



Santiam Flycasters

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Board Meeting

Monday, June 9

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, June 12

June Program

"TIE-IN" & SWAP MEET

7:00 pm Pringle Community Center

June SFC Outings

June 21—The Deschutes

June 28—Trail Bridge

Reservoir

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

June 2014

June Program

Thursday June 12 — 7:00 pm

Annual "Tie-In" and Swap Meet

Our "meeting" on June 12 will start with some casting on the lawn starting at 6:00 or so. At 7:00, several of our members will demonstrate tying a variety of fly patterns. This is a good time to learn new or different patterns and techniques.

We will also have a swap meet, where members can bring their equipment or material for sale to others. We will have a few tables available and sellers should affix a tag with the price and the seller's name to each item. Potential buyers will deal directly with the seller. We do ask that the seller donate about 10% of the sale price to the club.

We will have our normal raffle. Also, John Rodriguez will have a video of summer fly patterns available for whoever wishes to see it.

This is a great opportunity to practice your casting, learn new tying methods or techniques, learn which flies to use this Summer, and take home some equipment and/or materials! Remember that we will not have a meeting in July and will have casting practice on the lawn on August 14.



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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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June Outing to the Deschutes Saturday June 21



On June 21, we will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. We will be camping at Trout Creek Campground and will shuttle to the Warm Springs launch site.

To get there, I suggest that you drive to Woodburn, drive Highway 211 East through Molalla, Estacada, and Eagle Creek to Sandy, drive US 26 over Mount Hood and through Warm Springs. At the top of the grade past Warm Springs, turn left onto either of the Gumwood exits, turn left (North) onto any crossroad, drive 3 miles to Juniper Lane,

turn right (East) and drive to Gateway, turn left (North) at Gateway and drive to Trout Creek Campground. The last couple of miles are generally quite rough.

Suggested flies include: Nymphs-#4 stonefly nymph with #14 hare's ear, pheasant tail, Prince, or Krystal Flash green rockworm; Emergers-#14-16 green or tan sparkle caddis pupa, #12-14 tan soft hackle or bird's nest; Dries-#14-16 tan or olive elk hair caddis, #16 PMD, #14 PED, #18 BWO, and #6-8 Golden Stone. There are several fishing spots close to camp. The salmonfly hatch will be over, but the fish should be hungry!

If you plan to float the river, remember to buy a Deschutes River Pass and, if you plan to fish the west bank, buy a Warm Springs Tribal Permit. You can access links to sites to purchase both on our club website. Also, we probably will need another trailer or drift boat to help shuttle pontoon boats to Warm Springs. Each shuttle vehicle will need to secure their own shuttle and the shuttled people should plan to share that cost.

Currently, we do not plan to provide a meal. So, people may fish as long as they wish in the evening! If you have any questions, contact Paul Johnston at paulj992@comcast.net or by phone at (503)881-9386.

June Outing to Trail Bridge Reservoir Saturday June 28

Our official outing for the month of June will be to Trail Bridge Reservoir on the head waters of the beautiful McKenzie River. Located adjacent to Hwy 126 approximately 80 miles east of Eugene, this outing will offer both still water and river fishing. The lake is home to both native, and stocked Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, and is home to some voracious Bull Trout that can strip a Rainbow from your hook with great tenacity. The Bull Trout, and native Cutthroat (all non-fin-clipped) must be released unharmed. For those of us who enjoy a fish fry now and then, the limit is 5 fin clipped fish per day (over 8").

About 4 miles up river from Trail Bridge is a shallow impoundment called Carmen Reservoir that can easily provide a 30-40 fish day. (or not) This small lake remains one of my all time favorite fishing holes. If you plan to use a float tube here, be advised that the river keeps the water temps near 40-50 degrees; so be sure to dress accordingly.

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**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.

Welcome

New Members in May

- John Barrett,
Bend
- Warren Griffin,
Salem
- Bryan Ostlund,
Salem
- Peter Rayment,
Corvallis

(Trail Bridge Reservoir Outing Continued . . .)

Your third choice for this trip is Clear Lake which is the head of the McKenzie River. It is a rather large natural lake that was formed by a lava flow about 3000 years ago. This gin clear lake has visibility upwards of 100' and is well worth the time spent there. Be advised that the water temperature rarely gets above 45 degrees making it somewhat non user friendly for float tubers. There is a lodge there with good food and cabins however, and row boats are available for rent.

All three of these lakes offer some great fishing, with the usual sub surface flies. Hatches do occur regularly, but my personal experience dictates the use of olive Wooly Buggers, Carry Specials, and small nymphs such as Hairs Ears, and Pheasant Tails, that provide the greatest chance of success. I'm sure other things work well, but those are my go to flies. The river itself offers some great dry fly action if you happen to be on it at the right time of the day. Be aware that the Eugene Water Board controls the level of Trail Bridge Res, and the water level above the control plant fluctuates throughout the day. What may be only a foot or two in the morning, can rise to five or six feet relatively fast.

Trail Bridge Camp Ground is easily reached by following Hwy 126 east from Springfield approximately 80 miles. The lake itself is adjacent to the highway on the left and is the first major impoundment you will come to. The turn off is clearly marked. Turn left immediately after crossing the bridge, and follow the road to the camp ground.

As an official club outing, Santiam Flycasters will be providing an evening meal of Brats and Burgers at 4:30 on Saturday evening. Appropriate side dishes are welcome.

**Haystack Reservoir
Outing Report**



This reservoir has several species of fish and all were caught, some of bragging size. That is, when the wind let us go out and fish!

Two periods, Friday morning and Saturday evening, the fishing really turned on. This seems to be the pattern there, so you hope to be there at the right time.

Over a dozen members enjoyed the pulled pork prepared by Chef

Steve, along with the assorted side dishes at lunchtime. This is a fun outing and we definitely need to consider it again for 2015.

Metolius River Outing Report

By Leroy Shepherd



I think the Metolius River is the prettiest river I can't catch fish out of.

By lunch time on Saturday May 3 there were no reports of fish caught, but we collectively agreed that it was the best bratwurst lunch to be found anywhere. Thanks, Jeremy Richmond for hosting the lunch and serving up the bratwurst since several SFC members arrived just to enjoy the lunch.

The highlight of my trip was to hike and fish the three miles from Wizard Falls Hatchery to Lower Bridge.



I know people say it is a hard river to fish, But, I've found it good for the soul to keep trying.

From the President By Howard Palmer

Here it is, June already. I hope that you have been able to take advantage of the warm sunny days that we have already enjoyed and have been able to venture out to your favorite fishing hole. Santiam Flycasters have a couple of great outings planned for this month, and I hope you join us for some great fishing opportunities.

Although not a club function, *The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*, is hosting their annual outing for *Project Healing Waters* on June 7th. It is a great opportunity to help our wounded warriors to enjoy a day on the water. The day culminates with a most impressive ceremony that is worth the trip in itself. I am traveling to Warm Springs on Thursday the 5th for this event, and have room for a couple of folks, if you are interested in going. Let me know.

Our first scheduled outing for the month of June is also to Warm Springs on the weekend of June 21st, where we will float from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. We will be camping at Trout Creek Campground. For those of you who have never done this float, it provides a great day on the water with some great fishing. It's an all day trip, so don't forget your lunch, plenty of water, and sun screen. You will also need a boater's pass which is available online and a Warm Springs Indian Fishing Permit if you plan to fish the west bank of the river. The permit is also available on line or at the General Store in Warm Springs. The club will not be furnishing a meal on this trip. This stretch of the Deschutes



is a relatively easy float, but if you have never floated it, stay with someone who has, and you shouldn't have any trouble.

Our official outing for June is scheduled for the last weekend of the month (June 28th) at Trail Bridge Reservoir, which is located near the head waters of the McKenzie River. This outing will provide both river and



still-water fishing on the McKenzie, Carmen Reservoir, and Clear Lake plus others. I will be hosting this outing and will be on site from Thursday the 25th through Sunday the 29th. As the camp sites cannot be reserved I do not know where I will be, but it is not that big of a camp ground, and I shouldn't be that hard to find. I will place a notice of my camp site on the sign in board.

Tight Lines,

Howard

Fishing with the Frog

By Howard Palmer

FISHING RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Trying to figure out when and where to fish?

Looking for a new place to try?

There are a number of resources accessible through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

www.dfw.state.or.us

Follow the Fishing link and then the "Where and How" link.

Sign up for the weekly recreation report.

Look at the suggestions for 101 places to fish under Easy Angling Oregon.

Or, just peruse their Annual Fishing Guide.

You just might pick up something new.

To Fish, or Not to Fish

"To fish, or not to Fish" WHAT A STUPID QUESTION !! We have all seen this eloquent question on tee shirts for years. Yet, I have never given it much thought until recently, when I realized how many conflicts I am running into with our outings schedule.

Each year in November, the board spends a good part of the November Board meeting, discussing and planning our outing schedule for the following year. I post the schedule to next year's calendar, advising my loving wife that those dates are akin to a pilgrimage to Mecca, and that I won't be in town. She usually doesn't mind my being gone, as our outings quickly become her "Halleluiah days" where she is free to go shopping, or do those other things that women do when we conveniently absent ourselves.

Over the years, we have not had very many events that conflict with "her" schedule - that is, until now. For some reason, this year is making up for all my past transgressions, and it seems that each of our outings has simply been scheduled on the wrong date. As President, I find it all very embarrassing; as I am finding it almost impossible to attend some of our planned outings. Being the vice-president of our RV club has not helped because I was also deeply involved in planning their outing schedule. The main problem is that my wife is the Secretary-Treasurer, making her a member of that board (a very active member of that board, I might add). As such, she helps select the dates for the RV club's outings.

In short, when one schedules an event that results in a conflict with something one's wife wishes to do - there is of course, no conflict. The only issue is simply to ensure that the camping reservation you make is for Lincoln City, not La Pine. You may still get to go fishing. It just might not be on the day you planned to go, or the lake you planned to fish. Still, you know the fish will be there; albeit, not when you are.

To Fish, or not to Fish??? Why yes, Why do you ask.

See you on the water. (Maybe)



June Fly of the Month— Krystal Flash Green Rockworm



Picture from www.rickhafele.com

Recipe, and text from “Flies for Western Super Hatches” by Jim Schollmeyer and Ted Leeson

- Hook:** #12-16 IXL-2XL nymph
- Weight (optional):** Lead or nontoxic wire
- Thread:** Brown 8/0
- Body:** 2 to 4 strands of peacock or green Krystal Flash
- Head:** Dark brown dubbing

“This fly is as simple as they come and proof that a pattern need not be elaborate to be effective. To fish it deep, especially in fast pocket water, weight the entire hook shank with wire that is about 1/2 the hook diameter, thicker wire will distort the body proportions. Fish the fly dead-drift just off the bottom. The unweighted version . . . Can be fished as a dropper behind a dry fly for shallow fishing, or behind a larger weighted nymph or split shot for deeper water. Coating the body with thick head cement is optional but recommended to give the fly more durability. The sharp teeth of trout can easily sever the Krystal Flash, and the body will unravel.

1. Mount the thread behind the hook eye, and wrap a smooth underbody to the rear of the shank. Mount 2 to 4 strands of Krystal Flash as a bundle. Bind and clip the excess. Position the thread 1/3 of a shank length behind the eye.
2. Gather the Krystal Flash strands into a bundle. Twist them clockwise (when viewed from above) to form a single strand, and wrap it forward to create a slender body over the rear 3/5 of the shank.
3. Tie off the Krystal Flash, and clip the excess; coat the body with a thick cement. Use a thinly dubbed head to form a head slightly larger in diameter than the body, and finish the fly. Use a dubbing needle to pick out a few fibers on the sides of the head to suggest legs . . . trim any excessively long fibers.



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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.

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 _____