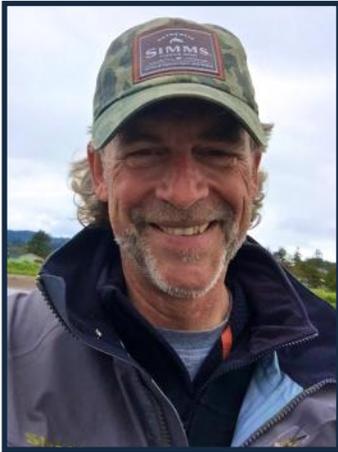




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## September Program Coastal Fly Fishing Opportunities With Jay Nicholas

Fly Fisherman and coastal fisheries Guru, Jay Nicholas, will present a program on coastal fishing from the cutthroat fishery to ocean fly fishing for Rock Fish. Each fishery has its own special knowledge regarding techniques, equipment and fly selection.

Learn from the Guru Jay who has developed new techniques for coastal fishing. His new techniques catch FISH.

Coastal fisheries are crowded during many prime times and Jay can help us navigate with common sense how to handle bad situations. So, how do gear fisherman and fly fisherman handle conflict in crowds? The best person to ask is Jay who regularly fishes in tough situations.

Knowing where and when to fish certain fisheries is half the battle and Jay can help you sort through the maze and give you pointers to a successful trip.

A short introduction for Jay Nicholas reads like this:

- He began tying flies for Norm Thompsons in the mid 1960s
- He served in the navy on a destroyer after attending OSU in the 1970s
- He tied flies for Doughton hardware right here in Salem in the 70s and 80s.
- Nearly 40 years as a fisheries scientist for the Oregon Department of fish and Wildlife
- Senior salmon scientist for the Wild salmon center.
- Architect for the Oregon Salmon Plan in 1995.
- Initiator of the Oregon Coastal Multi Species Management plan
- Over a hundred YouTube videos on fly tying
- More than 10 books published
- Dreamer
- Worker
- Fly fisher of great dedication

**Jay loves questions so bring your question ready to ask.**

### Board Meeting

Monday September 5

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

### General Meeting

Thursday September 8

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

### September Outings

Saturday September 10

Hosmer Lake

Saturday September 24

Willamette River

(Harrisburg to Marshall Island)

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### ***Fly Casting for Estuary Sea Run Cutthroats***

#### ***Eight Thoughts to Improve Your Sea Run Fishing***

By Dwight "Klem: Klem

1. When fly fishing for Sea Run Cutthroat, a side-arm cast is effective to get your fly under the branches.
2. Also, you can add a small haul at the end of your casting stroke to shoot line
3. Remember to add a wee-bit more stroke length when side arm casting to keep the fly line from dropping under the branches.
4. Stealth is important so keep your false casting to a minimum.
5. Accuracy is essential to productive so practice side-arm casting and hitting a target under a branch at home before heading out.
6. Practice several retrieves to entice Sea Runs.
7. Sea Runs have very sharp teeth so check your leader often.
8. Add to your effectiveness by practicing with your non-dominant hand – lots of fun but worth the effort

#### ***Scheduled SFC Club Outings***

***Sep. 10 Hosmer Lake***

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

***Oct. 8 Crooked River***

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

***Nov. 5 Devil's Lake (New!)***

***Welcome This New Member***

***Joining the Santiam Flycasters in August was Eric Mackie, Salem, Oregon***

## ***September 10 Hosmer Lake Outing***

Join us on September 10 to fish Hosmer Lake. Some of the Atlantic Salmon are still present, but now the lake has rainbow and cutthroat trout as well as brook trout. A floating device is needed to fish this water.

To get to Hosmer, you can drive over Highway 22 to Bend and then drive to Hosmer on the Cascades Lake Highway. A faster drive probably is to drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn left onto the Crescent Cutoff (USFS Road 61), turn left onto USFS Road 46, and drive about 35 miles to the Hosmer Lake road on the east side of Road 46.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating or intermediate lines. Suggested flies include damsels, woolly buggers (including white), callibaetis, and soft hackles. Also, maybe some chironomids. There may be a bit of surface action as well.

Most fishing is in the main lake, but you can also fish the channel and upper lake. If the weather is nice, the canoe and paddleboard hatch will be on, but they generally use different parts of the main lake than we fish.

The club will provide the entrée for a Saturday mid-day meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

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## ***September 24 Willamette River Outing***

On September 24, we plan to float and fish the Willamette River from Marshall Island to Harrisburg. We had good fishing on this stretch on our April outing. Either a drift boat or pontoon boat is needed for this approximately 7 mile float.

Plan to meet at the Harrisburg City Park boat ramp at 8:30 a.m. We will combine boats as much as possible before going to the launch site and shuttling vehicles back to the Harrisburg takeout. To get to Harrisburg, drive I-5 south to the Harrisburg exit 209, drive west to Harrisburg, and turn left (south) onto Highway 99 for a couple of blocks. The boat ramp is a couple of blocks west of downtown Harrisburg.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line since the water level should be fairly low. Suggested flies include caddis emergers, soft hackles, woolly buggers, and nymphs. There may also be some dry fly action.

The club will not furnish a meal, so remember your lunch as well as a life jacket and wading staff.

# Umpqua River Outing Report

By Ricky Love



Six members and one guest ventured down to Elkton in hopes of catching small mouth bass on the Umpqua River. The morning started with a great breakfast at Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Café and lots of fishing tales of conquests of yesteryear.

Afterwards, each of us pumped just a little more air in our fishing crafts to help support the added weight from the hearty breakfast.



The weather forecast called for mid 90-degree temperatures so most of us did not wear waders. Six pontoon boats and one float tube (Dan Poush) entered the water. The first few hours were very slow with only a few fish netted, however things quickly changed and for the remainder of the day the fishing was as hot as the mid-day sun. Green/Olive colored flies seemed to yield the best results with olive wooly buggers, clousers, and muddler minnows being the popular choices. I had my best success with a "six pack" (olive damsel fly nymph -soft hackle).



The fishing was incredible and most anglers reached the 30-fish-day mark. Steve Reynolds had the dubious honor of netting the smallest fish – too small to measure. Ken Karnosh netted the biggest fish of the day at 15 inches and 3 pounds. Bob Byers took honors for hooking the biggest fish of the day but unfortunately lost it just prior to getting it to the net. I witnessed this close encounter and estimated the small mouth at about 17 inches and the 4-pound range. Bob may be in the market for a long handled net if anyone has one to spare.



Just prior to take out there was one last great feat. All the pontoon boats navigated some small rapids and we expected Dan to get out of his float tube and carry it in. Instead he skillfully maneuvered his float tube through the rapids and exited the water with his chest sticking out. I highly recommend this fishing trip for members. As Arnold Schwarzenegger says, "I'll be back!"



Pictures from Ricky Love and Loren Doty

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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.

**August Outing Report  
The Little Nestucca  
By Howard Palmer**

**It was a Dark and Stormy Night** on August 26th, and eight members of the Santiam Flycasters journeyed west on the morning of the 27th to the beautiful Little Nestucca River in search of the ever elusive Sea Run Cutthroat Trout that are known to cruise the course of this rain soaked watershed. So OK, it wasn't really "Dark and Stormy," and the temperature was hovering in the mid 70s when we arrived to a typical misty morning on the Oregon coast.

Still, the cloud cover, coupled with the gloominess of the day did more to "dampen" our mood than was needed, and it turned out to be a fantastic day. Everybody caught fish of some kind, from little bitty Perch, to the "KING" of salmon; our own resident Chinook Salmon. The fact that it was only eight inches long mattered little to the angler who caught it (me) as it fought like the true champion of the race of fish that it was representing. I will return to search for it three years from now, when I hope it returns in time to repay me for letting it go on to live its life as it was meant.

As it turned out, it was a delightful day that turned out to be dry, warm, and just what fly fisherman dream of. There was a lot of surface action throughout the float, and I wish that I had tried some dries. As it turned out, I (like the rest of the group) stuck with the sub-surface stuff that we are taught to search with, and the bottom structure was eager to strip my offerings from my line. I lost 5 flies to the hungry sunken logs, but when all is said and done, I would do it all over again.

Don't hesitate to venture to this great little jewel on the Oregon Coast that joins the main stream of the Nestucca River at Pacific City. And just remember, "**The Salmon are coming, The Salmon are coming.**" Fish the last couple of hours of an outgoing tide for Cutthroat Trout, and the incoming tide for Fall Chinook. This estuary has it all and enjoy a marvelous day on one of Oregon's fun fishing destinations.

See you on the water.

Howard

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**November 5 Devils Lake Outing (New!)**

Mark your calendar to fish Devils Lake at Lincoln City on November 5, which our Board has added to our outing schedule! We had fun fishing it in March and there should be some leftover planters in there as well as resident cutthroats and maybe some smolts. We'll have more info in the November newsletter.

## ***Images from the August Casting Clinic***

***Thank you Dwight Klemin and James Gruetzman***

***For organizing and leading this event***



## ***Win This Classic Accessories Wilderness 9' Pontoon Boat***



Thanks to a generous donation by Ray Phelps, over the next few months the Santiam Flycasters will be selling raffle tickets for this boat. Tickets will be available at monthly meetings for \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. The drawing will be held at the December Holiday Potluck Dinner Meeting, on Thursday, December 8.

The boat has never been used and is still in its original packaging. The boat's dry weight is 68.3 lbs, with a maximum person and gear capacity of 400 lbs. It comes with two stitched-in side bags, two 6' oars, a padded, swivel base seat, a rear cargo platform, an anchor bag and cord, and 2 detachable micro-slit foam fly patches. Value \$300.

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## ***Come and Join our SFC Board!***

With the end of our summer hiatus, we are resuming our regular monthly meetings with informative programs. This would be a great time for you to sit in on one of our club Board meetings and help us plan our activities.

The Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the Monday before the second Thursday (the date of our club meetings) of each month at Garibaldi Family restaurant in West Salem, so our next Board meeting is on September 5. Some of us come early to partake of some of the tasty Mexican food. Board meetings last about an hour.

Items that we discuss include:

- Meeting speakers/presentations
- Holiday dinner, annual auction, etc.
- Selection of club outings
- Special events like Youth Outdoor Day, fly fair, participation in community events
- Nomination of club officers

In addition to learning more about our club operation, you may also pick up some additional fishing tips and locations. Your input and participation is very important in helping keep our club a fun activity.

We hope to see you at a Board meeting! Thanks.

## Fly Of The Month by Jim Ferguson

### Montana



Hook: Mustad 94831 (2 XL, 2 XFine, tapered eye), TMC 5263,  
Daiichi 1720, Dai Riki 710  
Thread: Orange 6/0, 8/0  
Tail: Golden Pheasant tippet fibers  
Body: Orange floss  
Rib: Fine gold wire  
Hackle: Grizzly palmered over body  
Wing: Natural Deer hair

The Montana is a stonefly pattern. This was described to me by Jim Fisher. With a little more care, the wing could be mounted with less flare.

#### **STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Debarb the hook and mount it in the vise (fig 1.)
2. Attach the tying thread one eye length behind the eye of the hook (fig 2.)
3. Wrap a thread base to the rear. Do not carry the thread base into the bend (fig 3.)
4. Select the Golden Pheasant tippet fibers for the tail. Mount the tail so it is level with the shank of the hook. Bind down the tail waste and take the thread to the 1/3 shank position (fig 4.)
5. Attach the fine gold wire rib material leaving a slight tag (fig 5.)

6. Bend the tag towards the rear into a "U" shape and bind it down onto the shank (fig 6.) This allows you to pull on the wire later without it pulling free.
7. Bind the rib material down along the bottom of the shank as you wrap the tying thread to the tail tie in position at the rear (fig 7.)
8. Wrap the thread using flat wraps to the front where the body will start and attach the orange floss onto the bottom of the shank (fig 8.)
9. Wrap the floss back over the shank in edge to edge turns to the tail tie in position. Use slightly overlapping turns while wrapping the floss back to the front. This will produce a slightly tapering body (fig 9.)
10. Attach the butt end of the prepared hackle on the bottom of the shank. Attach it so you will be able to make at least one complete turn in front of the body. If you use a fine stem dry hackle, you can bend the stem back and tie it down with a few wraps (fig 10.) This allows you to pull on the hackle without it pulling out when you palmer the hackle to the rear.
11. Trim the hackle stem waste (fig 11.)
12. Make at least one wrap of hackle at the front and then palmer the hackle to the rear. When you reach the rear, catch the hackle stem with two turns of the wire ribbing material and then spiral wrap the rib forward so it crosses over the stem at several places. Work the rib thru the front hackle wraps and tie it off on the bottom (fig 12.)
13. Hold the tying thread taught with one hand and "worry" off the wire by wiggling it back and forth. This produces a smaller waste and saves your scissor blades. Trim off the hackle waste (fig 13.)
14. Select, clean, and stack the deer body hair for the wing. I pre-glue and pre-cut the deer hair at the tie down position on the deer hair stack. This seems to allow the butt ends of the deer hair to compress more for a smaller head and you can produce a nice tapered head with little drop off that would be produced by trimming the deer hair waste after mounting. Mount the wing and form the head (fig 14.) Whip finish the head and add head cement. Try to use the techniques from Al & Gretchen Beattie's book on tying with hair to minimize the wing flair.

There are several different wing variations to try. You can keep the hair up on top of the shank or you might let it come down on the sides somewhat as in fig 14. If you want the fly to sit down into the film more, you can trim the bottom of the hackle. A shorter tail might be another variation. Attach the Golden Pheasant tippet so the black bar is at the tie in position.

fig 1



fig 2

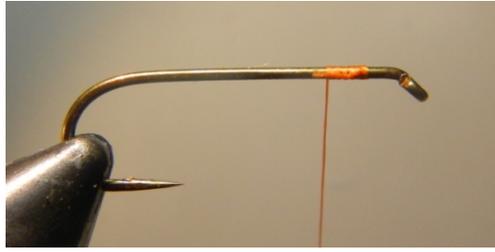


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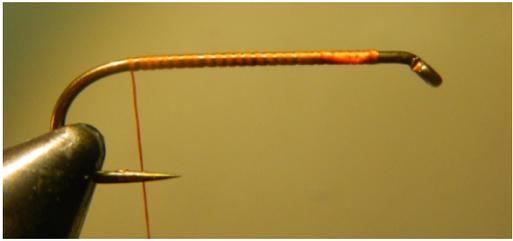


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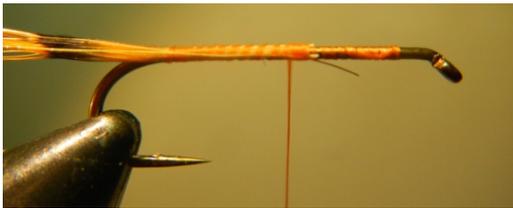


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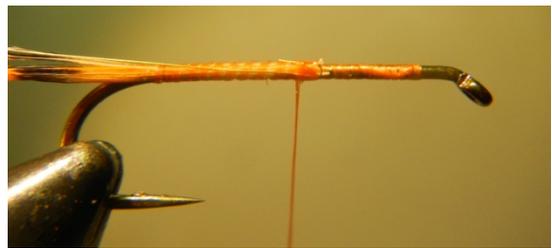


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fig 8



fig 9



fig 10





fig 11



fig 12



fig 13



fig 14



# 2016 Membership Application

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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