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The Myths of Fly Fishing with Dayle Mazzarella *Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm*



Dayle Mazzarella

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Come Join the Santiam Flycasters for guide Dayle Mazzarella's presentation "The Myths of Fly Fishing", which includes a conversation around statements like . . .

"Fluoro is better than mono",

"I don't need to cast very good to catch fish" or

"A stiff rod is better".

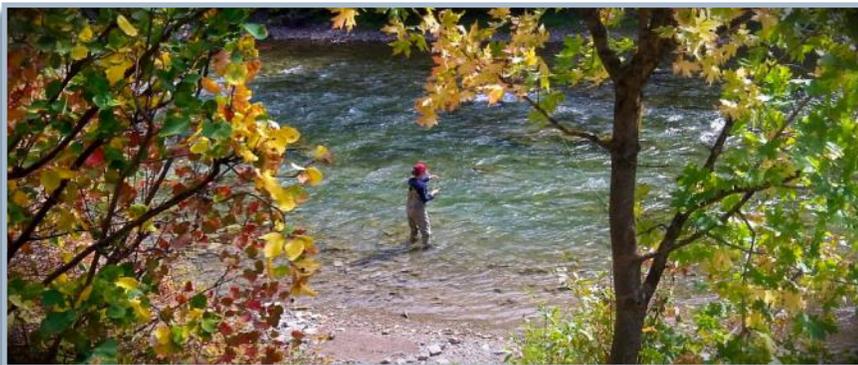
Dayle Mazzarella has 44 years experience as a highly successful

and award winning teacher, coach, and teacher trainer. He is an International Federation of Fly Fishers Master Certified Casting Instructor and a member of the Federation's Guide Association.

Dayle has successfully presented many fly casting clinics to large and small groups of varying casting abilities across the United States.

He has been guiding fly fishing trips in Wyoming for the past twenty-five years, and currently guides fly fishing trips in Western Wyoming from June through September.

Dayle spends his Winters and Springs fishing Tampa Bay and he has fished in Baja, Alaska, South America, New Zealand, and the Bahamas.



Board Meeting

Monday March 6

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday March 9

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

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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.

2017 SFC Auction – Thank You!

by *Tim Johnson*



Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2017 Santiam Flycasters annual auction. The auction brought in approximately \$2,500, funds needed to help our club fulfill its mission of promoting the sport of fly fishing through monthly newsletters, speaker meetings, outings, casting and tying instruction and fellowship. Even though our

operating costs are low, membership fees alone are not sufficient to cover all the expenses. The auction brings in around half of our annual operating budget.

The auction was made possible through the generous contributions of many of our members and business partners. To all of you who contributed items to the auction, thanks.

Members who contributed to the auction included: Steve "Mort" Morton, Bob Karau, Bob Gabler, Ray Phelps, Bill Meier, Jim Ferguson, Howard Palmer, Tim Keller, Loren Bergerson, Bill Byers, John Ebenshade, Jerry Gibb, Duane Heuberger, Ken Karnosh, Dwight "Klem" Klemin, Don Meyer, Pat Mosey, Peter Rayment, Leroy Shepherd, Jeff Smith, Dell Swearingen and Larry Steele. Apologies to those donors who we didn't mention here.

Business which contributed to the auction included: Sportsman's Warehouse, Farbank Enterprises (Rio) and the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

Special thanks to chefs Steve Reynolds and Carol Soderberg, and the kitchen team (Howard Palmer, Nancy Beeson, Karin Putnum and Cal Hudspeth) for organizing, preparing and serving a delicious tortellini and sausage dinner.



Plan to attend the NW Fly Tyer & Fishing Expo at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany on March 10 and 11. Check their website for details and times.

There will be up to 80 people tying flies at all times as well as many classes, vendors, silent auctions/raffles, etc. If you have a question about any aspect of fly fishing, there will be someone there with the answer! Also, the Santiam Flycasters will be handling the silent auction at the Expo, so stop by to say hello.

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'll subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board. Note: your SFC membership must be current to be a subscriber of SFC-FISH.



Outing Report—February 18 Devil's Lake

By Leroy Shepherd

About a dozen Santiam Flycasters tried Devils Lake in Lincoln City on February 18. We hoped for a nice day on the water, and the early hours were relatively calm, but by noon the wind came up to accompany the pelting rain so most of us called it a day at that point.

Most of us caught a fish or two, with one being bragging size (something over 15" was reported).

The major debate was whether or not to set up for lunch, but most of us thought a dry, warm restaurant in Lincoln City the better option than eating in the rain while holding down the dining canopy.



Was it a good day? They say the worst day fishing is better than the best day working. The good news is that we didn't have to fight any crowds to be on the water. We had a chance to feel that nice tug on the end of the line signaling that we got it right. And, there was always someone else around to commiserate about the weather.

Look forward to March and what will certainly be a wonderful day on the Deschutes. The sun always shines in Central Oregon! Right?

March 18-Deschutes River Outing

By Ken Karnosh

On March 18, we will float and fish the Deschutes River below Maupin from Pinetree to Beavertail. It has been a couple of years since we have fished this area.

We will camp at Beavertail Campground, but you can also make this a long day trip.

To get there, I prefer to drive north on I-5, turn onto I-205 near Tualatin, turn east onto I-84, turn south onto US 197 at the east end of The Dalles, turn east (left) onto Highway 216 just north of Tygh Valley, turn north (left) onto the Deschutes River Access Road just past Sherar's Falls, and drive about 11 miles to Beavertail Campground.

A pontoon or drift boat is needed to float the river, but there is a good stretch of river to fish near the campground. We will shuttle ourselves, but you will need to buy a Boater's Pass, which you can do with one of the links on our website.

Suggested equipment is 5-6 weight rods with floating line. Flies include caddis, mayfly, stonefly, and midge pupa. Flies of size 16-20 can be effective. There may be some caddis or BWO dry fly action. Also, remember your personal flotation device!

Our club will provide bratwurst for Saturday evening meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish, as well as some firewood.



Lower Deschutes River Update

By Rick Dulude

Have you noticed over the last eight years how the lower 100 miles of the Deschutes River has undergone some drastic ecological changes? The river has always been challenging to wade, but now ectoplasmic slime-like algae smothers rocks and riffles making wading more like an adventure in ice skating on marbles. Noticed how the river has become more turbid and off-color? Where did the B-Run Clearwater steelhead go? Why are small mouth bass numbers on the rise? Why is black spot disease appearing in the native reddsides trout?

Where did the cliff swallows, bats, and nighthawks go? The reason those critters' populations have dwindled is that the biomass of the river has changed and not for the better. Prior to 2009, the Deschutes was a veritable insect factory with multiple dependable hatches, including the famous June salmon fly hatch that resulted in fisherman making a yearly pilgrimage to the river. Now midge numbers have exploded, while there are many fewer caddis, mayflies, and stoneflies. The timing of the salmon fly hatch has also shifted to mid-early May and is markedly less prominent.

Ironically, changes to the lower Deschutes have occurred because of efforts to augment anadromous fish (salmon and steelhead) smolt out-migration and thus potentially increase the numbers of fish returning to their historical up-river habitat. PGE and the Warm Springs Tribe (whom control the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Complex) installed a selective water withdrawal tower at the Round Butte Dam (as part of dam relicensing efforts) to capture surface water where downstream migrating salmon and steelhead smolts are commonly found. Captured smolts are then transported around the dam. Prior to relicensing, water released from the base of the dam was cold, clear, neutral pH, algae-free Metolius River water, which sank to the bottom of the reservoir. The lower river ecosystem has changed because warm, turbid, alkaline, algae-laden water coming mostly from the Crooked River is now being released from the upper level of the reservoir through the selective water withdrawal tower.



The Deschutes River Alliance (DRA) formed to study changes in the lower river. This group is a consortium of like-minded businesses and individuals who were disturbed by the above-mentioned changes to the river below the dam. The DRA commissioned a multi-year scientific water quality study that revealed many detrimental changes to the water quality and aquatic life forms. Last year, they filed legal action against PGE for violating the Clean Water Act. On February 11, 2017, the DRA had their first auction, gathering in Portland at the EcoTrust building in the Pearl district. The event was sold out and was a rousing success for raising awareness and funds. A newly commissioned documentary film, *The Rapid Decline*, was presented as well. It can be viewed on the DRA website - deschutesriveralliance.org



The DRA has always supported anadromous fish reintroduction. But the fundamental requirements of the Clean Water Act must be upheld, and the lower Deschutes River's ecology and resident species must not be sacrificed. The reason that fish need to be reintroduced is because several major runs of anadromous fish were lost when the dams were constructed, blocking access to spawning habitat in the upper Deschutes Basin. Let's not compound that loss with a new generation of loss to fishes living in the lower 100 miles of river. Few anadromous fish have returned to the Deschutes above the dam since this project went into effect, except for approximately 500 sockeye salmon returning to Suttle Lake last year.

All those interested in fly fishing, clean water, future generations, river health, and just fighting the good fight, should visit the DRA website and educate themselves, join the DRA and donate funds and/or services to the DRA who are giving a voice of opposition to this catastrophe in the making.

2017 Outings

It's time to mark your 2017 calendars for our club outings. The Board included many of our popular past locations and added a couple of new ones. Should be something for everyone!

- ◆ March 18-Deschutes River (Beavertail)
- ◆ April 8-Willamette River (Harrisburg)
- ◆ May 13-McKenzie River (Hayden-Armitage)
- ◆ May 20-Crooked River
- ◆ June 17-Trail Bridge Reservoir
- ◆ June 24-Deschutes River (Trout Creek)
- ◆ July 8-East Lake
- ◆ July 19 (Wednesday)-Three Creek lake
- ◆ August 12-Willamette River (Keizer)
- ◆ August 26-Little Nestucca River
- ◆ September 9-Hosmer Lake
- ◆ September 16-Walton Lake
- ◆ September 23-Umpqua River (Elkton)
- ◆ October 14-Crooked River
- ◆ October 21-Deschutes River (Trout Creek)
- ◆ November 11-Devils Lake



Ready to Roll!



Taking a Break!



Santiam Flycasters

2017 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in flyfishing 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 Federation of Fly Fishers.

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. *Dues are from January 1st through December 31st. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1st.

Regular -- \$25 Family -- \$30 Youth--\$10

NAME: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

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? 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