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May 2020

Jumping over May and Looking Forward to June

Once again our regular meeting is cancelled as well as the fly-tying group later in the month. The Board is stretching their technological wings and plan to have a "Zoom" meeting on May 11.

We missed our April outing to the McKenzie River scheduled for April 18 due to the Covid-19 restrictions. To add insult to injury, it would have been a beautiful day with the river in great fishable condition. Likely that was the day when the fish were looking up and ready for that "special fly" to drift by.

We are still holding out hope for the May 16 Olalla Reservoir trip and the May 27 Fall River Outings. Details for those outings are later in the newsletter.

Looking forward to our meeting on June 11, our aim is that it be a time for learning new skills and sharing stuff. While still in the planning stages, past events like this have included demonstrations on fly-tying, fly casting, pontoon boat and float tube set up and use, and fly rod set ups for different types of fishing.

Another feature is a swap meet. If you have loved but unused fly fishing and other outdoor equipment, you can offer it for sale at the swap meet. Bring a tag for each piece of equipment with price and your name. Buyers will deal directly with the seller. We only ask that the seller donate a suggested 10% of the sale to the club. This is a great opportunity to acquire some equipment or material that you have wanted or needed.



Board Meeting
May 11 by Remote

General Meeting
Cancelled

Fly Tying Group
Cancelled

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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 Scott Vaslev

Hope this letter finds you in good spirits. If there is any good I can take away from the Covid-19 situation is that I have the time to tackle "honey-dos" around the house. Painting, weeding, pressure washing, stuff I have been putting off: BORING lets talk fishing.



Monday I met some club members up at Foster Lake. We were fishing one of the arms a hard left from the Sunnyside boat ramp. I was the hot guy that day. Fished a balanced leech, size 12 hook. Been using a black/blue dubbing mix, black marabou tail with some flash. Caught 7-8 rainbow stockers between 12-14 inches. The other guys didn't do as well which shows there's an element of luck in our sport.

Friday, Bill and I did the Christenson to Harrisburg run on the Willamette. Took a little creative shuttling to keep the distance protocol but it was doable. If you didn't know, Christenson Landing is across the river from Marshall Island. There were no signs prohibiting access, so off we went. Did real well Czech nymphing and indicator fishing. I use a Syndicate 3 wt. 10 ft. euro rod with a Rio sighter set up. The sighter set up has tippet rings on each end so all you do is attach one end to the leader coming from your dry line and add 4-6 ft. of 4x fluoro on the other. I usually use a heavily weighted jig fly for my point fly and 12 to 18 inches above that a smaller fly tied with a surgeons knot. What I really like is the versatility of this set up. I can Czech nymph as is, or add an indicator and fish that way. Bill, on the other hand, didn't have any luck indicator fishing but killed it fishing a dry caddis fly. Go figure!

As you probably guessed there will be no general meeting this month. The board is going to try video conferencing for our May meeting. Hopefully we can meet in June. Until then, FISH ON! Scott

Olalla Reservoir Outing May 16



If the COVID-19 pandemic abates enough to allow it, we will fish Olalla Reservoir on May 16. There is a small area to fish from shore, but the best success is from a floating device.

To get there, drive I-5 south to Exit 228, turn right onto Highway 34 and follow it around Corvallis and through Philomath, merge right onto Highway 20 and drive it about 30 miles to just past the first Toledo exit, turn right (north) onto Olalla Creek Road, and follow it about 3 miles to the reservoir.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or Type 3 sinking line, or floating line with beadhead flies. Flies include the standard stillwater types, like woolly buggers/leeches, AP emergers, soft hackles, etc. Our target is trout, but warmwater fish are also present.

The club will not provide a meal, due to the probable social distancing, so bring a lunch as well as your PFD.

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



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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.

May 27—Fall River Outing

Again, if the pandemic situation will allow it, we will fish the Fall River southwest of Bend on May 27 (Wednesday).

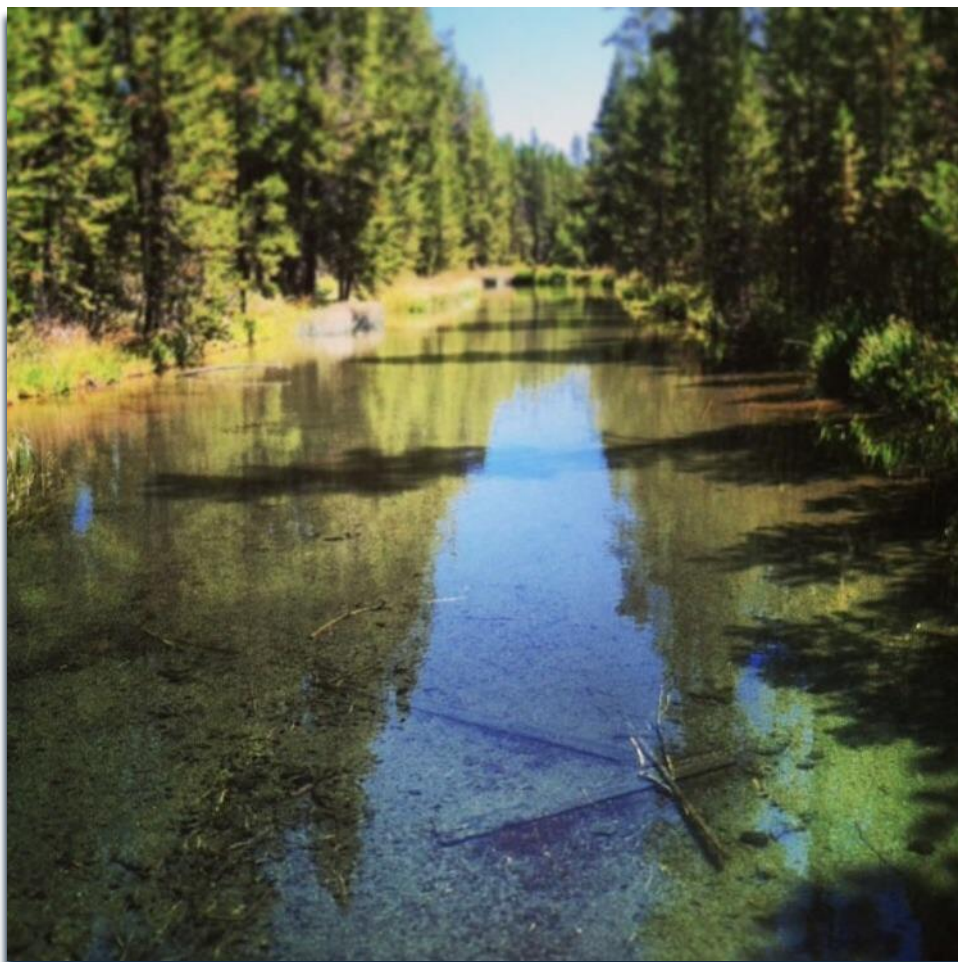
To get there, drive Highway 20 east to Bend, get onto Highway 97 south, drive it south about 19 miles to the USFS 43 road, turn right (west) and follow USFS 43 about 13 miles to the Fall River campground.

The best public access to the river runs from the campground upriver to the headwaters and downriver to the fish hatchery. You may want to visit the Flyfishers Place website for current information and fly patterns.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Euronymphing techniques with olive or orange perdigons and Frenchie flies have been successful. Other small nymphs can also be successful when fished near the bottom. Blue Wing Olives usually hatch and bunny duns, Barr's emergers, and other BWO dries/emergers are successful.

Unfortunately, we will not have a club sponsor for this outing but, if you have a question, feel free to contact Kent Toomb at (541)451-7610 or by e-mail at kent.toomb@gmail.com.

An alternative plan for this outing would be to camp at either South Twin Lake or at Rock Creek campground on Crane Prairie and fish Fall River on a day drive while still floating/fishing either of those waters.



2020 SANTIAM FLYCASTERS SCHEDULE OF FLY FISHING OUTINGS

Jan 25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wi-Ne-Ma Lake
Mar 6-7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crooked River
May 16		Olalla Reservoir
May 27 (Wed)		Fall River
Jun 13		North Santiam River Stayton-Shelburn
Jun 27		East Lake
Jul 16/17 (Th/F)		Gold Lake
Jul 22 (Wed)		Three Creek Lake
Aug 8		Willamette River Keizer-Wheatland
Aug 22		South Santiam Pleasant Valley-Waterloo
Sep 12		Hosmer Lake
Sep 19		Diamond Lake
Oct 3		Crooked River
Oct 17		Deschutes River Warm Springs-Trout Creek
Nov 7		Detroit Reservoir
Nov 14		Willamette Marshall Island-Harrisburg



Fly of the Month

The Renegade

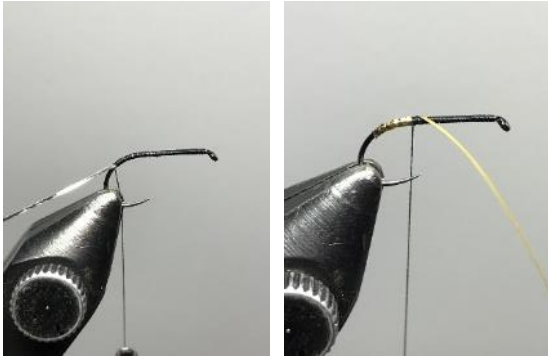
By Kent Toomb



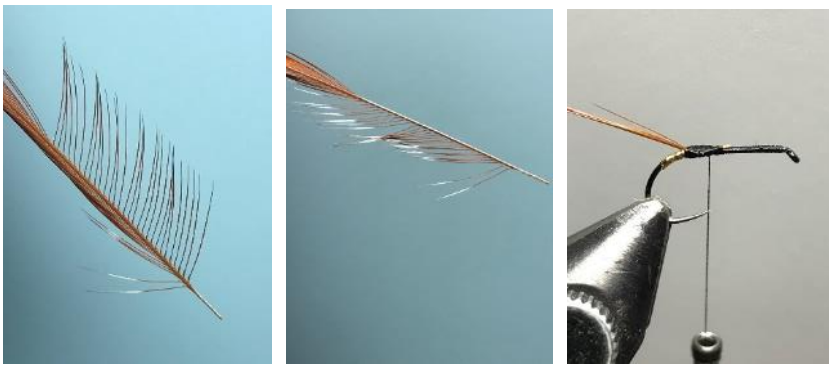
Have you ever used a fly that is so successful that you stopped using it? The Renegade fits that description for me. When I first started fly fishing, I read that Cutthroat trout have an affinity for this pattern. Spending many days on the South Santiam river, which is full of Cutthroat, the Renegade became a staple in my fly box. The Renegade dates back to 1928 when Taylor "Beartracks" Williams, a guide in Idaho developed it. If you fish waters that hold Cutthroat, it's worth having a few.

Recipe

Hook: Dry Fly Size 12-18
Thread: Black Uni-thread 8/0
Body: Peacock Herl (3 strands in a dubbing loop)
Tag: XS Gold Tinsel
Rear Hackle: Brown Hackle
Front Hackle: White Hackle, 1-2 sizes larger than the rear hackle.



Start your thread behind the eye and tie to where the thread would hang over the barb of the hook. Tie in the tinsel and tie it about 1/3 in to the bend of the hook. Advance the thread to the point of the hook and then wrap the tinsel forward to the thread and tie off.



Select a brown hackle and strip the far side. This will help to keep the hackle standing straight up as it is wrapped. Tie the feather in above where the barb would be.



Wrap the hackle forward to the point of the hook. Approximately 4 to 5 wraps and tie off. Select 3 strands of peacock herl and tie in and wrap back to the base of the hackle. Advance your thread to the 1/3 position behind the eye. Make touching wraps with the peacock to the thread and tie off.



Select a white hackle and strip the far side. Tie in where the peacock was tied off. Make 4 to 5 wraps of the hackle and tie off. Trim the stem of the hackle and whip finish.





Santiam Flycasters

2020 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 -- \$300 Regular -- \$30 Family -- \$35

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