



Santiam Flycasters

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Board Meeting

Monday, March 10

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, March 13

March Program

Demystifying the Deschutes

7:00 pm Pringle Community Center

March SFC Outings

March 15 -Crooked River

March 22 -Nestucca River

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

March 2014

March Program

Thursday March 13 — 7:00 pm

Demystifying the Deschutes River: It is Not as Big as It Appears

Paul Johnston, our own club member, shares his years of experience on the Deschutes River. His presentation covers runs, riffles, back eddies, seams and other water types. Paul believes there is a simpler way to successfully fish the big water of the Deschutes.



Bugology 101 "April's Go-To Flies"

We will also hear from John Rodriquez taking a look at fly patterns that work as the days become longer.

Both of these programs are designed to inform both the experienced and beginning fly fisher.

Remember, Spring is just around the corner. Time to prepare.

A Reminder that Dues are Due—Renew your Membership.

If you have not already paid your Santiam Flycasters club dues for 2014, we hope that you will do so. Your dues help to pay for the meeting building rental, program costs, and other costs of operating our club. As you know, we strive to provide meetings and programs of interest to all people.

Remember that only current members will receive the SFC Newsletter and have access to SFC-Fish.

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 monthly meeting, or mail to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

Thanks for your support of the club.

March Outing to the Crooked River Saturday March 15



On March 15, we will fish the Crooked River South of Prineville. You can camp there or just drive over for the day. If you have questions, contact Howard Palmer at (503)507-8003 or email to hpalmer176@gmail.com.

To get there, drive East on Highway 22 to Sisters, veer left onto Highway 126 just past Sisters and go through Redmond to Prineville, turn right in Prineville at the Bowman Dam sign, and drive about 18 miles to the fishing area.

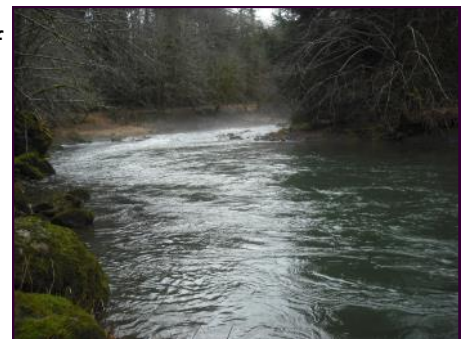
There are several campgrounds in the area, but we plan to camp at Cobble Rock Campground.

Recommended gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line, small (size 16-20) nymphs (pheasant tail, hare's ear, midge pupae, scuds, egg, etc.), and size 16-18 Adams, Griffith's Gnat, BWO Emerger, etc. for the Midge and Blue Wing Olive hatches that hopefully will happen in the afternoon. We have heard that, if you are not catching fish on this area of the Crooked, switch to a smaller fly!

The club will provide spaghetti at the Cobble Rock campground at noon, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

March (Informal) Outing to the Nestucca River Saturday March 22

On March 22, we plan to try our luck for steelhead on the upper Nestucca River. If you want to carpool, we will leave the West Salem Safeway parking lot at 7:00 a.m.



To get to the fishing area, drive Highway 22 West, merge onto Highway 18 West near Willamina, turn right onto the Highway 22/Three Rivers Highway at Valley Junction or Grand Ronde, turn right onto Highway 101 at Hebo, and right again onto the Nestucca River Road at Beaver. We will be fishing the area from Blaine up to Elk Creek.

Recommended gear is 7-8 weight rods with floating line, egg or similar flies for drifting, your favorite steelhead fly if you plan to swing it, and indicators and split shot for drifting.

If you have questions, contact Ken Karnosh at kenkarnosh@gmail.com or call him at (503) 588-2523.

This is an informal outing, so the club will not provide any lunch.

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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 SFC Outings Yet to Come

Mar 15 — Crooked River

Mar 22 — Nestucca River

Apr 26 — Haystack Reservoir

May 3 — Metolius River

May 17 — Wickiup Reservoir/South Twin Lake

Jun 7 — Trail Bridge Reservoir*

Jun 21 — Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

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.

Outing Report—February 22 at Olalla Lake

Because the river was still too high to fish, we cancelled our outing to the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Instead, we fished Olalla Reservoir near Toledo.

It was an absolutely beautiful day to be on the water and 7 of us enjoyed our lunch in the sun at a picnic table at the lake.

Although Larry caught the prize fish of the day and we had a few other bites, the fish seemed to also be off somewhere else enjoying the day! We didn't hear of any other fish being caught by the gear and bait fishers, even though ODFW apparently had stocked the lake recently.

Annual Auction: A Big Success

Thanks to all for making this year's auction such a big success. We raised in excess of \$4,700 for the club, which is a record. We had 75+ eager bidders (another club record) show up for the auction and the delicious spaghetti dinner.

Special thanks to the contributors of items for the auction, including the following businesses:

- Caddis Fly Shop, Eugene
- Creekside Flyfishing, Salem
- En La Mosca Adventures, San Diego, CA
- Far Bank Enterprises (i.e. Sage, Reddington, Rio)
- Hareline Dubbing, Monroe
- International Federation of Fly Fishers
- The Fly Fishing Shop, Welches
- Two Rivers Fly Shop, Albany
- Wholesale Sports, Salem

Whenever possible, please patronize these businesses.

Thanks also to our members, for their generous support of the auction and the club, both in terms of their hard work, donated auction items and high bids.

**Pictures from
The February
Auction
& Dinner**



**From the President
By Howard Palmer**

Thanks to everyone that worked to make this year's auction a rousing success. Special thanks to Tim Johnson, for all his hard work in organizing it. His diligence provided a great many very nice items for our bidding pleasure, and, once again his efforts have resulted in a very nice increase to our checking account balance. Many thanks also to all those who stepped forward to bid on the items that he was able to procure.

Personally, I can't wait to get out on the water with my new oversized rod and throw the undersized flies I bought. And, the painting goes perfect on the wall of my newly redecorated "man cave".

I also want to thank Tim's wife, Carol, for providing the wonderful sauce for our spaghetti dinner, and to all who helped out in the kitchen. Special thanks also go to Dwight Klemin for his superb job as auctioneer, and to everyone who helped out with the silent auction. It was a great and fun evening.

We have two outings on the calendar for March. Our first will be an overnigher to the Crooked River the weekend of the 15th. This blue ribbon fishery flows through a massive basalt canyon south of the city of Prineville. It offers great populations of both red band trout, and whitefish; where an almost guaranteed



catch, awaits us. I have agreed to be the outing keeper for this trip, and plan on traveling to the river to secure a camp site on Friday (Mar 14). We will be staying at *Cobble Rock Campground*, where the club will be providing the noon meal of leftover spaghetti for your dining pleasure. We will plan on eating at 11:30. Useful flies for the Crooked include scuds, bead head nymphs, and midge patterns in sizes 16, 18, 20 (or smaller, if you can figure out how to tie them on your line).

Our second outing is scheduled for the following weekend (March 22) and will be a day trip to the Nestucca River in search of Winter Steelhead. Ken Karnosh has agreed to head this one up, so look for his article outlining the details. We will also be sending out a reminder the week before.

Other trips are only an invitation away.

Tight Lines

Howard



NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo

Remember the NW Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany on March 7, 8, and 9.

About 70 tyers will be demonstrating fly tying at all times, plus there are a number of classes on fly tying, fishing, and casting as well as many vendor booths.

Check out the Expo and sign up for classes on their website. By the way, our club will be running the silent auction so please check that out as well.

See you there.

Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

A MAN CAVE is a Sacred Thing

My wife and I moved to Salem Towne in September of 2003. She really wanted a three bedroom house in order to provide a guest room; and his and hers hobby rooms. We settled on a lovely two bedroom instead, and devoted the smaller of the two as a kind of do everything type guest room-hobby room-office.

About six years ago, I learned to tie flies, and was promptly reminded of the guy who centuries ago declared that *"a gas will expand to fill a given space"* or words to that effect. Folks, I am here to tell you that hooks, fur, and feathers will do exactly the same thing. What began as a single Plano tackle box full with *"everything I would ever need"* has evolved into a desk, a work table, one storage locker, and three seven drawer roll around cabinets; which now take up about 75% of the room. This does not count my "library" or the two boxes of "stuff" in the closet.

Allowing my wife to store her sewing machine there was probably a big mistake (although I really didn't have any say in the matter), and now she thinks it's her "sewing room". (*Silly girl, we both know better, but she humors me*).

Last week, while deeply engrossed in creating one of my little works of art, she walked in and says: *"I want to paint this room"*. I know right off that this is not going to be an item of discussion, and being the astute individual that I am; found my old jeans, and went to work. Now folks, I ain't stupid, and I know full well that my concept of what my "Man Cave" should look like has nothing to do with the reality that this sucker is gonna look just like a sewing room with fly tying equipment in it when I get done.

It took us four days to "get 'er done," and I must admit that we did a really good job. The walls are a beautiful grayish-blue, and the painting I purchased at the auction has become the center piece of a great-looking, re-decorated, and reorganized "MAN CAVE". (*Just make sure you are standing in front of the sewing machine as you admire the results*)

Tight Lines

Howard

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

March Trout Fly of the Month— by Jim Ferguson “The Pupil”



This pattern is one presented by Frank Johnson in his class on tying with CDC. If you ever have a chance to take his class at any of the expos or at the FFF Fair, I urge you to sign up for it.

Hook: Use a wet fly/nymph hook: Wapsi Lightning Strike NW-1, Dai Riki 075 or 070, Tiemco 3769. Size 16, 18. This fly is imitating the emerger, stillborn, or cripple status of a caddis hatch. Use the local hatch colors to determine the body and wing color.

Thread: Olive dun 8/0

Tail/Shuck: Golden yellow antron yarn. Frank uses 17 strands for a size 18. Try not to tie down the antron past the position above the hook point.

Body: Superfine dubbing, Blue Wing Olive, sparse is great

Wing: In Frank's words, "Select a medium size CDC feather of high quality and mount it with the tips pointing toward the bend of the hook. Secure this with only a couple of wraps of thread and adjust the length of the wing by pulling the feather forward under the thread wraps. The length of the finished wing should be no longer than to the bend of the hook - or shorter..... do not put a long fluffy wing on this fly." Whip finish the fly head

March Steelhead Fly of the Month— by Jim Ferguson “Gorham’s Bead Head Egg”



- Hook:** Curved egg pattern hook, heavy wire, down eye, Size #6
- Bead:** Silver bead. You can use fine wire (lead or non-lead) to fill space inside bead. This will even add a little more weight. Just be aware, too large of a bead closes off the hook gape and reduces hooking ability. Some of these hooks have a slight bend at the hook bend that allows the point and barb to veer away from the normal plane of the hook shank.
- Thread:** Fluorescent green, then switch to fluorescent red after tag is formed.
- Tag:** Fluorescent green floss or thread. Taper the tag so it gets larger in diameter as you go to the front. Tie the tag down, well into, the bend. The tag should end above or slightly in front of the hook point position on the shank. Coat floss with head cement or cured epoxy. Switch to fluorescent red or fuchsia thread
- Body:** Fluorescent Shell Pink chenille. Use the small size. Prepare the end of the chenille by stripping away fibers to reveal the core. Tie down the core, take thread forward, and then wrap the chenille to form a small ball.
- Body Veil:** Egg milt fibers. It comes in layers in the package so you can form it around the shank as you tie it down. Have half of its length veil the body and the other half extend over the front of the fly. Tie it down right behind the bead and then stroke the fuzzy layer back over the body. This material represents the thin white film sack or milt covering the egg. Take one or two turns in front to secure veiling, whip finish and cement the head. Be sure eye is cleaned out before putting aside to dry.



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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 _____