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April 2018

April Program — Thursday April 12

How and Where to Fish Central Oregon's Top Fly Waters

With Scott Cook



Scott Cook, owner and guide of Fly & Field Outfitters in Bend, Oregon, will be presenting this month on Central Oregon's top fly waters.

Growing up in a fly fishing family Scott's first exposure to fly fishing in Central Oregon was in the early 1980's. It did not take long before Scott became addicted to the callings becoming a renowned enthusiast for many of Central Oregon waters. He

began his career in the fly fishing industry during the summer of 1998 and is currently the owner of Fly & Field Outfitters in Bend, which provides everything you need to fly fish Central Oregon along with a first class guiding service for all rivers and lakes of Central Oregon.

For more on Scott check out www.flyandfield.com/staff/scott-cook.

This could be your last newsletter! Don't miss out on the benefits provided as a member of the Santiam Flycasters.

- ➔ You can renew your membership by
 - ➔ Completing the membership renewal form and submit with payment at the April meeting.
 - ➔ Mailing the completed membership form at the end of this newsletter with payment to Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691. Salem, OR 97308
- Note: the form is also available from the Santiam Flycasters website (www.santiamflycasters.com)
- Questions about the status of your membership?
- Email santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

Board Meeting

Monday April 9

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday April 12—7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday April 18

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

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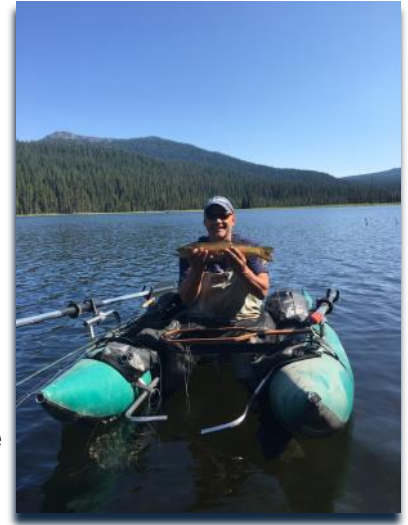
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Board Members Wanted

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.

**President's Corner
By Ricky Love**

The weather is starting to improve as spring is upon us. That means fishing conditions will also improve and now is the time to get out to some of your favorite ponds, lakes, and reservoirs. The fishing in these types of waters are generally very good in April and May as the water temperatures rise and fish become more active. If you can't make it to the club outings I hope you find time to get out and enjoy fly fishing and the vast opportunities in Oregon.



In order to prepare you for this year's fly fishing outings, we will start teaching basic fly fishing skills an hour before the start of our general member meetings beginning this month (April 12). Come at 6pm and learn some basic skills that will assist you in becoming a better fly fisher. We want you to tell us what skills you want us to teach during these one-hour sessions.

Our meeting in June is dedicated to teaching several skills to our newcomers, novices, and even experienced members that need to brush up on some skills, however, we can get an early start beginning in April so please provide us input no later than April 8 so we can coordinate with our experienced members to provide the training.

Provide input via email, in person, or call me on my cell phone at (253) 320-5699. If we don't receive input the board members will determine what skills are taught – We prefer you to tell us what you want. We will send out an email on April 10th letting you know what skills we will teach prior to the meeting on April 12th.

We hope to see you at the next meeting and our next outing on the McKenzie River (April 21st).

Lastly, we are still looking for a few more board members. If you are interested please let one of the current board members know.

“Pass it On”

Deschutes River Outing Report ***By Ken Karnosh***

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.



On April 24, seven of us floated and fished the Deschutes from Pinetree to Beavertail Campground. We enjoyed a partly cloudy day on the river but accompanied by a cool breeze. We had some rain on both evenings.

At the campground, about 15 sheep were out on various parts of the opposite hillside in both mornings and evenings. A variety of birdlife almost filled Tim's quota for birding, including bald and golden eagles.

Oh, yeah, we had a great hamburger dinner and, yes, we did land some fish, although some of us would have liked to catch a few more. Ron had the high score with 9 on Saturday. Seems like the best success was to fish your flies right along the bottom.



McKenzie River Outing—April 21

On April 21, we will float and fish the McKenzie River from Hendricks Park to Hayden Bridge, a distance of about 8 miles. A pontoon or drift boat is needed for this trip.



We will meet at the Hayden Bridge boat ramp parking area in Springfield at 8:00 a.m. To get there, drive I-5 south, take Exit 194A to go east on OR126E for 4 miles, exit on the 42nd/Marcola exit, turn left onto 42nd for 0.5 miles, turn right onto Marcola for 0.4 miles, and turn left onto Hayden Bridge Road, and the parking area is on the right side of the road. You may need to pay a \$4 parking fee. We will combine our boats and shuttle up to Hendricks Park.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Our target fly is the March Brown mayfly, so bring soft hackles (including Dell's Fly of the Month from the March newsletter) and emergers or adults. Golden stoneflies and Yellow Sallies could be there, as well as caddis nymphs (green rockworms), and midge pupa are always there.



The club will not provide a meal, so bring your lunch as well as your personal flotation device.

June 9 Youth Outdoor Day

On June 9, we will again be helping kids learn to tie Woolly Buggers at Youth Outdoor Day at E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area. Up to 750 kids will participate in this wonderful event and many will want to tie a Woolly Bugger!

We will need about 10 volunteers to help with this activity. If you are able to help, please sign up with Ken at our next meeting or send him an e-mail at kenkarnosh@gmail.com. In addition to lots of gratitude, you will receive lunch and a Youth Outdoor Day T-shirt.

Hope you can help with this fun event.

Change of Date for Metolius Outing

Due to a conflict with Youth Outdoor Day, we have changed the date of the Metolius outing from June 9 to June 16. Please mark your calendar with this change.

Howard Palmer will be the sponsor of that outing, so please contact him with any questions that you may have.

Plan Your Fishing, Fish Your Plan 2018 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

- Apr. 21 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)
- May 5 — Haystack Reservoir
- May 19 — Davis Lake
- Jun. 16 — Metolius River
- Jun. 30 — East Lake
- Jul. 14 — Willamette River (Marshall Island to Harrisburg)
- Jul. 25 — Three Creek Lake
- Aug. 11 — Willamette River (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry)
- Aug. 25 — Little Nestucca River
- Sep. 8 — Hosmer Lake
- Sep. 15 — Umpqua River (Elkton)
- Sep. 29 — Owyhee River
- Oct. 13 — Crooked River
- Oct. 27 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)
- Nov. 10 — Detroit Lake
- Nov. 17 — Devil's Lake

Fly Tying Group Wednesday April 18

We will meet on the Wednesday after our March club meeting at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem April 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Come join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing. Enjoy some tasty food or a beverage, if you wish, as well.

We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie, if you wish, or each person can tie a pattern of their choice. It's very laid back and it is for all levels of tying ability.

If you have questions, contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone at (541) 990-3964.

Hope to see you there.

Fly of the Month Schlenker's Boatman

By Jim Ferguson



The Boatman is a very popular fly pattern for Northwest Canadian stillwaters. This is a pattern designed by Brent Schlenker.

Hook:	Standard Dry fly, Size 10 - 12
Thread:	Dark Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Underbelly:	Pearl Crystal Flash, 3 - 8 strands
Shellback:	Wapsi Thin Skin, Mottled Oak
Body:	Dubbed Seal Fur or Seal Sub (tan or brown)
Legs:	Brown or Tan Goose Biots

Step-by-step directions

1. Place a de-barbed hook in the vise. (Fig. 1)
2. Attach the tying thread about 1 eye length behind the eye and wrap a thread base to the rear. The thread base can be spiraled since the body is going to be dubbed. (Fig. 2)
3. Re-locate the hook in the vise as in Fig. 3.

4. Continue to wrap the thread base around the bend of the hook as in Fig. 4.
5. Rotate the hook as in Fig. 5 and tie in 3 to 8 strands of Pearl Crystal Flash so it will be under the hook shank. (Fig 5)
6. Cut a 3/16" strip of Thin Skin and trim one end as in Fig. 6. Thin Skin has a shiny side against the backing. Peel the Thin Skin from the backing as in Fig. 7. Tie in the Thin Skin dull side up. (Fig. 8)
7. Re-position the hook to the normal position as in Fig. 9.
8. Form a dubbing loop and dub the Seal Fur onto the rear of the hook (Fig. 10). Stop just shy of the half way position on the shank (Fig 11). Keep in mind the final shape of the body should be close to a football shape. Trim the long fur fibers as in Fig. 12.
9. Select a pair of goose biots. Fig. 13
10. Tie in a goose biot on each side of the shank with the inside of the curve towards the body as in Fig. 14, 15, & 16.
11. Dub the front half of the shank using a dubbing loop. Don't crowd the head space. Fig. 17
12. Trim the long fibers from the body (Fig. 18). Pull the Crystal Flash under the body and tie in with 4 to 5 wraps Fig. 18). Pull the Flash back over the top and wrap 4-5 more wraps to hold it secure (Fig. 19). Trim the Flash neatly behind the head (Fig. 20).
13. Pull the Thin Skin forward over the back. The shiny side should be on the top. Tie down the Thin Skin (Fig. 21) for the shellback. Trim the waste and form a large head with the brown thread, whip finish and cement the head (Fig. 22).



Fig. 1

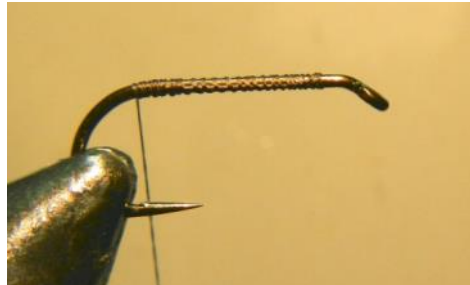


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

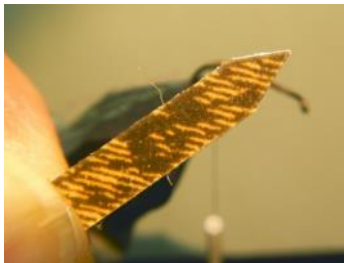


Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

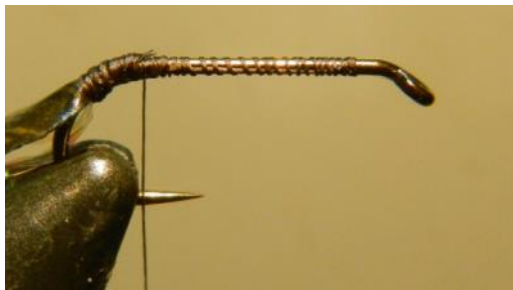


Fig. 9



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14



Fig. 15



Fig. 16



Fig. 17



Fig. 18



Fig. 19



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22



Fig. 23



Fig. 24

Fig. 22 shows a side view, Fig. 23 shows a top view, and Fig. 24 shows a view from the bottom.

The water boatman is an insect that can be fished using a floating or intermediate line. Try to get the fly somewhere near 3-4 feet below the surface. Retrieve the fly with a jerky motion to match the quick jerky movements of the natural insect. The Crystal Flash belly imitates the trapped air bubble carried by the bug while under the water.



Santiam Flycasters

2018 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in flyfishing and have joined together to share their experiences and knowledge of the sport since 1975. The club was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit organization in March of 1977. The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is affiliated with the Fly Fishers International.

The mission of the Santiam Flycasters is to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of every generation now and into the future. Through fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, the Santiam Flycasters can succeed in this mission.

We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)
at the Pringle Park Community Building
606 Church Street at 7:00 pm.
www.santiamflycasters.com

Mail the completed signed form to: *The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308*, or drop it off in person at our next meeting. *Memberships are from January 1st through December 31st. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1st. There is no midyear discount for Life Membership.

Life membership -- \$250 Regular -- \$25 Family -- \$30 Youth--\$10

NAME: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE : _____

EMAIL: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

Are you an FFF Member? Yes No

Are you interested in obtaining an SFC Name Tag? Yes No

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 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