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Two Great Outing Opportunities in May!

McKenzie River Outing

On May 7, we will float and fish the Deerhorn-Hendricks section of the McKenzie River. Unless things change, the river is a good level and it should be a good trip. Both drift boats and pontoon boats work great for this.

We will gather at Hendricks County Park at 8:30 a.m. To get there, drive south on I-5, turn onto Highway 126 at Exit 194A in Eugene, and drive about 11 miles east (including making a left turn at the second traffic signal about 6 miles in) to Hendricks Park just north of the bridge over the river. There is a \$4 fee to park there. Here is a link to the Hendricks Park website

http://www.lanecounty.org/departments/pw/parks/pages/hendricks_old.aspx

We will consolidate our boats at Hendricks, shuttle the boats upriver to Deerhorn Park, shuttle the vehicles back to Hendricks, and drive one vehicle back up to Deerhorn.

Suggested equipment is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. We hope to find hatches of March Browns, so flies should include soft hackles and emergers for them as well as normal nymphs and dries. If you will be using a pontoon boat, I suggest bringing your fins. Since you can float and fish several areas, the fins are very handy if you happen to hook a fish then.

Bring your lunch since the club will not provide any food.

May 14-Yakima River Trip

If you plan to fish the Yakima River on the May 14 weekend, hopefully you attended the info session at our last meeting. If not, here is a thumbnail sketch.

Frank Flux, telephone 503-530-9695, will camp at the Ellensburg KOA Campground at 32 S. Thorp Highway. Make reservations at 800-562-7616. Meet at Frank's campsite at 5 p.m. on Thursday to fish Friday and/or Saturday and/or Sunday if you wish.

Useful flies include Lightning Bugs, WD-40, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Soft Hackles, and Stoneflies. Dries include Skwalas or Mayflies.

You can float sections of the river or, I understand, there is adequate access to the river as well. Should be fun!

Board Meeting

Monday May 9
7:00 PM

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

Casting Clinic

Thursday May 12
6:15 pm

On the Lawn

General Meeting

Thursday May 12
7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

May Outing

Saturday May 7

McKenzie River

Saturday May 14

Yakima River

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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.

April Outing Report—Willamette River

By Tim Johnson

On April 23, around a dozen club members had a very pleasant and productive outing, floating the Willamette from Marshall Island to Harrisburg. The water level was 3.9 feet which is a little high for fishing this section of the river. Fortunately, Lee Erickson offered to take me in his drift boat, which is a great way to fish the river under these conditions. Thanks Lee. The



river was running pretty fast. However we still caught fish, and everyone else I talked to said they also caught fish. I used a floating line with a tungsten beadhead possie bugger (size 10) and a trailing partridge orange soft-hackle fly (size 14). This has become my go to searching combo in many waters. Dead drifting, then swinging and stripping this combo through a feeding lane is an effective way to entice fish to strike. On this outing, I landed 11, including some native redband rainbow and coastal cutthroat trout. The largest was 14" -- a very colorful rainbow (pictured). I saw much bigger fish feeding at the surface but couldn't hook them. Mostly what we caught were fin-clipped steelhead/salmon smolts, some showing parr marks. I can't wait for the river level to drop another foot or so for a return trip. It's a great local place to find native trout.

Swap Meet at June 9 Meeting

As we have done the past couple of years, we will have a swap meet, along with other activities, at our June 9 meeting. This is an opportunity for members to sell some somewhat loved items so others can create additional memories with them!

Look through your gear to see if you have any items to include in the swap meet. We'll have additional information in the June newsletter. We do ask that the seller donate 10% of the sales to the club.

Custom Nets by Ron Henderson



Ron is currently building nets in three sizes and various handle lengths featuring "ghost" type mesh bags and ash wood laminated with oak and/or walnut for the bow. Prices range from \$99 (small) —\$169 (extra large) with a portion of the proceeds going to the Club. These nets are as useful as they are beautiful.

For more information contact Ron Ibofh@comcast.net or 503-991-5210

Welcome These New Members

Gary Schnabel, Salem

Tim Keller, Keizer

This brings the number of new members this year to 16!

Casting Clinic

Now that Daylight Savings time is here, the Casting Clinic returns!

Bring your rod and join us before the meeting starts at 6:15 pm for instruction and practice with FFF certified casters.

Watch your inbox for information on May's program.

Free Fishing-Wizard Falls Hatchery

Have you ever wanted to catch some of those pretty big fish in the holding pond at Wizard Falls Hatchery on the Metolius River? Well, here is your chance!!

On June 4, ODFW and others will host a free fishing day at Wizard Falls Hatchery and they need some help with education booths, games, and parking. The event runs from 9:00 to noon for 200-600 kids. Afterward, they provide a BBQ lunch to the volunteers and then you can fish the pond.

If you are interested in helping, contact Ken at kenkarnosh@gmail.com by June 12 unless you have already responded to ODFW about it. We can carpool if you wish.

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 santiam-flycasters@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.

Scheduled SFC Club Outings 2016

Get out your planning calendar and take these opportunities to fish with the fine folk from Santiam Flycasters. Information on each outing will be found in the newsletter and through the SFC website the month prior. (Note date change for the May Outing to the McKenzie)

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| • <i>May 7</i> <i>McKenzie River</i>
<i>(Walterville)</i> | • <i>Aug. 27</i> <i>Little Nestucca</i>
<i>River</i> |
| • <i>May 14</i> <i>Yakima River</i> | • <i>Sep. 10</i> <i>Hosmer Lake</i> |
| • <i>June 11</i> <i>Trail Bridge</i>
<i>Reservoir</i> | • <i>Sep.24</i> <i>Willamette River</i>
<i>(Harrisburg)</i> |
| • <i>June 25</i> <i>Deschutes River</i>
<i>(Trout Creek)</i> | • <i>Oct. 8</i> <i>Crooked River</i> |
| • <i>July 9</i> <i>East Lake</i> | • <i>Oct. 22</i> <i>Deschutes River</i>
<i>(Trout Creek)</i> |
| • <i>July 23</i> <i>Willamette River</i>
<i>(Keizer)</i> | <i>November None scheduled</i> |
| • <i>Aug. 13</i> <i>Umpqua River</i> | <i>December None scheduled</i> |

Fly of the Month: TF's Spotted Sedge

By Jim Ferguson



Hook: TMC 2457, #14 & #16, or equivalent
Thread: Tan UTC 70 or Tan 8/0 Unit-Thread
Shuck: Light dun Z-Lon
Rib: Medium gold UTC Ultra wire
Body: A mix of $\frac{3}{4}$ Caddis Ginger Wapsi Life Cycle and $\frac{1}{4}$ olive Hareline hare's ear dubbings
Wing: Tan, medium coastal deer body hair

This pattern appeared in the American Angler (May/June 2016) as an imitation for the spotted sedge found in the East and Midwest fisheries. The colors I blended were a slightly darker ginger and a light olive Hareline caddis dubbing. Variations could even use Hairlines McKenzie River green for an early season caddis imitation. This is an emerging pattern meant to be floated by the deer hair wing and head but with the body and shuck down into the film. The picture above shows the attitude of how you hope to get the fly to ride in the water. The hook used is pretty stout and the medium wire adds weight to pull the body down into the water film. The wing on this version is a little longer than the one demo tied in the magazine.

Step-By-Step Tying Directions

1. Mount the de-barbed hook in the vise (Fig 1), attach the thread with a jam knot about a hook eye length behind the eye of the hook (Fig 2). Wrap the thread down the shank about 3 or 4 turns and let the bobbin hang.



Fig 1



Fig 2

2. Select the shuck material you will use. Tease out some of the fibers; you don't want this to be overly thick. Attach the shuck material to the top of the hook shank and bind it down as you wrap the tying thread to the rear. A line from the point of the hook and the final tie down position of the hook should make about a 45 degree angle. This is not a scud. Do not carry the shuck too far back into the bend. Bring the thread forward to the mid-point of the hook shank (Fig 3).



Fig 3

3. Trim the waste at the front of the tie in position for the shuck material. You can trim the shuck to slightly longer than the hook. Remember, the fly comes out of the shuck so the shuck would be a little longer than the emerging fly (Fig 4). Rather than blunt cutting the shuck, you might try to stagger cut it. You may want to wait until the final step before cutting.



Fig 4

4. Wrap your tying thread forward a few turns and attach the wire rib material on top of the hook shank as in Fig 5. This is a pretty robust rib for this size of hook. The purpose is to get the body to break into the surface film and pull the body under the

surface so the wing can lay level on the water surface. I tie the rib on the top of the shank to keep from decreasing the hook gape.



Fig 5

5. Spin a small amount of dubbing onto the tying thread and wrap a dubbed body forward to about an eye length behind the hook eye (Fig 6). Wrap the rib forward forming 4 or 5 ribs. Tie off the rib on the bottom and while holding the tying thread taught, worry off the metal rib waste by using the helicopter motion rather than cutting the wire with scissors. If a metal end sticks out, use your finger nail or back of a tweezers to push the sharp edge down (Fig 7).



Fig 6



Fig 7

6. Select, stack, and pre-glue the deer body hair to be used for the wing. Since there is no hackle on this fly, the body and rib appears to crowd the head a little. By tying off the rib on the bottom, there is a softer platform to tie on the wing. This pattern will use a high wing set profile. Make a few wraps with the bobbin be sure there is a thread base up to the back of the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to about a hook eye length behind the eye. With your thumb and middle finger holding the wing material, place the hair bunch over the tie in position and make a soft loop over the hair and bring the thread under the shank and up and over to make a second soft loop. Tighten the hair by pulling upwards on the bobbin. This should keep the hair bunch from rotating. While holding the hair in place, make several wraps like you would for an elk hair caddis head. When the hair is held tightly, pull up the waste ends and make several wraps under the waste and directly behind the hook eye. Whip finish a head under the wing waste directly behind the hook eye (Fig 8). Apply head cement to the thread wraps.



Fig 8



Fig 9

Hold the wing waste material ends together and trim the waste ends so you form a head with the butt ends (Fig 9). A finger nail pushed down at the wing tie in position could help in flaring the wings a little. Using you finger nail or needle bodkin, push the butt stubs up and back towards the wing to make the head appear a little more rounded in shape (Fig 10). Fig 11 shows how you hope it rides in the water.



Fig 10



Fig 11



2016 Membership Application

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www.santiamflycasters.com

Type of Membership (circle one): Regular \$25, Family \$30

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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Family Members _____

Please tell us why you want to be 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 about fishing in the area, other (please specify):

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

Are you interested in obtaining a Santiam Flycasters name tag? (circle one): Yes, No

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st. for new members.

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 waving 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



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