

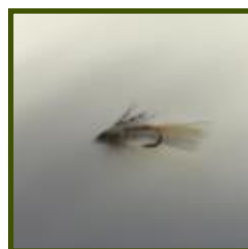


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July 2015

A Look Back at the June "Tie In"



No Meetings In July!

Next time

Thursday August 13

"Casting on the Lawn"

*Hope you have the chance
to get out on the water.*

July Outing

Saturday July 11

East Lake

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*The Flies and the Tyers
(Most of them anyway)*

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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.

From the President By Ken Karnosh

Thanks to Keith Burkhart, Jim Ferguson, Jim Fisher, Frank Flux, and Dell Swearingen for demonstrating fly tying at our June meeting. I always learn something while watching some experts tie flies.

On June 6, John E, Dexter, and I drove to Wizard Falls Hatchery on the Metolius to help with their Kids Fishing Day and met up with the Richmond family there. All of us ended up-what else?-helping kids tie woolly buggers! About 280 kids were there. Jenevieve Richmond, who was a tier at the NW Fly Expo in March, provided very energetic help in teaching the kids.

After the event, ODFW provided a good lunch and then let the volunteers fish their pond, which holds some BIG trout. It was amusing to see Josh, who his mom said has wanted to fish that pond since he was about two, inhale his lunch and head for the pond. By the time we got over there, Josh, Jenevieve, and younger sister Jocelyn were there fishing with their dad. Josh caught many, Jenevieve caught several, and Jocelyn landed at least one. All that while the other fishermen occasionally hooked one! Oh, yeah, dad Jeremy also caught fish!

It was fun just to watch their abundant enthusiasm. Josh also had hooked one of the big bull trout in the Metolius earlier in the day. Thanks to the several of us who helped with the event that day.

With the summer weather and warmer water temperatures, we know that fish are more easily stressed. Try to fish in the cooler part of the day, play them as short as time as possible, and keep them in the water as you release them. I know this makes it harder to measure their length and get a picture for the Big Fish Hero awards!

As you notice our outing schedule is being affected by hot weather and low water. Maybe I'm a wimp for cancelling the Deschutes outing due to hot weather! Anyway, we may have to change our destination, but we'll try to get on the water if possible.

Enjoy summer. See you on the water with rod in hand!



2015 Upcoming Outings

July 11	East Lake
August 8	Metolius River
Aug. 19	Three Creek Lake
Aug. 22	South Umpqua River
Sept. 12	Salmon River
Sept. 26	Willamette River
Oct. 10	Crooked River
Oct. 24	Deschutes River (Warm Springs to
Nov. 14	Trask River
Nov. 21	Nestucca River

Big Fish Hero Awards

If you catch a nice fish, remember to measure at least its length, take a picture, and submit it for a chance to win a Big Fish Hero award! Look for information on our club website.

Fishing with the Frog

By Howard Palmer

The Rest of the Story

This past week, my son invited me to a Father's Day outing on the Crooked River. He fishes this Central Oregon Jewel quite frequently, and has bragged to me on numerous occasions, that he had only been skunked twice in the 12 years he has fished in regularly. And, I am talking some dedicated fishing: as in driving three hours from Salem (in the winter snow) to fish for three hours, and then drive home.

Well, now we have three times. Yes, the boy done lost again. We really threw everything he had, I had, and some things we didn't even know we had. The fish simply were not in the mood to even look at what we had to offer.

Enter ODFW: As we were finishing up and packing our stuff to head back to his house, ODFW come drifting down the river with one of their inflatable rafts, on an electro-shocking survey trip. Let me tell you, there were indeed lots of fish in the river as literally hundreds of gorgeous red sides were jumping out of the water, ahead of the raft. They netted several for their measuring and tagging efforts as we watched in amazement as fish after fish appeared right where we had drifted our best fur and feather creations, not thirty minutes earlier. AND, these were not small fish.

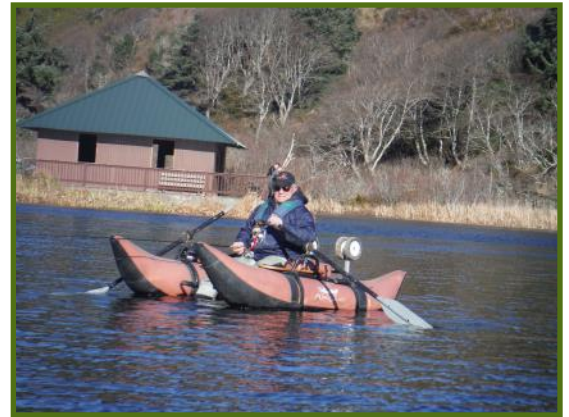
Enter Dr. Anderson: Dr. Anderson is a member of the Central Oregon Fly Fishers, and a volunteer on the survey program. He is also an Entomologist who has studied the river for the past five years, and is writing a book entitled *"Fishing Oregon's Crooked River."* Watch for it as it will be in our local fly fishing stores next month. Dr. Anderson explained that (as of this writing) there are some 7000 Trout and 8000 White Fish per mile on that eight mile stretch of Crooked River, below Bowman Dam, that we all love so well.

Now for the rest of the story. Dr. Anderson also explained that on any given day, this time of the year, there are 135,000 invertebrates per foot, floating down the mighty Crooked River (*as well as most of our rivers*). Simply stated: with that much food in the water, the fish really aren't hungry, and your flies better look really good.

Long story short: I just want to know which fly shop has that electro-shock thingy on sale.

Tight Lines,

Howard



Become a Better Fly Caster

Learn skill and knowledge to increase your enjoyment fly fishing.

All sessions are conducted by a Certified Instructor.

SINGLE-HAND CASTING

TIMES:

Monday and Wednesday 2 to 3:30pm

Saturday 1 to 2:30pm

TWO-HAND CASTING TIMES:

Monday and Wednesday 3:30 to 5pm

Saturday 9 to 10:30am

LOCATION:

Wallace Marina Park - West Salem
Single sessions are on the soccer field
Two-hand sessions at the gravel bar under the pedestrian bridge

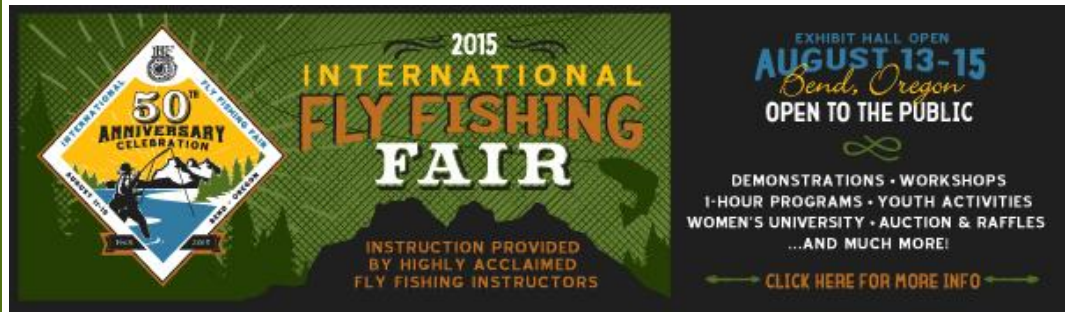
Fish Hero Awards

This year, we will implement a Fish Hero Award to recognize the person who catches the largest fish in any of six categories-Rainbow trout, Cutthroat trout, Brown trout, Steelhead, Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass plus a bonus award for largest fish caught during a club outing. We will recognize the winners at our December meeting.

All fish must be caught on a fly rod and fly, according to ODFW definitions. We are not restricting it to Oregon.

When you catch that big one, measure its length, preferably take a picture, or have your partner witness the measurement, and record the girth if possible. Then, submit your entry using the entry form on our club website.

For 2015, fish must be caught between April 1 and October 31 and submitted by November 1.



The International Federation of Fly Fishers will hold its annual Fly Fishing Fair in Bend Oregon and will be celebrating "All Things Fly Fishing" August 13th thru the 15th 2015. This event will be the largest gathering of fly fishers from all across the United States and the around the world. The show is open to the public so everyone will have the opportunity to join in the fun and learning experiences.

The Exhibit hall is open August 13-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., where vendors will display the latest products they have to offer to the fly fishing enthusiast; see tying and casting demonstrations, take free 15 minute casting lessons, hour long seminars and more. Other opportunities include a Women's two day University, a 2-Day Fly Fishing Experience, and a Youth Camp. Workshops will be available from August 11-15. For a full schedule of events and how to sign up, go to www.fedflyfishers.org and click on the Fly Fishing Fair tab.

East Lake Outing Saturday July 11



We will fish East Lake on July 11, camping at Cinder Hill Campground on the east end of the lake. This is a fun place to fish, with great scenery, so please come and join us for Saturday lunch or more and we can make this a social outing as well.

To get there, drive over Highway 22 to Bend, drive south on Highway 97 to the East Lake/Newberry Crater turnoff just north of La Pine, turn left (east) onto that

and follow it about 16 miles to the lake.

Floating devices offer the best fishing opportunities; however, some fishing from shore is done early and late in the day. Rods of 4 to 6 weight are suggested with floating, intermediate, or Type 3 sinking line. Flies include green or black woolly buggers and callibaetis nymphs plus comparadun or elk hair caddis for surface action.

The club will furnish an entrée for Saturday lunch, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish. Also, Bob Karau will be cooking Sunday breakfast so plan to enjoy that as well.

North Santiam Outing Update

Due to low water, we will not be floating the North Santiam on July 25 as planned. This may affect the August 17 Umpqua outing as well, but we'll let you know.

The Board is trying to find an alternative outing for July 25, probably on the Willamette near Salem. We will send information on that by e-mail.

Outing to the Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek) Saturday June 27

As you know, we cancelled the Deschutes outing due to forecast triple digit temperatures. Bummer, because there is a great fishery there this time of year. Tim and his brother fished it for a couple of days anyway. Hopefully, he'll give us a favorable report as well as one from Diamond Lake.

Tim's Report: I just returned from fishing eastern Oregon with my brother, Jim. We floated the Deschutes (Warm Springs to Trout Creek) on Friday and Saturday, June 27 & 28. It was hot both days, reaching 111 degrees at Trout Creek Campgrounds on Friday afternoon. However, the high temperature wasn't a problem on the river. We had a nice breeze. We didn't camp, choosing instead to sleep in an air-conditioned room in Madras.

We picked up a few fish on both days. I hooked mostly redbands (the largest was 15 inches). I hooked something bigger but didn't land it. Jim also caught a few redbands (up to 16 inches) and a large-scaled sucker (18 inches). We also hooked a few Steelhead juveniles and no Whitefish. There were very few people floating the river with us. The weather forecast must have kept most people away. I would most certainly float the river again with triple digit temperatures. However, camping and sleeping in this high heat is another issue entirely. Madras is very close and had lots of air-conditioned rooms at around \$80 per night.

We had a couple mishaps on the Deschutes float on Saturday. The seat frame section of the pontoon boat my brother was using failed (Creek Company Classic ODC 886). First one of the welds broke, and then a second. Fortunately I had some rope and straps. We were able to hold the boat together well enough to complete our float. I've only had this boat for year, so having a couple welds fail was unexpected.

The zipper on my Redington waders also broke. This is the second time the zipper on these waders failed. As handing as they are at times, I don't expect that I will be buying anymore of the front zipper waders. I also lost a fly box, with a lifetime of hand-tied flies. Drats!

We spent 3 days at Diamond Lake. Fishing was challenging. We rented a 16 foot motor boat so we were able to fish much of the north end of the lake. We hooked a few small trout over the three days. Water temperature at the surface was 71 degrees. Daytime air temperature was in the mid 90s. There was an algae bloom in the water, but not floating and covering on the surface.

We spent a day and night at East Lake. We rented a 14 foot motor boat. East Lake was also pretty warm in the afternoon and evening, reaching temperatures in the mid 90s. Unless you enjoy targeting Chub, fishing was tough. I saw very few trout being caught, and hooked none ourselves. Between dawn and around 10am, there was some surface feeding but that didn't help us. Water temperature at the surface was about 70 degrees. Most of the weed beds that use to line the shore along Cinder Hill campground and launch at the depth of 15 feet have disappeared. We did find some weed beds in that area in deeper water (15-30 feet). These deep-water weed beds extended along the north side of the lake. We fished just above the tops of these weed beds using type 3 line to get down there. We did get a few hits but weren't able to hook any trout. As we were leaving, we talked to a fellow who told us he had some luck over near the slide, on the other side of the lake from the resort.

With the 4th of July weekend coming up, I expected that ODFW might have stocked the lakes. That didn't seem to be the case. Perhaps the lake temperature are just too hot for stocking trout. We had a hard time finding trout in both lakes. However, they are both beautiful lakes. We had a great time fishing these pristine Cascade lakes. The high temperature wasn't a problem, especially with air-conditioned rooms for sleeping in Madras and at Diamond Lake. The cabins and rooms at East Lake are not air-conditioned. Bring a fan if you're planning to stay there and lots of fluids, preferably chilled.

Trail Bridge Reservoir Outing Report

The Running of the Bulls

Thirteen members of the *Santiam Flycasters* traveled east to the head waters of the McKenzie River for our scheduled June outing at *Trail Bridge Reservoir*.

The weather was outstanding for this time of year and provided a wonderful camping experience. AND, the fishing was unbelievable. ODFW had stocked the compound on the Tues prior to our arrival; that provided for easy 50-100 fish days. But, quantity was totally out shadowed by quality, as the local Bull Trout were most accommodating, as seen in the accompanying photos. The record goes to Larry (Larry always catches the biggest or the most) with a really nice 27" specimen. Several others were caught, and for the most of us, this needs to be scheduled on an annual basis. I encourage everyone to join us on the next outing we schedule to this marvelous fishery.



Chef Howard prepared the main course of BBQ'd chicken that was complimented by the wonderful side dishes that were provided by the members.

SPECIAL NOTE: Too much sun, coupled with too much air in your pontoons will result in an over expansion of the skins on said pontoons, especially at higher altitudes.

One of our members (who shall remain nameless) added air to his pontoons on Thurs morning as they were slightly deflated, and went fishing. Upon return to shore he parked his boat on the shore well above the high water line (but, in direct sun light) with the intent of fishing again that afternoon. However, the heat of the day dictated a postponement of fishing, and our esteem member elected to set in the shade.



On Friday morning, said member (OK, it was yours truly) dressed for duty, walked down to his boat for a wonderful day of fishing; only to find his pontoon boat looking like it had the mumps. The increased pressure of the added air the day before, coupled with the heat (85 degrees) and altitude (2000') had caused the sides of his pontoons to rip open along the sewn seams. I regret that

the pontoons are not reparable. (So OK, I needed a new boat anyway) but let this be a lesson to our new (and old) members: Check the tension on your pontoons if you leave your boat parked in the sun, or if you travel over the mountains with it inflated, and exposed to the elements. Enough Said.

Tight lines;

Howard Palmer

FLY OF THE MONTH

East Lake Callibaetis Nymph

By Jim Ferguson

(This is the fly Jim demonstrated at the June Tie-In)



Hook: TMC 2312

Tail: Peach Blood Marabou Quill fibers—Length of body. Fibers can be shortened by pinching with fingers rather than cutting. 4 to 8 fibers.

Rib: Copper wire, reverse wrapped.

Body: Peach Marabou plume fibers (4 to 5) tied in and wrapped to form thin body to about the 2/3 position on hook shank. Use the fine diameter sections on the tips of the fibers. Forward wrap the body and then reverse wrap the copper rib.

Shell Back: Scud Back 1/8" Clear. Cut the Scud Back material to about 1/16" and cut a triangular tie in point. Let the scud material lay towards the back and on top of the shank.

Thorax: Hendrickson Pink Fine & Dry Dubbing or work up some rabbit & antron mix. Try to get a little pinkish grey cast to the dubbing.

Legs: Partridge Fibers. The mottled grey or brown fibers from the neck area of a Partridge. Pull off some fibers and attach on the far side. These fibers are short and angled back. End of fibers should reach the thorax/abdomen joint or a little shorter. Pull off some fibers and attach to the near side. Pull Shell Back material forward over the thorax and tie off at the head. Whip finish.



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2015 Membership Application

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st for new members.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Family Members: _____

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please tell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

☐ Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics

☐ Improve my Fly Tying skills

☐ Improve my Fly Casting skills

☐ Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects

☐ Go on fishing trips with other club members

☐ Learn more about fishing in the area

☐ Other, Please specify _____

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 release, 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 waiving 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.

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Signature

Print Name

Date