



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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## January Program — Thursday January 11

### Deschutes River Alliance

With Jonah Sandford



Jonah Sandford is the Executive Director and Staff Attorney for the Deschutes River Alliance. The DRA was founded in 2013 by a group of longtime Deschutes River advocates, who had serious concerns about the observed ecological impacts of a new "Selective Water Withdrawal" (SWW) tower at the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Complex. Since the SWW tower began operation in 2010, river users have observed several serious negative ecological changes in the lower Deschutes River. These changes include increased nuisance algae proliferation, warmer spring and summer water

temperatures, and significant changes in aquatic insect diversity and abundance. Together, these new problems have dramatically altered the recreational experiences on the lower Deschutes, a treasured central Oregon fly fishing destination.

On January 11, Jonah will discuss the impacts of SWW operations on the lower Deschutes, and highlight the DRA's ongoing efforts to protect and restore the ecology of this amazing river.

For more information go to [www.deschutesriveralliance.org](http://www.deschutesriveralliance.org).

### Board Meeting

Monday January 8

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

### General Meeting

Thursday January 11

Pringle Community Center

### Fly Tying Group

Wednesday January 17

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

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## Set up your Fishing Schedule for the New Year

### 2018 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 27—Wi-Ne-Ma Lake                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 25 — Three Creek Lake                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 10 — Detroit Lake                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 11 — Willamette River (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar. 24 — Deschutes River (Pinetree to Beavertail)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 25 — Little Nestucca River                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr. 21 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 8 — Hosmer Lake  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 — Haystack Reservoir                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 15 — Umpqua River (Elkton)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 — Davis Lake  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 29 — Owyhee River  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 9 — Metolius River                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 13 — Crooked River                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 30 — East Lake  | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 27 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 14 — Willamette River (Marshall Island to Harrisburg) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 10 — Detroit Lake  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 17 — Devil's Lake  |

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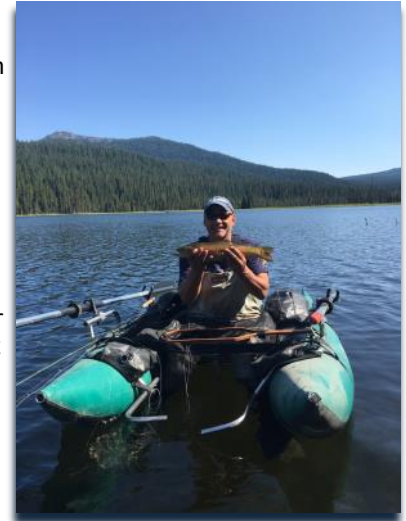
**Kent Toomb**

**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**

I hope all of you and your families enjoyed a Happy Holiday Season and that Santa brought you all the new fly fishing gear you wanted. I am honored and excited to serve as your President for 2018 and look forward to a great year. I've been a member of this club for the past four years and my observations during that time, coupled with encouragement from Ken Karnosh, motivated me to get more active in the club. I discussed some ideas for improving the club with board members and we are all on the same sheet of music on the way forward, however, our most important resource (our members) also get a voice in what we do. Here are some of the areas we want to focus on in order to make the club even better and we will solicit your input at our monthly meetings.



**Pass it on.** Many of our experienced members have so much fishing knowledge and we want to provide opportunities to pass this experience on to members who want to increase their knowledge or are new to fly fishing. This includes using some of our monthly meetings to teach basic fly tying, casting, fly rod/reel/line selection and purposes, basic aquatic insect identification, fly selection (dry versus wet flies), fly fishing knots, etc.

**Fishing Outing Sponsor.** One of the ways we want to increase the participation and overall experience of our outings is to assign an experienced member as a sponsor to a new or inexperienced member during an outing. Fly fishing can be intimidating and overwhelming to an inexperienced member and having a sponsor assist them during outings can be a rewarding experience.

**Increase member involvement in club activities.** One of my observations over the past several years is there is a small core group of members that do everything from being board members, running club meetings, and representing the club at other events such as the NW Fly Tye & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany (March 9-10). Our goal is to get other members to volunteer for these activities to give some relief to those that have carried the heavy load.

**Increase club membership.** I am convinced if we are successful in the three areas listed above that our membership will increase, however I challenge each of you to bring some one new to the club.

The board members and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on our ideas and encourage you to provide us with other ways of improving our club. Together we can make this a great year. We hope to see you at our first outing in a few weeks.

**It's Time to Renew Your Santiam Flycasters Membership**



If you haven't done so already, it's high time you renewed your Santiam Flycasters membership for 2018. Membership expired on December 31. Dues for 2018 remain the same low price of \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. Life memberships can be obtained for a fee of only \$250. Take advantage of this deal while the fee is low.

Use the form on the back of the newsletter to renew your membership, or download the form from the Santiam Flycasters website ([www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)). You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the Thursday, January 11th monthly meeting, or mail it to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

## Fly Fishing Tips, Tricks, and Techniques

“Google” is an amazing fly fishing tool! Search for “fly fishing tips” and see what you can find. Here is a sample. Are these helpful?

- **Remove the Barbs** – It’s a good idea to remove the barb on your hooks (crush them with pliers and re-sharpen) in order to make it easier to remove a hook from a fish. In addition it will be easier to remove a hook from a human if an accident occurs. Accidents like this *can* occur when fly fishing, so make sure to be careful.

- **Invest in Polarized Glasses** – A good pair of polarized glasses will make you a more effective fisherman. Polarized glasses will allow you see through the water and locate potential pockets and pools of fish.

- **Stealth is Important** – Don’t rush down to the shore, make sure to take your time and walk slowly. Fish aren’t blind and they can sense vibrations from both the land and the water. Moving slowly will make fish less likely to scatter when you approach the area you’re going to fish in. You should try to wear clothing that can help you blend into the environment.

- **Watch Your Fly** – You’ll want to examine your fly after every fish you catch and failed hook you set. Make sure the wings aren’t rotated out of place and that the hackle isn’t damaged. You’ll want something on hand to dry/clean-off your artificial fly after you’ve caught a fish.

- **Be Careful When Drifting** – You only really need to drift about 6 to 8 feet, any farther and you’ll have line management problems. One of the main culprits of over drifting is casting too far to begin with. Keep it short and simple until you become more proficient with line management.

[www.fishingtipsdepot.com/fly-fishing-tips/fly-fishing-tips](http://www.fishingtipsdepot.com/fly-fishing-tips/fly-fishing-tips)

## First Club Outing of 2018—Wi-Ne-Ma Lake, Saturday January 27

If you haven’t already done so, check out our list of 2018 outings here in this newsletter or on our website ([www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)). Lots of opportunities!

Our first outing for 2018 is at the lake at Camp Wi-Ne-Ma on the coast north of Neskowin. This lake has a good population of native Cutthroat Trout that have been cooperative the past few years.

To get there, drive west on Highways 22 and 18 and either drive to Highway 101 and turn right or turn right onto the Three Rivers Highway 22 at Valley Junction, turn left onto the Little Nestucca River Highway at Dolph Junction and then left onto Highway 101. The Winema Road turns west off Highway 101 between Mileposts 93 and 94 just north of the viewpoint.

Leroy will have things open around 8:00, with hot coffee available, and will serve lunch around noon for a nominal fee of \$5. If the weather does not cooperate, bring your fly tying gear or we can also practice casting inside.

A floating device provides the best access to the lake, but one can fish from the shore at a couple of spots. Use a light rod with either floating or intermediate line. Woolly buggers and other subsurface flies work well, probably with a bead-head for floating line. Green has been a successful color.



## 2018 Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction Thursday February 8

Make sure to mark your calendar for this important date. The Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction is a win-win for our club. It raises funds necessary for the club to cover costs of speaker fees, Pringle Hall rental fee, outing costs, and other administrative expenses necessary to operate the club. Membership fees alone are not sufficient to cover all of these costs. The auction also benefits club members by providing fishing, camping, and related items at a great value.

We receive some of the auction items from fly fishing equipment manufacturers, retailers, outfitters, and fly shops. However, many of our best items come from our own members in the form of hand-tied flies and fly fishing equipment and camping supplies. So, please consider tying a dozen or so flies for the auction (we will provide the fly boxes). If you have the skills, mounted display flies are popular items at the auction. Also, consider donating one of your surplus fly rods, reels, fly lines, fly tying tools and materials, or camping equipment. Donated items should be clean and in good condition (one fly fisher’s surplus is another’s treasure).

For more information, please contact Tim Johnson, this year’s auction coordinator at [tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com](mailto:tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com) or 503-507-8552.

**Welcome**  
**New Member in**  
**November**  
**Herb Harry**  
**Deadwood, Oregon**

## **Fly Tying Group**



## **Wednesday** **January 17**

We will meet on the Wednesday after our January club meeting at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem November 15 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](mailto:kent.toomb@gmail.com) or by phone at (541) 990-3964.

Hope to see you there.

## **Fly of the Month** **Possie Bugger**

*By Dell Swearingen*



### **Attractor Pattern**

#### **Material List:**

- Hook:** #12-8 Nymph Picture shows a Dai-Riki 730 2X #8.  
**Thread:** 6/0 Black  
**Weight:** .020 Lead Optional 5 turns  
**Tungsten Bead:** Gold (or Black) fit to hook size  
**Tail:** Australian Possum with 1 strand of Pearl Flashabou on each side (Flashabou extends ¼ inch beyond tail)  
**Body:** Squirrel or rabbit dubbing (color of choice.)  
**Rib:** Pearl Flashabou with BR copper wire counter wrapped to bead  
**Hackle:** Partridge feather  
**Collar:** Black UV Ice Dub or Peacock

The Possie Bugger is a popular fly throughout the Northwest and is available in fly shops., but is used in many other areas as well. It can be effective tied in multiple colors from light to dark. For some reason, several of the well-known fly tying books fail to mention this fly. It has performed well on local rivers and stillwater lakes.

**Tying Instructions:** Thread bead on the hook and insert hook in vice. Smash the barb down. Lay down a thread base and add five wraps of non-lead .020 wire behind bead. Secure wire with thread wraps. Continue thread wraps down the hook until parallel to the barb.

Add Australian Possum tail about the length of the hook gap. Place small strip of Pearl Flashabou on either side of the tail and secure in place. This Flashabou should extend ¼ inch beyond the tail. Tie in three-inch strip of Ultra BR size copper wire on the side of the hook and then tie in a three-inch strip of Pearl Flashabou. Allow both wire and Flashabou to hang behind the hook for later use.

Secure a squirrel dubbing noodle around thread and wrap from tail to within 1/8 inch of the bead and tie off. Spiral the Flashabou around the hook in five evenly spaced wraps to the bead and tie off. Counter wrap copper wire in five evenly spaced wraps to the bead and tie off. The wire helps reinforce the dubbing and Flashabou.

Tie Partridge hackle in by the tip, trim off the tip and run scissors down both sides of the stem to loosen the barbs. Fold both sides of feather back and wrap two or three turns toward the bead secure the feather with two turns of thread. Pull the hackle back and force it down with two more wraps of tying thread. Make a small dubbing noodle of black ice dub or peacock hurl, wrap the noodle around the hook pushing the hackle back and filling the 1/8<sup>th</sup> space behind the bead. Whip finish, and trim thread. Add a small amount of head cement and the fly is ready to fish. Fishes similar to a Prince Nymph.



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***NW Fly Tyers & Fly Fishing Expo***  
***March 9 & 10***

Mark your calendars for the NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo on March 9 & 10.

Our club will again be managing the silent auction and we need volunteers to help with that. Volunteers get free admission for a couple of hours of easy help.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the club meeting or e-mail Ken at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com) to volunteer.



**Northwest Fly Tyer  
&  
Fly Fishing Expo**  
[www.nwexpo.com](http://www.nwexpo.com)

**March 9 - 10, 2018**  
**Albany, Oregon**  
**Linn County Expo Center**



# 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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