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October 2020

October Meeting (presented online, NOT in person)

More Than Just Bugs with Chris Gerono Head Guide/Lead Instructor with Idaho Angler



Please welcome [Chris Gerono](#) of Boise, Idaho. He will guide us through an entomology lesson on our favorite water bugs and how to identify them out in the wild. Mayflies, Caddis, Stoneflies and a bunch more will all get a good going over with tonight's program.

Chris is the Head Guide and Lead instructor with [Idaho Angler](#), a fly shop located in Boise. He is also a member of FlyFishers International and a certified FFI casting instructor. Chris has led workshops and fly fishing classes for over 10 years and guided for well over 20 years.

So the next time you are out and just staring blankly at your fly box, just try and remember back to tonight's presentation. Hopefully, you will have the right answer.

Board Meeting

October 5

Via Zoom

General Meeting

October 8, 2020 7:00 pm

"Zoom Meeting"

See instructions for how to join.

Using "Zoom" to view the meeting:

Due to the pandemic, this month's meeting will be held using the Zoom videoconferencing service. Santiam Flycasters members will receive a link to join the Zoom Meeting one hour before the start of the meeting, on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 PM. To join the meeting, simply click on the "Join the Meeting" link in the email you receive at around 7:00 PM. You can join the meeting early, but you will be placed into a Zoom waiting room until you are admitted into the meeting at around 7:00 PM.

There are several options for joining the meeting. You can join with a computer, a smart device, or a regular telephone. If you join with your computer, you will need to have a speaker(s) connected to the computer so that you can hear the presentation. It helps to have downloaded the Zoom Client for Meetings onto your computer beforehand, so we recommend doing that prior to joining the meeting. You will be given that option in the email you receive with the "Join Meeting" link. You do not need a camera or a microphone on your computer, but that is an option if you wish to be seen and heard during the meeting. You will have the option to turn off your camera and microphone anytime during the meeting.

If you are joining the meeting with a smart phone or tablet, it may be best to first download the Zoom Cloud Meeting app. With the Zoom Cloud Meeting app previously installed, after you click on the "Join Meeting" link in your email, you will be given the option to open the Zoom Cloud Meeting app.

You can also join the meeting on your landline phone. You simply call the phone number provided in the email you receive. When prompted, you will enter the meeting ID followed by the # key. You will be able to listen to the presentation but will not be able to see the presentation or be seen by others.

Note: You will be provided with a Meeting ID but there is no password for joining this Zoom Meeting. Make sure to select the "Call using Internet" option if prompted.

A YouTube tutorial on joining a Zoom Meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tr-JHfEas8k>

If you have questions, contact Tim Johnson at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com, or call 503-507-8552.

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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

My prayers go out to all of the people whose homes were wiped out by the wildfires, especially for our neighbors up the Santiam Canyon. Wyatt Tofte, the boy who was killed up on North Fork Road, was my wife's nephew's son. It was a terrible shock for us all but have been consoled by the outpouring of support from people all over the world. Peggy, the grandmother, worked at my wife's business for years and never had a bad word for anybody. The wife of my nephew is in a burn center in Portland. Was touch and go for awhile but is expected to survive.



On a happier note, took the whole family up to Hosmer from 21st through the 23rd of September. There was seven of us total including our ten year and one year old granddaughters. Met Larry up there, he had been up there since Saturday. He said he caught 9 on Saturday but was facing diminishing returns from Sunday on. We debated on whether it could be Hosmer "turning over". Turn over occurs when a lake reaches a certain temperature and the surface water becomes denser than the other water in the lake's water column. This phenomenon causes fish to stop feeding for a spell. Larry argued that Hosmer is too shallow for this to occur. Whatever it was, the fish were stubborn. Perfect conditions otherwise; 57 degree water temperature, chop on the water, cloudy; I mean, come on, what do you want fish?!

My youngest son tried his hand at fly fishing for the first time. He was really psyched up to get in a pontoon boat and try his luck. We camped at Mallard Marsh so spent most of our time fishing the canal and the North Lake. My son ended up catching a few fish and a bunch of hook ups. Was a learning experience for him being a first timer on how to land a fish when they head straight for the reeds. Me? I landed one fish. Granted, it was a 18" rainbow, I was darn close to going O'fer. Your probably asking yourself how could a newcomer out fish a grizzled veteran? For one thing he was much more patient than I. I showed him how to roll cast, let out a little line and troll. Me, I had three poles, switching every 10 minutes or so if I didn't get a bite, tying on new flies, etc. So the moral of this story is maybe "less is more".

I hope to see some of you on the Crooked River in early October. Ricky is host and he is bringing his rolling palace. I will conclude by saying that sometimes a tragedy makes you appreciate the little things in life.

Scott

November Officer/Board Election

We will elect our club Directors and Officers for 2021 at our November 9 Board meeting. We will provide details next month on how to access this meeting which will be held via Zoom.

This is the time to do your campaigning so the Board will know that you want to be a club Director or Officer! Or, convince that person who you know would be a good Director or 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 Directors and Officers for 2021 at its November 9 meeting and the club will vote on those nominations at the November 12 meeting. Remember those dates.

Hosmer Lake Outing Report

By Ken Karnosh

Although the wildfire situation caused us to cancel the September 12 Hosmer Lake outing, five of us went over anyway. Our three camps were the only ones in the campground.

Travel through Eugene was very smoky and we had smoky conditions also at Hosmer. The conditions were tolerable mostly, but were worse in the evening. On Saturday evening, we couldn't see across the lake and could barely make out the outline of the hill south of the boat ramp.

Fishing wasn't red hot and the callibaetis were not very active, but callibaetis patterns caught fish on Friday. On Saturday, the fish were more on a diet and we used quite a variety of flies.

Beth, of course, caught a lot of fish on Saturday, although many were small Brookies in the channel. In the evening, Tim had action on a caddis emerger fished slowly on a floating line. We caught several fish in the 16" range, including some Cutthroats.

Don was right that the smoky conditions would reduce our competition. There were a handful each of other fishers and floaters on Friday, and less on Saturday when we had the lake to ourselves for most of the day.

Willamette River Outing Report

Because our Diamond Lake outing was cancelled due to campground closures and wildfires, four of us floated and fished the Willamette River from Marshall Island to Harrisburg on September 19.

It was a great day to fish, with high temp around 70 and full to broken overcast. Eugene had received over 2 inches of rain, but the water level had only risen a few inches. The water temp was about 60 degrees.

We landed at least a half dozen fish apiece, mostly Cutthroats, with Kevin landing one over 16", while losing several more. Beth had her best success with Euronymphing stonefly and October Caddis nymphs, but the rest of us caught fish swinging beadhead flies such as October Caddis, Renegade, etc. Soft hackles were not catching fish that day!

Great day to be on the water. Fishing and conditions should improve with cooler weather.

Fish Hatcheries and The Fires

The report is that all the fish in hatcheries in the North Santiam basin are fine. Crews were able to get in and feed the juveniles at Marion Forks Hatchery during the fires. The adults at the Minto facility also were fine. The fire did not reach Marion Forks Hatchery and there was a small amount of damage at Minto.

Other Hatchery Reports

- Rock Creek Hatchery sustained the most severe damage of all hatcheries. With the exception of the Rock Creek Education Center, all buildings and employee housing were either destroyed or severely damaged by the Archie Creek Fire. Staff access has been more limited than at other facilities due a number of hazards around the site including downed trees and power lines.

Staff was able to get in and remove about 700 remaining adult spring Chinook and summer steelhead and move them to Cole Rivers Hatchery with the intent to spawn and collect enough eggs to meet Rock Creek's production goals.

An estimated 400,000 juvenile fish were lost though the extent of fish loss is currently unknown.

- At Klamath Hatchery, a hatchery building, shop and office complex were lost in the Two Four Two fire, and power, water and sewer compromised. An estimated 50,000 triploid brown trout were lost—20,000 of those meant for Diamond Lake and the rest for other locations. Staff are cleaning up and developing contingency plans for 2021 production and stocking. The Klamath Hatchery receives brown trout eggs from California Fish and Wildlife each year, and we hope Diamond Lake stocking of triploid brown trout will be able to resume as normal in 2022. (Diamond Lake is also stocked from other hatcheries so will still be stocked with rainbow and tiger trout in 2021.)
- The Salmon River Hatchery in Otis had been evacuated due to the Echo Mountain fire, but the generator is working and there does not appear to be fish loss. Hatchery staff continue to access the facility during the daytime to ensure fish are kept alive.
- The Willamette watershed fish being raised at Leaburg Hatchery were released into the McKenzie River when the Level 3 evacuation order for Leaburg Hatchery was issued.

October 3 Crooked River Outing



Subject to road conditions resulting from wildfires, which may require us to travel over Highway 20 instead of Highway 22-

On October 3, 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, if conditions allow, 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. Euro nymphing techniques also have been very successful. Nymphs include midge pupa, pheasant tails, and hare's ears, fished right along the bottom. Dry flies and emergers include blue wing olives, midges, caddis, and PMDs. Soft hackles also have been successful. Fly sizes are small, like size 14, but often in the 16-20 range.

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

The club will not provide a meal, so bring adequate food and beverages.

Ricky is the sponsor for this trip, so e-mail him at rickylove20@aol.com or call him at (253)320-5699 if you have a question. If allowed, he also will have a campfire at his camp in the evening.

October 17 Deschutes River Outing



We will float and fish the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek on October 17. If you do not have a pontoon or drift boat to float the river, 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/Highway 26 through Clackamas and Boring or go 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 past Warm Springs, 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.

Suggested gear is 5-6 weight rods with floating line. Nymphs are probably the most productive, often fished under an indicator and weighted to fish along the bottom, and include soft hackles, prince, pheasant tail, hare's ear, green rockworm, and midge pupa. At least the trailing fly probably should be size 16-18. Euro nymphing techniques should be productive. Dry flies include caddis and October Caddis.

Remember your boating pass if you float the river. Also, you must buy a permit to fish the Tribal (west) side of the river or risk a substantial penalty. You can buy both of these passes through links on our club website. Also, remember your wading staff!

Our process is to consolidate and load our boats at Trout Creek Campground at 8:00 on Saturday and shuttle them to Warm Springs. If you drive, you will need to arrange a shuttle back to the campground.

Due to the pandemic, the club will not provide a meal, so bring adequate food and beverage. If allowed, we will have a campfire each evening. Tim Johnson loves this river and is sponsor for this trip, so e-mail him at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com or call him at (503)507-8552 if you have a question.

October 2020 Fly of the Month

Red Tag Jig

By Kent Toomb



Hook: Jig 12-16

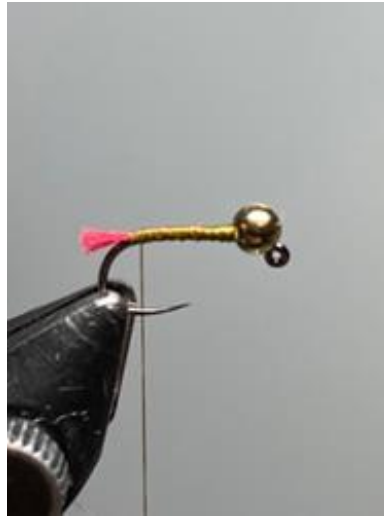
Bead: Gold Slotted Tungsten (size 12 3.8mm, size 14 3.3mm and size 16 2.8mm)

Tag: Glo-Brite Red Number 4

Body: Hends Peacock Bronze #46

Hackle: Natural CDC

Thorax: Hends Peacock Green #45



Put the bead on the hook with the small hole against the eye of the hook. Start the thread on the hook and build a thread dam behind the bead seating the bead.

Take four strands of the glo-brite floss and combine them. Tie them in together the length of the hook stopping at the start of the bend of the hook. Trim the floss just past the end of the hook.

Starting at the bend of the hook wrap a small dubbing noodle forward to $\frac{3}{4}$ the shank of the hook.



Tie in the CDC feather tip first and make two wraps and tie off. It is important to not over hackle the fly. Over hackling the fly will slow the sink rate.

Pull all the fibers to the rear of the hook and do a couple of wraps to hold in place. Now trim the CDC to the length of the tag. To make the trimming more natural break the fibers with your fingers vs. cutting with scissors.

Make a small dubbing noodle and wrap the thorax and whip finish.



This fly pattern is from Jonathan White's book "NYMPHING THE NEW WAY French leader fishing for trout". I like to try new patterns and decided to give it a shot. This pattern ended up being one of my most productive patterns this season. I have been fishing it primarily in the point position in a size 16 with a 2.8mm bead. Good Luck and Happy Fishing.

Kent Toomb





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