



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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July 2016

## ***GONE FISHING — No Meetings in July***

We will not have a meeting in July, but plan to come to our casting practice on August 11. Also, remember that we have several outings through October so please plan to enjoy those.

### ***July 9 - East Lake Outing***



**Club Member Loren Doty with a nice East Lake Rainbow in early June**

We will fish East Lake on July 9, camping at Cinder Hill Campground on the east end of the lake. This is a fun place to fish, with great scenery, so 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. Use rods of 4-6 weight 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. Chironomids can also be very productive. The club plans to furnish some chicken for Saturday lunch, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish. Check with Ken or Jerrold in campsite 22 to see where lunch will be held.

### ***July 23 Willamette River Outing***

On July 23, we will float the Willamette from Keizer Rapids Park to Wheatland Ferry to fish for some of those nice smallmouth bass. We caught some bragging size fish on this section last year.

Plan to meet at Keizer Rapids Park (at the westerly end of Chemawa Road in Keizer) at 8:30 and get your boat assembled. We will need to shuttle our vehicles to Wheatland Ferry before we start our float. Plan to pay for parking at Wheatland Ferry.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with either floating, intermediate, or sinking line. Flies include the venerable woolly bugger and other similar flies, probably with beadheads.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring your lunch, water, etc. and plan to be on the water until late afternoon.

***No Meetings in July  
See you August 11***

### ***July Outings***

***Saturday July 9  
East Lake***

***Saturday June 23  
Willamette River (Keizer)***

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## ***Trail Bridge Reservoir Outing***

**By Tim Johnson**



Trail Bridge is a 90-acre reservoir located on the upper McKenzie River. It is typically stocked this time of year with rainbow trout. The week of the outing, ODFW reported stocking the reservoir with 3,000 rainbow trout. Wild whitefish and rainbow (redsides), cutthroat, brook and bull trout can also be found in the lake from time to time. We caught a few brook trout, up to 15 inches in length. We also caught a few whitefish, also up to 15 inches. At least one bull trout was caught. One grabbed onto a rainbow I had hooked and held on for several minutes. In the past, members have landed some of the lake's bull trout. They can get very large. On this outing, we mostly caught stocked rainbow trout, ranging in size from 10 to 14 inches, and lots of them. The method for catching the lake's fish included some surface action (elk hair caddis and muddlers), stripping soft hackle with a sink tip line, and trolling woolly buggers and damselfly nymph patterns using sinking line at various depths. Stripping flies subsurface seemed to be the most effective method.



We had 10 participants for the outing. For the group lunch, Howard Palmer served sloppy joes on toasted sesame seed buns. Side dishes included potato salad, a green salad, cut veggies with a dip, and potato chips. Desert options included a marionberry/blueberry pie and brownies.

The weather was challenging for those who arrived on Thursday. There was scattered showers Thursday through Friday night, heavy at times with wind. Saturday and Sunday, we had sunshine most of the day with a light breeze. Weather is always a little chancy in the Cascades this time of year. At higher elevations this weekend it snowed, so we felt pretty lucky to have only had occasional rain on Friday. Everything considered, it was a great outing.

## ***Deschutes River – Warm Springs to Trout Creek Campground***

**by Tim Johnson**

On Saturday, June 25, a small group of Santiam Flycasters floated one of Oregon's signature rivers – the Deschutes. The Deschutes canyon river is famous for its fish, geological beauty, wildlife (including big-horned sheep), and for a salmonfly hatch that occurs in May. Anglers come from all over the planet to experience the big fly spectacle. Also, an equally impressive golden stonefly hatch occurs at about the same time of the year.

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## Welcome This New Member in June

**Alan "Fitz" Fitzpatrick  
Salem, Oregon**

### Scheduled SFC Club Outings

**Aug. 13 Umpqua River**

**Aug. 27 Little Nestucca River**

**Sep. 10 Hosmer Lake**

**Sep.24 Willamette River (Harrisburg)**

**Oct. 8 Crooked River**

**Oct. 22 Deschutes River  
(Trout Creek)**

### Knots

Probably all of us have had issues with our fishing knots over the years. Think of suddenly losing that fish you just hooked or fishing unsuccessfully for a while only to discover that you have no fly and, in both situations, the telltale pig-tail at the end of your leader tells it all!

An article by Steve Culton in the current edition of American Angler addresses a number of the "little things" of fly fishing. The number 1 thing is knots that fail.

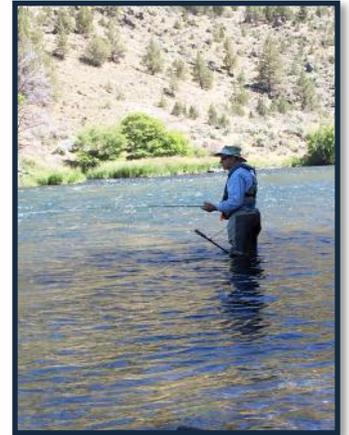
To minimize the knot problem, Culton recommends seating each knot deliberately and firmly, being sure that the twists are properly formed and probably pulling on the leader on both sides of the knot to tighten it. Then, eyeball the knot to be sure it is correct and check for strength by tugging on the leader sections or fly.

Hopefully, this will change the type of language when you hook a fish!



By the time of the Santiam Flycasters' early summer Deschutes outing, the salmonfly and golden stonefly hatches are over. The summer steelhead run has not yet begun. There are still fisherman on the river, but it's a much quieter time of the year. The trout have returned to eating caddisflies, mayflies and midges. Therefore, we targeted trout.

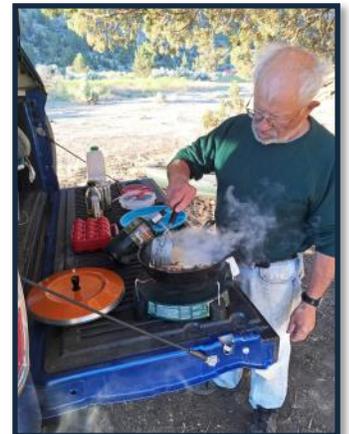
There are several species of trout in the river, including brown trout and even bull trout. I hooked a small bull trout last fall in this section of the river. However most of the trout are the native redbside strain of rainbow trout. Feeding in nutrient rich waters, these trout can get quite large. Several of us hooked 16-18 inch redsides. There are even bigger redsides in the river. They are very colorful and beefy fish. While ODFW allows harvesting of redsides in the 10-13 inch range, many of us choose to return all of the natives we catch to the river in which they were born.



Just because the river supports lots of fish doesn't mean they are easy to catch. The fish spend much of their time near the bottom. Because the river runs fast (typically 5,000 cubic feet per second), it takes some weight to get your fly down to where the trout feed. Often a tungsten bead head on a fly isn't enough weight to do the job. It's usually necessary to add a split shot or two. Also, it's useful to have a strike indicator that can be easily moved up and down the leader to accommodate the varying depth of the river. The takes can be subtle, so much attention needs to be given to the float of the indicator.

Primarily, the Deschutes is considered a caddis river. Dead drifting something similar to a gold-ribbed hare's ear with a green rock worm dropper at the right depth will usually produce fish on the Deschutes. On the outing, some fish were hooked with caddisfly patterns, both on the surface and subsurface. However, midges seemed to work best. Most of the fish I hooked were on a size 18 snow cone midge with a flashabou body. Others in our party had a similar experience.

The club's next outing on the Deschutes will be in October, after the hot summer temperatures have declined and steelhead have returned to the river. Join us if you can. Please be advised that the Deschutes is a big, fast river. It can be dangerous and care must be taken. However, there are no major rapids to negotiate in the section we fish. An experienced oarsman shouldn't have any problems floating this section of the river. Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions or are considering giving it a try (Tim's cell 503-507-8552).



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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.

# Youth Outdoor Day & Wizard Falls

Ten of us helped youth tie woolly buggers at Youth Outdoor Day on May 21 (plus Will & Cal at the Dutch Oven space) and a half dozen of us endured the heat to tie woolly buggers and otherwise help the USFS and ODFW at Wizard Falls Hatchery on June 4. One of the attractions at this Wizard Falls event is that the volunteers get to fish in their pond in the afternoon. Here are some photos of these events. Maybe you can help next year!



***More from Santiam Flycasters helping out at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery.***





# 2016 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you want to be 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 about fishing in the area,  other (please specify):

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

Are you interested in obtaining a Santiam Flycasters name tag? (circle one): Yes, No

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

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

### 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



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