



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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September 2018

## September Meeting: Fishing the McKenzie River with Bob Spencer of Spencer Outfitters Fishing and Rafting Trips

Spencer Outfitters' owner Bob Spencer has 31 years experience fishing and boating in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. According to Bob: Our company specializes in Fly Fishing, particularly dry fly fishing for native trout. We have hundreds of fly fishing converts each year who come to us as green as green can be, and leave capable of catching fish on the dry fly on any river.



Spencer Outfitters is located in Vida, OR across from the Goodpasture Covered Bridge on the McKenzie River 25 miles from Eugene. Our location gives us the advantage in being on the river and having a major boat landing in our front yard!

We run guided fishing trips on the McKenzie for Trout, Salmon and Steelhead daily March through October. We run guided raft trips May through September on all sections of the McKenzie from Ollalie to Springfield.

We also run Salmon and Steelhead trips on the coastal rivers (Umpqua, Siuslaw, Nestucca, Alsea, and Coos) October through March.

The presentation will cover Fishing Seasons, Fish Species, Floating the McKenzie, Tools of the Trade, Casting Technics, Dry Fly Fishing, and Nymphing. For more information: [www.SpencerOutfitters.com](http://www.SpencerOutfitters.com).



### Board Meeting

Monday Sept. 10

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

### General Meeting

Thursday Sept. 13

6:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

### Fly Tying Group

Wednesday Sept. 19

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

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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**

**Making the Commitment to Attend a Club Outing**

Like many of us in the Santiam Flycasters, you enjoy fly fishing or want to learn more about it. You regularly attend the monthly meetings, however finding the time to attend club outings is often difficult due to other commitments.

This fact is supported by the relatively small number of members attending most outings in relation to the large number of club members.

There are some outings (East Lake) where we had close to 30 attendees. If you truly enjoy fly fishing or want to learn more, my advice is to make the time and commitment to attend our outings. It will be worth your time.



Carl Tiller is one of the members that fits the situation I described above. He loves fly fishing but never found the time to attend a single outing until fellow member Jim Nichols stopped by his house (they live close to each other) the evening before our recent Willamette River Outing, and convinced him to attend the outing the next morning. Carl attended the outing and had a great day. Carl watched our pontoon boats at the "put in" at Keizer

Rapids while the rest of us shuttled vehicles to the "take out" point at Wheatland Ferry. While we were shuttling vehicles, Carl wisely surveyed all of our rods to see what flies we chose to use. He quickly changed his original choice of flies to mirror what he saw on the other rods. This wise move coupled with Tim Johnson's advice during the "huddle" paid big dividends for Carl. Carl not only caught the most fish but also caught the biggest fish of the day (Chris Potter caught some great fish too). Throughout the float Carl commented on how glad he was to finally make a commitment to come. He really enjoyed the outing.

If you have not attended an outing or it has been awhile, make the time and commitment to join us on one of our upcoming outings. If the reason you aren't attending is because you don't have a float tube, pontoon boat, or fly rod and reel then please let us know. The club owns four rods with reels and many of us have extra float tubes and pontoon boats that we would willingly lend you and instruct you how to use them. All you have to do is ask.



In closing, I will steal a quote from one of my favorite golf instructors on the Golf Channel, Martin Hall. Martin always closes his instructional show by saying, "If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're are getting". We hope to see you at an outing real soon.

For Latest News and  
Updates

[santiamflycasters.com](http://santiamflycasters.com)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **September Fly Clinic with Dwight Klemin Single-Hand Spey Casting Clinic September 13 5:30 –7:00 pm on the Pringle Lawn**

Cost \$5 member \$20 non-members - guarantees a spot --- proceeds go the Santiam Fly Casters

Offering a single-hand Spey workshop for the first 5 individuals to sign up.

Requirements: Seasoned caster able to dynamic roll cast and able to Double haul.

8-1/2 or 9 foot rod

5 or 6 weight line with 3X leader

Be early to warm-up

We will cover

Lifts, Repositioning moves, Anchor set, Circle-up, Forward cast and presentations

To sign up, contact:

Dwight "Klem" Klemin (503) 302-9484

Master Certified Instructor

Two-Hand certified Instructor



As you know, our club supports and assists the Salem chapter of Project Healing Waters (PHW). PHW, which started at Walter Reed Military Hospital, is a national organization whose purpose is to use fly fishing activities to help veterans deal with physical and other issues resulting from their military service.

Our chapter holds a monthly fly tying session, which also includes sessions involving other aspects of fly fishing like casting, at the ODFW headquarters. We also hold occasional fishing outings, do an annual rod building session, and participate in regional PHW activities, such as the Two-Fly competition on the Yakima River, fishing at Yamsi Ranch, and fishing on the Nestucca.

Several of us have been involved in these activities, but we can use some periodic extra help, such as being a volunteer to assist a vet on an outing, which means that the volunteer gets to fish as well plus enjoy the food and other amenities. Of course, if you have a drift boat and are willing to provide it occasionally, that also is very appreciated.

Alan Fitzpatrick is the leader of our local chapter, assisted by Jeff Brown. Kent Toomb, Gerry Clark, Ilene Hirsch, and Ken Karnosh have been assisting with PHW activities. If you are interested and able to help occasionally or more with our local PHW activities, please contact any one of these persons.

Thanks so much for helping our veterans who have served our country.

## ***Fly Tying Group Wednesday September 19***

We will meet on Wednesday, September 19 at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem 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. Kent Toomb will demonstrate tying the "Fly of the Month." Each person could also 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.

## ***Little Nestucca River Outing Report By Ken Karnosh***

Well, about 10 of us fished the Little Nestucca for searun cutthroats on August 25. Unfortunately, the fish were feeling pretty cocky, so not very many of them showed up but they beat us anyway!

We did catch a few small cutthroats. Larry also caught two nice ones and Chris added another nice one. The larger fish all had sea lice so had not been around long.

The weather was a bit overcast, which should have been helpful, but the afternoon breeze made us row back downstream.

As Les Johnson says in his book about these fish, sometimes you can catch quite a few and sometimes you just need to enjoy fishing!



Kicking back on the Little Nestucca—August 25 outing.

Thanks, Jim Nichols, for pictures of the Willamette Outing (see the President's Corner) and for this one on the Little Nestucca.

## ***Include these Fly Fishing Opportunities as we head into the fall.***

September 8 — Hosmer Lake

September 15— Umpqua River (Elkton)

September 29 — Owyhee River

October 13 — Crooked River

October 27 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)

November 10 — Detroit Lake

November 17 — Devil's Lake

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## **The Owyhee River By Kent Toomb**



It's a 380 mile drive. Is it worth it? About 6 years ago, a fishing buddy and I thought it would be a nice break from our annual trek to the Bighorn in Montana. Since that first decision, I have found myself on the Owyhee a couple times a year. Back in the 1990's the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife added brown trout to the river and since that time, they have flourished.

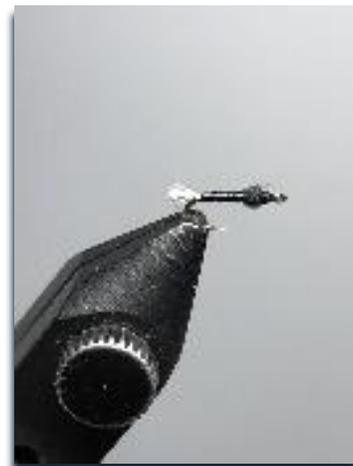
On the first morning of that very first trip, I wasn't on the water more than 5 minutes and hooked up. Brimming with over confidence, I didn't turn another fish the rest of the day. When I got back to camp, the guys I was with shared similar stories. On their way back to camp, they met a guy who shared a fly with them that he referred to as his "go to fly". The fly was a split case PMD. Luckily, I had brought some tying materials. I tried to replicate the fly with what I had and as luck would have it, the fish bought it. The next day had a completely different ending. We fished the split case under a dry fly the rest of the trip.

The following year I ran into a guy on the river, and we started sharing stories and flies. This is when I was introduced to the black thread midge I use. The midges in the morning and after the sun sets are a blast to fish on the Owyhee. Don't be lulled into thinking the small sips are small fish.

For me success has come with using small flies, split case PMD size 22 and black thread midge size 22, and 6x tippet. The river can be crowded but I have found that the fishing has been more than worth the trip.



Split Case PMD



Black Thread Midge

## September Opportunities to “Get Out There” with the Santiam Flycasters

### Hosmer Lake—September 8



Mike with “Hosmer Hog”  
2016

Unless Mother Nature throws us a curve ball again this year, join us on September 8 to fish Hosmer Lake on Century Drive. The lake has rainbow and cut-throat, as well as brook, trout. It probably would be good to reserve a campsite at the south campground.

A floating device is needed to fish Hosmer. The scenery is spectacular and there are some nice sized fish!

To get to Hosmer, you can drive over Highway 22 to Bend and then drive to Hosmer on the Cascade Lakes Highway. A faster drive probably is to drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn left onto the Crescent Cutoff (USFS Road 61), turn left onto USFS Road 46, and drive about 35 miles to the Hosmer Lake Road on the east side of Road 46.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating or intermediate line. Suggested flies include damsels, woolly buggers (including white), callibaetis, and soft hackles. Also, maybe some chironomids if you tire of casting. There may also be a bit of surface action on travelling sedges as well as some caddis in the evening.

Most fishing is in the main lake, but you can also fish the channel and upper lake. If the weather is nice, the canoers and paddleboarders will be out, but they generally use different parts of the main lake than we fish.

The club will provide hamburgers for a Saturday midday meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

### Umpqua River — September 15



On the Water  
Umpqua Outing 2017

On September 15, we will be fishing the Umpqua River to fish for smallmouth bass. A pontoon boat is needed for this 3+ mile float.

We will be meeting at the Elkton City Park at about 8:45, next to the Elkton RV Park, to shuttle upriver. To get there, drive I-5 south past Cottage Grove and take the Highway 38/Drain exit through Drain to Elkton.

You can camp at the Elkton RV Park (reservation suggested) or you can make a long day trip. Join us for breakfast at Tomaselli's at 7:30 or so, if you wish, before we gather to shuttle upriver.

Suggested equipment is a 5-6 weight rod with intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. Flies include woolly bugger, clouser, or similar flies, preferably beadhead or weighted. Bring your fins to position yourself while fishing.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your food, water, sunscreen and PFD.

## ***Split Case PMD*** ***By Kent Toomb***



### **Recipe:**

Hook: Dai-Riki #270 Natural Bend 3xl Size 22

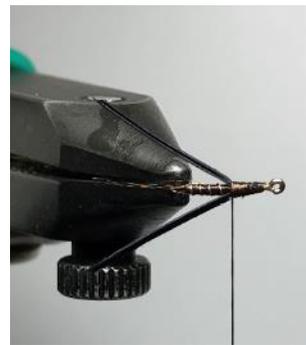
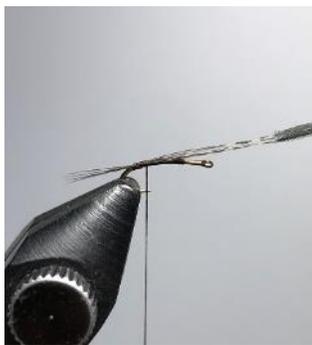
Thread: Uni Dark Brown 70d

Rib: Silver X-Small Ultra Wire

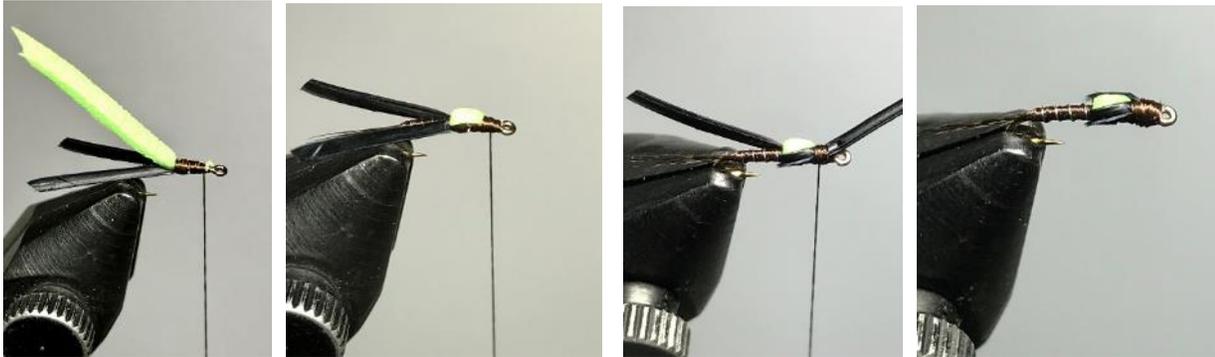
Tail: Medium Pardo Coq DeLeon

Wing Case: Black Goose Biots

Split Case: Chartreuse Foam



Start your thread about a third of the shank behind the eye. Tie in the coq de leon tail with a few wraps of thread. Then tie in the rib and advance the thread forward to the start position building a small taper. Wrap the rib forward with about 5 wraps and then tie off. Now add the biots with the tips pointing towards the eye. I like to trim a little off the tip and then orient the biots so they curve away from the hook.



Trim a small strip of foam and tie it in just behind the eye and tie it back to about 1/3 of the shank. Advance the thread to behind the eye and then pull the foam forward and tie down with a few wraps. Now pull on of the biots forward and over the front of the hook just behind the eye. If you tie several wraps and then pull the biot back and tie a couple of wraps in front and then a couple wraps behind you can grab the biot and pull it back and it will break cleanly. Repeat with the other biot. Whip finish.

This fly is one of my "go to" flies on the Owyhee. The size 22 and the sparseness of this fly matches the size of the PMD's in the river. This fly has worked pretty much year around on the O for me.

Good luck and go fish.



# 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