



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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## January Meeting: Trout Unlimited's Conservation Efforts in Oregon with Kyle Smith



Kyle is the Oregon Field Coordinator for Trout Unlimited. Kyle started fly fishing twenty years ago in Northern California, where his home waters were the McCloud, Fall, and Trinity Rivers. Now a resident of Salem with his wife and son (coming in January 2019), Kyle enjoys fly fishing for salmon on the Oregon Coast and chasing steelhead with single hand and spey rods. When he's not fishing or working to protect Oregon's public lands and waterways, he enjoys waterfowling, big game hunting, and hiking in Oregon's high desert chukar country with a shotgun and his dog Sawyer.

Kyle will present an overview of all that TU is doing in Oregon and how the organization has grown in the state over the past ten years. Kyle's presentation will focus on his work with Trout Unlimited's Sportsmen's Conservation Project working to protect and conserve public lands in some of Oregon's most heralded fisheries. He'll also discuss TU's Wild Steelheaders United campaign and their work to advocate. George Hingston, current SFC Vice President, shares some of the same fly fishing roots as Kyle and states that, as a Trout Unlimited member for many years seen the improvements in river quality brought about by the conservation efforts of TU and like organizations. For more information [tuoregon.org](http://tuoregon.org).

### Set Up Your Fishing Schedule for the New Year

#### 2019 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 26 Winema Lake                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 10 Willamette River<br>(Keizer Rapids to Wheatland)     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 9 Detroit Lake                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24 South Santiam River<br>(Pleasant Valley to Waterloo) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar. 23 Deschutes River*<br>(Pine Tree to Beavertail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 7 Umpqua River  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr. 27 McKenzie River<br>(Hayden to Armitage Park)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 14 Little Nestucca River                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11 Olalla Reservoir                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 28 Diamond Lake*  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 18 Crane Prairie Reservoir                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 5 Crooked River*  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 8 North Santiam River<br>(Stayton to Shelburn)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 19 Deschutes River*<br>(Warm Springs to Trout Creek)    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 29 East Lake*                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 2 Detroit Lake  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 13 Gold Lake*                                    | *Denotes Meal Involved  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 17 Three Creek Lake**                            | ** Wednesday (all other outings are on Saturdays)                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 27 Hosmer Lake*                                  |   |  |

- Board Meeting**  
Monday January 7  
7:00 pm  
Garibaldi Family Restaurant
- General Meeting**  
Thursday January 10  
7:00 pm  
Pringle Community Center
- Fly Tying Group**  
Wednesday January 16

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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**

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe it is 2019 already and I hope you and yours had a Happy Holiday Season. For those that could not make the general meeting and holiday potluck last month, we ended the year with a great evening of awesome food, great friends, and a very informative "wet flies and wet fly fishing" presentation by Dave Hughes. Tim Johnson, club Treasurer/Membership, was the lucky winner of our big raffle for a guided fishing trip for two with Bob Spencer. Thanks again to Howard Palmer who generously donated the trip.



We have a lot of great outings planned for 2019 and I hope you are able to get out and enjoy many of them this year. Remember, several of us have extra pontoon boats, float tubes, etc. and the club owns 4 rods and reels that we will gladly let you use during outings – Don't let the lack of some equipment keep you away from outings.

We want 2019 to be a great year for the club but we need your assistance to make this happen. There are three areas where you can help. (1) **New Board Members.** We need and want some additional board members. If you are interested let us know. (2) **Input on general meetings.** We want your recommendations for guest presenters during our general member meetings and other activities you want during our meetings in 2019. (3) **More volunteers.** We have several events planned for the year where we need volunteers. In particular, if you have a specific skill set in fly fishing and would like to teach our members during a meeting, please let us know. One of the major events for the club each year is the Annual Auction in February. Tim Johnson has led the planning efforts for this event the past 10 years and will plan this year's event in February, however, this will be his last year leading the planning effort. We are looking for someone to take the lead in planning this event for 2020. If you are interested please let us know

We look forward to seeing you at the general meeting and our first outing of the year at Wi-Ne-Ma Lake on January 26. It is a great day trip and outing to start off the year.

## **Improve Your Fly Casting Skills**

Dwight Klemin, Casting Chair for the Club, announces your opportunity to improve your fly casting skills. Each Saturday at 9:30am at Wallace Marine Park on the Gravel Bar will be a session on the new Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skill Challenge: Bronze, Silver, Gold. This workshop will provide club members the needed information and skill to successfully complete the casting skills challenge.

Requirements for the Bronze Skill Challenge are:

- 40' Pick-up/Lay-Down (PULD) with two false casts
- Vertical to Horizontal cast at 40'
- Accuracy at 20' 30' 40'
- Distance of 50'
- Roll Cast 40'
- Non-dominant hand roll cast 40'
- Shoot 5' of line

The objective is to reward your casting skill and improve efficiency on the water. The Challenge verifies your skills as a fly caster and give you recognition of those skills.

Call or text for more information Dwight Klemin 503.302.9484

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 will 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.

## First 2019 Outing-Wi-Ne-Ma Lake, January 26



If you haven't already done so, check out our list of club outings for 2019 here in the newsletter or on our website at [www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com). Lots of opportunities to have some fun as well as to catch some fish!

Our first outing of 2019 is on January 26 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. It is a wonderful way to start a new fishing year!

To get there, drive Highways 22 and 18 and either:

1. Drive on to the Highway 101 intersection and turn right, or
2. Turn right from Highway 18 onto the Three Rivers Highway at Valley Junction, turn left onto the Little Nestucca River Highway at Dolph Junction, and then left onto Highway 101.

The Camp Wi-Ne-Ma 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 a tasty 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 in a couple of spots. Use a light rod with either floating or intermediate line, since the lake is fairly shallow. Woolly buggers and other subsurface flies work well, probably with a beadhead for floating line. Leroy has done quite well with his "redneck" woolly bugger, which is black finished with red thread on the throat.

If you have any questions, contact Leroy at [lshepherd@winema.org](mailto:lshepherd@winema.org) or Ken at [kenkarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:kenkarnosh@gmail.com).

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

If you haven't done so already, it's time to renew your Santiam Flycasters membership for 2019. Dues for 2019 remain the same low price of \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. Life membership can be purchased for a fee of only \$250. Take advantage of this opportunity and you never have to renew your membership again, ever!



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 10th monthly meeting, or mail it to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

## **Welcome New Member**

**Carmen Scherick,  
Chiloquin**

## **Fly Tying Group**

**We will meet on  
Wednesday, January 16  
at Garibaldi's Family  
Mexican Restaurant in  
West Salem from 6:00-  
8:00 pm.**



**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. Each  
person could also tie a  
pattern of their choice.**

**It is very laid back and is  
for all levels of tying  
ability.**

**If you have questions,  
contact Kent Toom at  
[kent.toomb@gmail.com](mailto:kent.toomb@gmail.com)  
or by phone at (541) 990-  
3964**

## **2019 Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction -- Thursday, February 14**

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, renting of Pringle Hall, outing costs, and other operating expenses. Membership fees alone are not enough to cover 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 these items come from our own members in the form of hand tied flies and fly fishing equipment and camping provisions. So, please consider tying a dozen or so flies for the auction (we will provide fly boxes). 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.



## **Lunch Time at Wi-Ne-Ma Lake**

## Project Healing Waters Salem Oregon



Santiam Flycasters started its partnership with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) back in 2009. For those of you that are not familiar with the program, PHWFF is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

The last Tuesday of each month, we meet at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife HQ. Our program teaches participants to tie flies from beginning through advanced skill level. In addition to tying we provide fishing education, build fly rods, teach casting and go on outings.

If you would like to learn more about the program feel free to come to our monthly meeting. You can also contact Kent Toomb at [kent.toomb@gmail.com](mailto:kent.toomb@gmail.com) or call 541-990-3964.

ODFW HQ  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



For More Information [projecthealingwaters.org](http://projecthealingwaters.org).

## Catch and Release

By Ken Karnosh



Maybe I'm getting up on my soap box again--

Most of us practice catch and release with our fishing in hopes that the released fish will be around to give someone else another thrill of the catch. Although we may not do things right every time, here are a couple of things to consider.

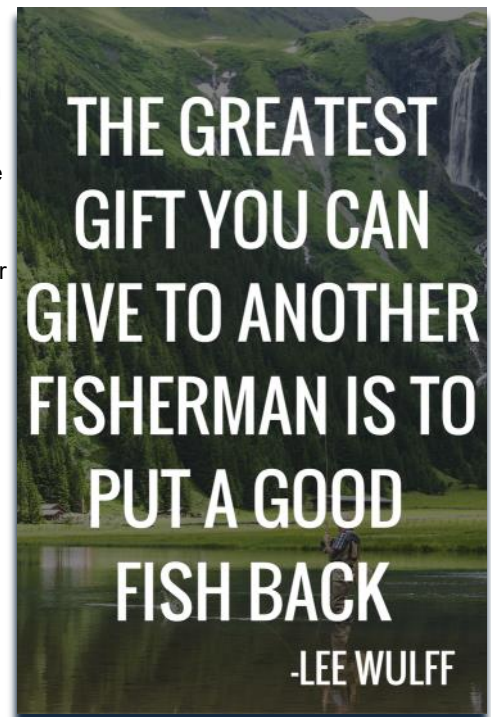
ODFW has long had recommended catch and release methods in its synopsis. Recently, others have published some further recommendations:

The Oregon Fishing Club will soon require the use of rubber mesh nets on its waters, since nylon nets cause more damage to mucus and scales and may increase air exposure for the fish when the hook gets caught in the mesh. Something to consider for all of our fishing as well.

An article by a Trout Unlimited rep in the current issue of Northwest Fly Fishing recommends that trout be subjected to less than a cumulated 10 seconds of air exposure. Although a fish may swim away, apparently unharmed, it may die af-

terward due to a buildup of carbon dioxide due to air exposure. They recommend that one take a fish out of water for only 3 or 4 seconds for any photo op and only after you have allowed it to revive submerged in your net.

As has been said many times, use heavy enough equipment to land a fish quickly, use a net to avoid squeezing it and other injuries and also keep the fish submerged, use forceps or other de-hooking tool to remove the hook, and keep the fish submerged in the net to let it revive before releasing it. Obviously, be sure that you use a barbless or



### HERE IS A GOOD RESOURCE ON "CATCH AND RELEASE"

<https://thecatchandthehatch.com/proper-catch-release/>

1. Watch the Temps — Fish Barbless Hooks
2. Play the Fish Quickly Using Strong Leader/Tippet
3. Keep the Fish in the Water Always
4. Use a Rubber Landing Net & Keep Fish in the Water
5. Creatively & Selectively Take Photos
6. Slowly Revive and Release

## **January 2018 Fly of the Month – Zebra Midge** **By Dell Swearingen**



### **The Zebra Midge:**

**Hook:** 2X-short emerger hook (here a Dai-Riki #125), sizes 16-22, or equivalent.

**Bead:** Black, silver, or clear Tungsten, Brass or Glass bead size to fit hook.

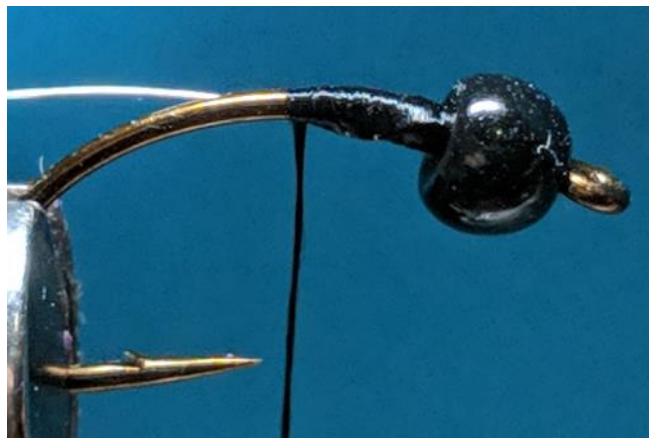
**Thread:** Black, 70 or 210 denier 6/0.

**Rib:** Silver Ultra Wire small.

**Body:** Black tying thread.

**Note:** Try different color beads, threads, and wires, black, red and olive colors are common. A larger hook was used in the picture for demonstration purposes.

Use a barbless hook or pinch the barb down. This makes it easier to get the hook out of fish, fingers and clothing. Slide bead onto hook and insert hook in vise. Make a few thread wraps around the hook in back of the bead, insert wire under the bead and tie it to the hook with thread wraps. Wrap thread around the hook and stop 1/2 way down the curve of the hook.



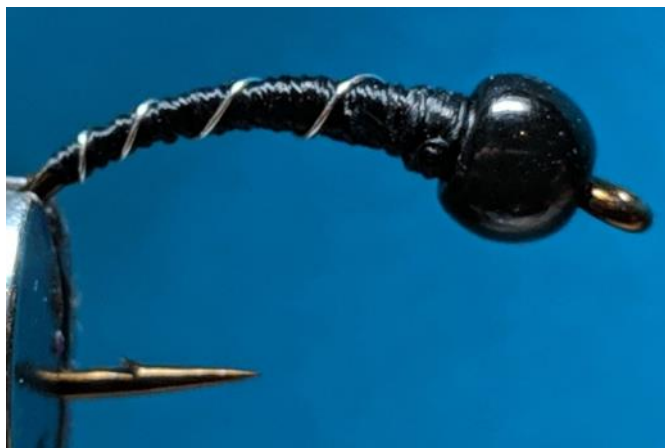
Wrap the thread around the wire securing the wire to the hook shank. Wrap the thread back to the bead.



A tapered body is achieved by wrapping the thread about 1/3 of the shank of the hook and then returning back to the bead. Then wrap the thread about 2/3 the way down the shank and wrap back to the bead. Finally, wrap down to about 1/2 half the bend of the hook and then wrap back to the bead. Actually, the wraps should continue about 1/8" further than pictured.

Use equal spacings to wrap the wire five to eight times around the fly to represent a segmented body. Secure the wire behind the bead and clip or helicopter the wire until the excess is released. Push the loose end of the wire down against the fly body and add three more wraps behind the bead. Some fly tiers cover the thread and wire with UV glue and cure, but others just use it without glue or contact cement.

Whip finish, add head cement behind the bead, cut the thread and the fly is ready to fish.



Attach to the leader using a loop knot to add extra wiggle to the fly. In Stillwater, an indicator is often used to fish the Zebra Midge about a foot off the bottom. Good luck.





# Santiam Flycasters

## 2019 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in fly fishing 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