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November 2019

November Meeting: Oregon's Hidden Trout Gems: Willamette Waters with Michael T. Williams



Michael T. Williams will be here to share his knowledge of some of our nearby waters, focusing on the rivers of the upper Willamette drainage, specifically Salmon Creek, the upper Middle Fork of the Willamette, and the North Fork of the Willamette.

These are Michael's home waters as he is a Eugene native and has been fly fishing these rivers since 1960. Michael is also a professional photographer as well as a nationally recognized fly tying demonstrator and instructor so this shapes up as an instructive and enjoyable evening with some stunning photos and solid information on a few of our closest trout waters.

For more information on Mr. Williams www.mtwilliamsflyfish.com.

Election of 2020 Club Officers/Board

As we have mentioned before, the Board will nominate our club officers and establish our Board for 2020 at its November 11 meeting. We welcome any and all to come and participate in that process.

The Board has added a couple of new members, but we would welcome others that also are willing to help. The Board meets once per month for about an hour and you get to be involved in planning our outings and all of our other activities. Come and help us! And, you'll probably hear a lot of helpful fishing information and advice at those meetings!

At our November 14 club meeting, club members will vote on the Board's nominations. Please come and cast your vote!

Board Meeting

Monday November 11

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday November 14

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday November 20

6:00 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

Annual Club Auction/Catered Meal Decision

Over the past several months, the board deliberated on two important and connected topics.

First, who would take over as the lead planner for the Annual Club Auction in February 2020 and, secondly, should we have a catered meal during the auction.



We considered the input members provided, looked at several potential menus and venues, and discussed numerous options that would achieve our intent for the annual auction, (1) Generate enough funds to sustain our club activities through 2020, (2) Provide an atmosphere that allows all members to enjoy good food and beverages (non-alcoholic), allow time for all to peruse items in the three auctions (silent auction, bucket auction, and live action), and (3) allow all members to be able to participate in the auction and not be burdened with cooking a meal, room setup, etc. The following summarizes our decisions.

Annual Auction Lead. The board decided to establish an Annual Auction Committee that will share the planning, preparation, and execution duties for the auction. Thus far three members expressed interest in being part of this committee. We still need more volunteers to be a part of this committee to ensure it is a successful auction. Let your board officers/members know if you are interested in being part of this important committee.

Catered Meal. We looked at several options to include the Traditional Tortellini meal prepared by our members, having a catered meal, and several other options. After carefully analyzing all potential options, the board decided to have the club buy and serve hors d'oeuvres in lieu of the traditional meal or a catered meal. The club will purchase a variety of hors d'oeuvres (planning number is 60-70 attendees per previous years) to include mini-desserts, coffee, and other non-alcoholic beverages. Members can donate a small amount of money if they wish to cover part of the cost of the food. This option gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy themselves and participate in the auction and ultimately generate a larger net profit than previous years.

I discussed these decisions during the General Meeting last month, but wanted to ensure all members are informed about our decision. Change is usually a good thing and we will assess these changes after the event to determine if they were successful and met our intent. I am looking forward to a very fun and profitable evening for the club and all members. Hope to see you there in February 2020.

For Latest News and Updates

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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 will subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board.

Diamond Lake Outing Report ***By Ken Karnosh***

Several members fished Diamond Lake on September 28. As I understand, the temperature dropped, the rain and snow fell, the wind blew, and the fishing pretty well sucked!

Don and Jerrold fished a few days before the outing and Jerrold caught 2 fish, including the one pictured.

Larry, Ron, and former member Craig and his son fished Friday and Saturday and only averaged about a fish each, while getting blown around.

Don had had very good success earlier in the month, as had Dennis, so maybe we'll try our luck again next year.



Deschutes River Outing Report

Well, Mother Nature played her trump card for our October 19 Deschutes River outing with forecasts of high winds and rain, so we cancelled that excursion.

We may have missed a good thing, if the weather had cooperated. A couple of our members and former members had fished the river in different locations earlier in the month and had reported very good fishing.

Oh, well! Plus, we also missed out on getting those delicious doughnuts at Joe's Donuts in Sandy! Maybe next time.



Crooked River Outing Report by Ricky Love



Sixteen members made the trek to Central Oregon in hopes of catching some “redbands” on the Crooked River. Overall the weather and fishing conditions were favorable although the temperatures dropped significantly each night.

It was a very successful outing as all members were able to net fish on nymphs, dry flies, or both. Kent Toomb and Bob LeClerc were extremely successful and caught the most fish. Kent was Euro Nymphing and Bob used the direct line method – similar to Euro Nymphing. These methods produced more fish than the traditional methods used by other members.

On Friday, I fished using traditional nymphing methods and netted 12 fish. On Saturday, Kent Toomb offered to teach me how to Euro Nymph and I accepted his offer and proceeded to catch about three times more fish than the previous day. I also netted the biggest fish of the outing Euro Nymphing – an 18-inch white fish. If you haven't tried Euro Nymphing you are missing out on a great technique and game changer. A pink Frenchie (euro nymph) in size 16 and 18 was the “go to” fly that netted the most fish for members.

Other successful flies included a Blue Wing Olive Nymph (soft hackle), Zebra Midges, and Blue Wing Olive and Caddis Dry Flies. There were good hatches of BWOs and Caddis flies that members took advantage of in the evenings (size 16-18). Bob LeClerc, Leroy/ Jean Shepherd, and Jeff Smith brought numerous fish to the net on dry flies.

Chef Steve Reynolds cooked up some delicious tri-tip for the club meal and we all enjoyed great camaraderie around a cozy camp fire each night. If you haven't fished the Crooked River yet, I highly recommend it.



November 2 Detroit Lake Outing

On November 2, we will fish Detroit Lake, weather permitting. Some of us have fished it recently and have landed trout up to 14" or better. A floating device will definitely help there.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east and turn right at Mongold Boat Ramp a few miles above Detroit Dam. You will need to have a State Parks pass or purchase one there for \$5. You can launch either at the old ramp to the left or the new ramp to the right.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or sinking line. Flies would include the normal stillwater selection including leeches, woolly buggers, and other attractor patterns, including the color white.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch as well as your PFD.

Ken Karnosh is the outing sponsor, so e-mail him at kenkarnosh@gmail.com if you have a question.



Selection of 2020 Club Outings

At its December 9 meeting, the Board will select our club outings for 2020. As you know, we had about 19 outings this year that included some pretty good fishing and fun.

The Board welcomes any and all of your comments and recommendations in selecting our outings for next year. Please feel free to give your input to any officer or Board member or just plan to attend the December 9 meeting and participate in the process!

Thanks in advance for your input.

The places we've been (or tried to get to in 2019):

Winema Lake, Detroit Lake, Deschutes River, McKenzie River, Olalla Reservoir, Crane Prairie, North Santiam, East Lake, Gold Lake, Three Creek Lake, Hosmer Lake, Willamette River, South Santiam, Umpqua River, Little Nestucca River, Diamond Lake, Crooked River

November 2019 Fly of the Month

By Jim Ferguson

CDC Midge Adult



Originator: Rene Harrop
Hook: TMC 5230, Mustad 94833, sizes 14 – 20
Thread: Black 8/0 prewaxed
Body: Stripped black ostrich herl, or color to match natural
Wing: White CDC feather
Legs: Black CDC feathers
Thorax: Black dubbing

The CDC Midge Adult is presented in Jim Schollmeyer's book, **Hatch Guide For Lakes**.

STEP BY STEP DIRECTIONS:

De-barb the hook if needed. Mount the hook in the vise and attach the thread about a half eye length behind the eye. Wrap a thread base to the rear and bring the thread forward using adjacent wraps as in Figure 1. Flatten the thread as you wrap the base.

Prepare the black ostrich herl by stripping off the fibers. Figure 2 shows a black ostrich herl and several stripped herls. Stripping may cause a thin layer of the stem to peel away with the fibers which will leave the herl stem thinner and easy to break. Take care when wrapping the herl to form the body.

Attach the tip end of the herl to the hook (slightly on the backside) near the front and wrap the thread down to

the rear binding the herl stem to the shank as in Figure 3. Trim the herl waste as in Figure 4.. Take the thread back to the front.

Carefully wrap the herl stem forward using flat side by side wraps. Trim the waste as in Figure 5. You can reinforce the herl by using either a coat of head cement or "Clear Goo" set with a UV light as in Figure 6 . If you use head cement, be sure to let it dry before adding the wing.

Select a stem or two of white CDC feather. Even up the tips and mount the CDC wing on top of the shank as in Figure 7. You can make one wrap under the back of the wing to prop it up a little.

Select a black CDC feather and pull the fibers forward along the stem. This feather will be tied in on the bottom to represent legs. You don't need too many fibers. Mount the black CDC on the bottom of the shank as in Figure 8. Trim the wastes as in Figure 9.

Spin a sparse amount of dubbing onto the tying thread as in Figure 10. Wrap a thorax in front of the wing position as in Figure 11.

Form a small head. I put two sets of three whip finish wraps to form the final head as in Figure 12. Seal the head with head cement. Be sure to clear the eye if needed.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12

Fly Tying Group



We will meet on Wednesday, November 20 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. 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 Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone at (541) 990-3964



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

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