes was blown out from Andes glacier run off and the fish in the Chico were small. Due to the wind and the amount of required walking some participants felt the fishing would be better left to younger folks. At this point, the reader is probably wondering how well we did.

The statistics: We caught a total of 425 fish, but decided not to count the smaller fish caught in the Spring creek and Chico river. This significantly reduced our fish count to 292 fish caught; and 291 released. One fish was cooked for dinner. The smaller fish in the El Capitan River and the Laguna were around 19 to 20 inches. The Average size in the Laguna was around 22 inches. The fish were very aggressive and put up a good fight. Sometimes they would hit the large foam grasshopper and other times they would hit the smaller trailing bead head scud or wooly bugger. The El Capitan River also enjoyed a large fish population with some in the 10 to 12 pound range. Fortunately for us, the fish fought in the pools where they were hooked. Due to the terrain, it would have been difficult to follow the fish up or down-stream. After fishing, we continued to explore Southern Patagonia.

Other Tours: After leaving Kooi Noom, we traveled back to Calafate, stored our gear at the hotel, passed Argentina’s President, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner’s mansion, and took a four hour tour around Lake Argentina to the Perito Moreno Glacier National Park. The park had well-developed ramps, stairways and even some elevators, which led to within 200 yards of the Glacier. This non-strenuous walk allowed a close up view of the Glacier as well as the opportunity to watch the ice bergs breaking off (calving) at a close range. The Glacier was about 180’ high and about one half mile wide. There are boat rides and more strenuous hiking if one was so inclined. In the last five years, the Glaciers in Argentina are receding like those in Alaska.

After a good night’s rest in the hotel, we took an all day tour to El Chalten / Los Glaciares National Park. Within the last five years a tourist village has sprouted within the park. We took a half an hour walking tour, had a nice lunch at a restaurant picked up some souvenirs while we enjoyed viewing the rugged El Chalten/Mount Fitz Roy in the background. We took a boat ride to see the Viedma Glacier up close.

At the end of the day, we returned to Calafate and dined at one of the many nice restaurants.

After breakfast the next morning, we took another all day tour to see the **Torres del Paine National Park** in Chile which included beautiful mountains, glaciers, lakes, and rivers in southern Chilean Patagonia. The towers del Paine is the centerpiece of the park. While in the Park, we also enjoyed an hour and a half walking tour.

Summer Casting Tip:

Steelheading with a single-hand rod can be productive. Instead of overhead casting, try several of the two-hand techniques of using the dynamic roll casts available: single spey, double spey cast, snap cast or snake roll. These casts are relatively easy to cast when you know the set-up moves. The bonus is all these cast are great for trout fishing.

The North Santiam Spey Caster offers help each Saturday morning at 9:30 at the Wallace Marina Park gravel bar. Join us to learn single-hand spey cast.

Call Klem at 503.302.9484 for more information.

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Conclusion: We had a wonderful time visiting, fishing and sightseeing in Argentina and Chile. The experience left me with the desire to fish other streams and lakes in Argentina and Chile.

Recommendation: Discussions with the guides indicated that the best fishing is in November-December and in March-April timeframes when the big fish come out of Lake Quiroga attracted by fish spawning in the tributaries.

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June Outing: Report on Deschutes Outing

Paul Johnston did a wonderful job of “herding cats” for our June 21 outing on the Deschutes River as he not only coordinated the shuttle of people and vehicles but also diligently mentored us on fishing there this time of year, mostly with emerger and topwater patterns.

Fourteen of us floated the river. Although there were a number of guides also there, most of us still were able to fish our favorite spots. And, there were only a few splash and gigglers.

Fishing was pretty tough most of the day, although we caught some nice fish. The hot spot was across from camp in the evening, where a number of nice fish were landed. The only anxious moments were Saturday evening when, on the trip back across the mighty Deschutes, one set of oars was momentarily separated from the boat and another boater went the wrong way in the dusk and ended up at the campsite furthest downstream! All’s well that ends well, though.

Thanks again to Paul for leading this outing. The Deschutes is truly a premier water. And Nancy caught a nice trout!

TRAIL BRIDGE OUTING REPORT

For those in attendance the club’s scheduled outing to Trail Bridge Reservoir was an enormous success, despite the incessant drizzle and rain.

As the designated “Outing Keeper”, I took it upon myself to arrive Wednesday afternoon in order to secure a suitable camp site for the 12 of so folks that planned to arrive for the weekend. It turned out to be a good choice as I was able to lock in the only site on the water that would not only accommodate all of us, it was also adjacent to the boat ramp. The Camp Host met me with one of those “Good News/Bad News” thingys and advised me that the good news was that ODFW had dumped 3000 trout in the lake that morning. The bad news was that a local black bear had been patrolling the area and that I should advise the members of the club so that those in attendance could be sure and keep their food boxes locked in their vehicles. I then drove the ten miles down river to McKenzie Bridge 4:00 that afternoon I had camp in order, and I settled in with a Scotch in hand, under my awning, as I

Trail Bridge continued

listened to a steady rain drum on the canvas. Thursday morning was awash (literally) with a steady rain, and I thought seriously of advising Ken to cancel the outing. Discretion being the better part of valor however, led me to wait, and by noon the rain had been reduced to intermittent showers and mist, and I settled in for a wet night and awaited the arrival of the club.

Friday morning brought a welcome break from the rain and a few patches of blue began to appear overhead. I ventured forth to the lake and what would become a steady 20-50 fish/day (no, that is not a misprint) and by 2:00 in the afternoon I had, had all the fishing I needed for the day. Soon the 12 or so folks that attended began to arrive, and we all settled in for what was to be a wonderful weekend of "Catching, Catching, Catching", and camaraderie. Now, as we all know, the bull can flow heavily on some of our outings, but in this case it was not all around the camp fire. Trail Bridge Reservoir is home to a resident population of Bull Trout, and several of these aggressive members of the Char family succumbed to the prowess of our talented club members.

Despite the rain, it

From the President By Howard Palmer

The Summer Solstice brings the warm temperatures that makes fly fishing truly enjoyable, and I hope that all of you are able to take full advantage of our seasonable weather to enjoy some time on your favorite fishing hole. As a quick reminder, there is no club meeting in July and Pringle Hall will be dark and lonely if you forget and go down there by yourself. Our next scheduled meeting will be our annual Casting Practice session on August 14.

We do, however, have a couple of great outings planned for July that I hope you can join us on. The first is to East Lake on July 12th. This is a great fishery that offers some excellent fly fishing. And, although this picturesque mountain lake is usually fished with nymphs and chironomids, it did provide some great dry fly action last year for the members of the club that ventured there on our outing.

For those of you who like to keep a couple for lunch, remember that new rules are in effect this year for East Lake. ODFW has begun stocking the lake with a new strain of trout that are aimed at controlling the Tui-Chub population. These new fish are off limits, and must be released unharmed. Therefore, only adipose clipped fish may be retained if you plan on keeping

turned into a delightful

weekend that was enjoyed by all. I personally vote for making this an annual outing, and I hope more members journey there during the summer months (It's open year round however) to enjoy the marvelous fishing this and the adjacent impoundments (Carmen, Smith, Clear Lake, and the mighty McKenzie River)



some for your evening meal or for that fish fry you have been promising your neighbors. It will be interesting to see what these new fishes look like.

Our second outing for the month will be a float of the North Santiam from Stayton to Shellborn boat ramp on July 26th. This is a pleasant float that not only offers a leisurely boat ride, but some great fishing opportunities in the process. You might even find a stray Steelhead, or Salmon along the way. It's a short trip of just five miles, that should provide ample opportunity for fishing along the way. Bring a lunch, and come join us.

On July 19th, a few of our membership will be providing a fly tying demonstration at *Sportsman's Warehouse* to promote our club. Stop by and show your support. In the mean time, I hope to see you on the water.

Tight Lines,
Howard

have to offer.

PS: The Linn County Sheriff's Department also provided free Boating Safety instruction through the issuance of "Warning Citations" to two of our members for not wearing a PFD. Folks, don't leave home without them, but if you do, be sure and take your checkbook. They really are a mandatory wear.

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

Fly Fishing and the Ancient Druids

The use of fishing hooks with bits of fur and feathers can be traced to ancient Egypt, and some smart fella (*most likely working on a federal grant*) has stated that modern fly fishing techniques probably originated somewhere in Scotland or Ireland.

My personal thought is that the ancient Druids probably had something to do with it.

Why else would someone go to all that trouble of moving those huge stones (*from a quarry they haven't identified*) to erect a temple on a plain in England? Men just don't go to all that trouble without a reason (*unless their wives tell them to*); so, it stands to reason that there must have been a noble purpose for its creation. It has been proven that the Stonehenge monument aligns perfectly with the movement of the sun, and is generally believed to commemorate the Summer Solstice.

Now, to my way of thinking, the time of the Summer Solstice is also that time of the year when folks worth their salt venture forth to their local streams in search of all form of fishes. In ancient times, the gathering of food was surely more important than star gazing, and it just seems possible to me that if the Druids were smart enough to erect what we call Stonehenge, surely they would be smart enough to create little works of art that would drive fish crazy.

Now that I think about it, it would make sense that the annual Summer Solstice would provide a means for these men (*and women too*) to gather and exchange tales of past fishing successes (*some folks dare to call them lies*), and to share some of their hand-tied flies. When you think about it, the Druids most likely used their Summer Solstice gatherings to form the equivalent of our modern-day Spey Claves and FFF Conclaves.

The fact that Fly Fishing and Scotch both came from the same area is not surprising. The two do go hand in hand and an annual gathering of the clans would have provided a marvelous opportunity to share the finer points of both. The fact that the Summer Solstice just happens to coincide with warm weather just makes it more appealing. After all, sitting around a campfire, on a warm summer evening, sharing some scotch and telling lies with friends, is simply part of what life is all about.

It would appear that we owe the ancient Druids a whole lot more than we thought.

Tight Lines;
Howard



July Fly of the Month— Red Fox Squirrel Hair Nymph

By Jim Ferguson

The generic color pattern of the Red Fox Squirrel Hair Nymph makes this fly look like a lot of different natural foods. The soft body texture of the pattern and the subtle orange tan color of the red fox squirrel hair helps this fly to mimic the color often associated with the molting stages exhibited by many aquatic insects and crustaceans. The back hair of the red squirrel is short, barred with four colors. The base is a dark blue dun. The blue dun color changes into a rich red fox tan (this gives the orange tint), followed by a white bar with tips of black. As you move around the skin, these colors vary in length and the tan may dominate. A turn of soft hackle between the abdomen and the thorax produces some nice leg actions on the pattern tied on hooks of size 12 or larger. Antron may be mixed with the squirrel dubbing for sparkle.



Hook:	TMC 5262 or 5263 sizes 18 to 2
Thread:	Orange or black 8/0 or 6/0
Body Weighting:	Lead wire (diameter of hook wire) and/or gold or black bead
Tail:	Small tuft of red fox squirrel back hair, include guard and under hair
Rib:	Oval gold tinsel or orange flashabou
Abdomen:	Red fox squirrel belly hair and hare's ear Antron 50/50 blend or Dave Whitlock Plus Synthetic Living Fiber #2
Thorax:	Red squirrel back hair and Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear dark 50/50 blend
Legs:	Optional: one turn of dark ginger hen or speckled partridge hackle

Variations: Wapsi Nymph Sili-Legs (pumpkin-seed color) can be used to make the rubber-legged version. Mono eyes on the 3xl hook, combined with thin abdomen and fat thorax, can imitate damsel. A short loop wing using antron fibers can imitate an emerger if you put the hackle on as a throat after the thorax. Different styles of hooks can also be used and Krystal flash can be incorporated to add some flash. This pattern does not have a wing case. You can add one if you want but the originator, Dave Whitlock, seems to think it fishes just as well without the wing case.

Step - By - Step Directions

1. Place the hook in the vise. If you are going to de-barb the hook, you should do it prior to tying the fly. Attach the tying thread about ½ an eye length behind the eye of the hook. Wrap a thread base onto the front ½ of the hook shank. Cut the waste. If you are going to weight the fly, reverse wrap turns over this thread base. Leave about 1 to 1½ eye lengths behind the hook eye. In other words, do not crowd the head area.

July Fly of the Month—



2. Cut the lead waste or pinch it off. Wrap a thread covering over the wire. Wrap some ramps at both ends of the lead wire and then wrap the thread back to the bend to provide a thread base. Tie a small tuft of red fox squirrel back fur to the top of the hook shank at the hook bend. Tail should be $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hook shank in length.



3. Prepare the rib material by peeling off the metal coating to reveal a short length of the silk core. Tie on the rib material by binding down the silk core. Position the rib material so you will just catch the metal portion when you reach the end of the tail tie down position.



4. Dub the abdomen with the belly hair starting at the hook bend. The abdomen should extend forward to cover $\frac{2}{3}$ of the shank. Apply some head cement to the shank of the hook prior to bringing the dubbing forward. You want to make a very slight and gradual taper that gets larger as you wrap forward. Tie off the dubbing and make four or five turns of rib material over the abdomen. Tie off the rib with two turns and while maintaining tension on the bobbin, cut a long tag on the waste. While still maintaining tension on the bobbin, peel off the outer metal coating from the waste end to reveal the silk core. Bind down the silk core with a few more turns of tying thread and trim the waste.



July Fly of the Month—



5. Prepare a gray speckled partridge feather by stripping off the base fluff, stroking the fibers so they are aligned perpendicular to the stem, and peel one side of the fibers from the stem. Tie in the partridge feather by the tip. The concave side should be against the top of the hook shank and the fibers should be pointing towards you. Make 1 to 1½ turns of hackle to represent legs. Tie off and trim the waste. Dub the thorax with the darker dubbing mix. The thorax should be thicker than the abdomen. Tie off the dubbing and form a head. Use two "three turn whip finishes" to secure the thread. Cut the waste and cement the head. Use a velcro tool or a dubbing brush to shape and pick out the thorax.





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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

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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.

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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.

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Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____