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October 2019

October Meeting: Untangling the Euro Leader With Josh Linn of Royal Treatment Fly Shop



This month we would like to welcome Josh Linn, who will take us through the ins and outs of euro-nymphing. I know that many in the club are trying to adapt some of our older techniques to take advantage of these new strategies and with Josh's help we all should be able to add a little something to our fishing repertoire. Josh has been fishing using the European methods of nymphing for the past ten years.

His presentation is focused on demystifying this modern nymphing approach; including tackle, techniques and tips to being successful.

Josh is a native Oregonian. His father introduced him to fly fishing at a young age. Over the years he has been mentored by a great many anglers and that influence has turned him into a respected angler, guide, and instructor. He has taught hundreds of people to cast and guided many anglers into to their first steelhead.



Josh has spent the better part of the past 20 years chasing steelhead throughout the Pacific Northwest and remote places around the world. During that time he has guided and fished many rivers including the Infamous River X in Alaska, the Deschutes and the Sandy rivers in Oregon as well as more distant locations such as Russia and Los Roques, Venezuela.

Over the past decade Josh has worked with major manufacturers including Rio and G Loomis to develop fly fishing tackle. Recently, Josh held a position at G Loomis as their National Fly Fishing Sales Manager. He currently has a managing role at Royal Treatment Fly Fishing. If you are ever looking for Josh you'll find him in one of two places, the fly shop or on the river chasing steelhead.

Board Meeting

Monday Oct. 7
7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday Oct. 10
7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday Oct 16
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

Where Eagles Dare: The Kathy Harry Story

Fly-fishing normally takes you to locations that provide picturesque scenery, an opportunity to experience a tight line, and on occasion, gets you up close and personal with majestic wildlife. This is a first hand account of one such occasion when Kathy Harry went fly fishing for the very first time.



If you attended the Hosmer Lake Outing in July or the East Lake Outing in September, you likely heard Kathy tell this story. After hearing the story again at East Lake, a few board members and I decided it was time to share it with our members.

In June of this year, Kathy and Herb Harry (SFC members) made a trip to one of their favorite Stillwaters – Walton Lake in the Ochoco National Forest east of Prineville. This trip would be different than previous trips as Kathy would fly fish for the very first time in her life. Herb had taught her the very basics and now she was seated in her pontoon boat and on the lake casting her fly line with nymphs tied securely, in the hopes of landing her first fish.

As she proceeded to cast, Herb shouted instructions from nearby. The fly line hit the water and the sinking line took the nymph below. Kathy started stripping the fly and all of a sudden, “wham” – she had a nice fish on the end of her line. Kathy screamed with excitement and started stripping in her line to bring in her fish. Her retrieving methods weren't exactly text book but were effective as she brought the fish closer to her pontoon boat and within netting distance. She turned her attention to the side of her pontoon boat where the net was attached and fumbled with the net in excitement. Kathy finally secured the net and focused her attention forward and, on the fish, once again.

She kept the line tight and slowly started raising the rod to lift the fish in the net. Without warning she suddenly saw the huge talons of a Bald Eagle seemingly coming right towards her face. She shrieked out loudly as the Bald Eagle swooped down and grabbed her fish. The Eagle took to the air with the fish secured in its talons. Kathy still maintained a tight line but this time with a Bald Eagle providing the tug. She had no idea what to do as the eagle was on the verge of pulling the rod out of her hand. Things were happening very fast and all of a sudden, the fly line fell from the sky and into the lake. Miraculously the barbless hook came out of the fish's mouth – the true example of a long-distance release.

Kathy initially felt bitter sweet about what just happened. She was exhilarated about the up close and personal encounter with an American iconic symbol; however, she also felt this icon had robbed her of her first fish since she technically didn't net it. She sought the opinion of her loving husband Herb who stated, “It doesn't count as a catch since you never netted it.”

That evening the Harrys arrived back in Prineville and within cell phone service. She called me and I heard this amazing story for the first time. At the end of the story she asked if it counted as a catch. I used the power of my prestigious position as President of the Santiam Flycasters, considered the circumstances, and proclaimed it as an official catch – Kathy's first ever.

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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.

This experience hooked Kathy (no pun intended) on fly fishing and she has netted several fish while fly fishing since that day. It's a memory she will never forget, a story she will tell at many more campfires, and finally a great experience that was enabled by the great sport of fly fishing.



November Officer/Board Election



Yes, it will be time again next month to nominate club officers for 2020. Ricky says that he will not serve a 3rd term as President, although he has done a fabulous job!

This is the time to do your campaigning so the Board knows that you want to be a club officer. Or, do some arm-twisting on that person who you would like to be an officer!

Also, we welcome any and all who are able to join our Board to help plan our activities. The monthly Board meeting lasts about an hour. Come join us.

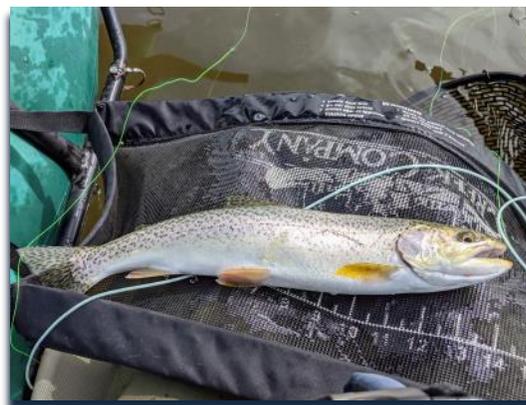
Anyway, the Board will nominate officers for 2020 at its November 11 meeting and the club will vote on those nominations at the November 14 meeting. Remember those important dates.

Little Nestucca Outing Report

Four Santiam Flycasters fished the Little Nestucca for searun cutthroats on September 14. Although conditions were favorable, the searuns weren't really cooperative but some smolts at least provided some action.

Beth went downstream and caught fish under the bridge. She convinced Robin to join her and he caught a nice 12" cutthroat there as well as some smolts.

Matt was able to land the 15" cutthroat in the picture. Larry had a slow start but was able to land several smolts and a 10" cutthroat.



With the recent rains, the searuns probably have headed upriver, so there may be some good action spread out through the lower rivers through October.

East Lake Outing Report by Ricky Love



“Sometimes you get the bear, and sometimes the bear gets you”. This is a phrase that has been around a long time and simply means “you win some you lose some”. On this outing “The Bear” mauled twelve Santiam Flycasters who attempted to catch fish that obviously the bear lay claim to.

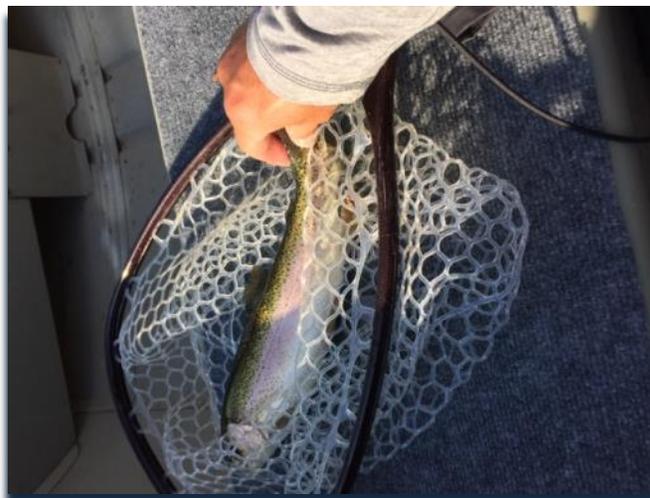
The hot weather over the past few weeks resulted in less than ideal water temperatures and fish that hunkered in the depths of East Lake were inactive and inaccessible for the most part. A few members arrived early on Friday and hit the water with high hopes, but at evening’s end most hope had faded.

Dennis Burnett did manage to land the biggest fish of the outing and one of two rainbows caught that day – a nice 16 incher. Larry Steele also managed to land a 12-inch rainbow and 3 Tui Chubs. On Saturday morning the Santiam Flycasters Armada hit the water with renewed enthusiasm as the weather was pleasant and the lake calm for the most part.

We threw dry flies, nymphs, streamers, chironomids, and even the “Guaranteed” for several hours and the net result was a few small Tui Chubs.

Larry Steele won the perseverance award during this outing as he stayed on the water till dark – many of us had already waved the white flag and retreated to a warm campfire much earlier. Larry was able to catch another 12-inch rainbow in the evening on a Royal Coachman that was gulped subsurface. The other rainbow Larry caught on the previous day was on a streamer similar to a muddler minnow.

On Sunday the weather temps were much cooler and the wind made fishing conditions intolerable. A few brave members tried, but were unsuccessful and quickly retreated back to land.



Although the fishing wasn’t great, the scenery that East Lake provides, and the club gathering at the meal on Saturday afternoon and the camp fire Saturday evening made the trip worthwhile.

Tim grilled some delicious bratwurst and members provided tasty side dishes. All twelve fly fisherman and two lovely spouses (Julie Love and Kathy Harry) spent several hours around the campfire that evening enjoying the company of each other and the many stories told. Bob LeClerc fished in the NW corner of the lake from his motor boat Saturday evening and spotted a black bear on the shore. Bob observed what appeared to be a huge smirk on the bear’s face and a twenty-two-inch German Brown fish in its mouth as the bear strolled away from the lake and up the mountainside. We all agreed that this bear was undoubtedly the culprit responsible for maulings this outing!



October 5 Crooked River Outing



On October 5, we will fish the Crooked River south of Prineville. You can camp at any of the several campgrounds (we will be in Cobble Rock), or you can stay at a motel in Prineville, or you can just make it a long day trip from home.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east to Sisters, turn left onto Highway 126 on the east edge of Sisters and follow it through Redmond to Prineville, turn right (south) at the Bowman Dam (Highway 27) sign in the middle of Prineville, and follow it about 17 miles to Cobble Rock campground.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Nymphs include midge pupa, pheasant tails, and hare's ears, best fished right along the bottom. Dry flies and emergers include blue wing olives, midges, caddis, and PMDs. Soft hackles may also work. Fly sizes are small, often in the 16-20 or smaller range.



Remember your wading staff, since the rocks are uneven and slippery.

Chef Steve will prepare a special entrée for a mid-day meal on Saturday. Bring a small side dish to share, if you wish, as well as your own beverage.

Ricky is the sponsor on this trip, so e-mail him at rickylove20@aol.com if you have a question.

October 19 Deschutes River Outing



We will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek on October 19. If you do not have a pontoon boat or drift boat, there is a lot of fishable water near the campground.

To get to Trout Creek campground, drive to Sandy either on I-5/I-205 through Clackamas and Boring or through Woodburn/Molalla/Estacada, drive Highway 26 east over Mount Hood and through Warm Springs, turn left onto Gumwood or Columbia at the top of the hill, turn and drive north about 3 miles to Juniper Lane, turn east and follow it to the community of Gateway, turn left near the railroad onto the road to Trout Creek, and follow it about 6 miles to the campground. Campsites are first come, first served.

October 2019 Fly of the Month

Ray Charles

By Kent Toomb

While this is an easy fly to tie it's also a very productive fly. With the Crooked River outing coming up this is a pattern you will want to have in your box.



Hook: Scud size 16-18

Thread: Red Uni 8/0

Body: Orange Ostrich

Shell Back: Clear 1/8" Scud Back



Start your thread and about a third of the way down the hook tie in the scud back. When attaching the scud back it helps to cut a point to the tip of the scud back. Once attached tie it down into the bend of the hook putting a little stretch to the scud back. Advance your thread back to the halfway point of the fly.



Select 4-5 ostrich herl and tie them in butts first. These tend to be very brittle and tying in tip first tends to cause them to break. Tie the ostrich down into the bend of the hook and then advance your thread to an eye length behind the eye of the hook.



Wrap the ostrich as a bunch forward with touching wraps. Tie off once you reach the thread then trim the ostrich. Pull the scud back up over the fly and tie it on top. This takes a little practice getting the pressure right on the scud back. You want it to stay on top of the fly and not rotate. Once in place tie it off and then whip finish.



Fly Tying Group



We will meet on Wednesday, October 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. 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