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October 2018

October Meeting: "Fly Fishing Road Trips" with John Kreft

John Kreft is this month's featured speaker and will present a program titled "Fly Fishing Road Trips."

He has been fortunate to travel and fish rivers in Montana for a few weeks at a time the last few years. Washington and Idaho rivers have been added to the mix recently. His presentation provides examples of rivers to fish, what to take, where to stay, and lessons learned. Rivers include the lower Madison, Stillwater, Big Hole, St. Joe, and Upper Columbia.



John is renowned for his famous "John Kreft Flies" which he has graciously donated dozens and dozens to the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF) monthly raffle. He has managed the COF Winter Fly Tying since 2012 and contributes to the Fly of the Month column in the COF newsletter.

In addition to the COF activities, John was the treasurer for the Oregon Council – FFI for 4 ½ years and Chair of the 2015 and 2016 NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany. He has been an exhibition fly tyer at the NW Expo, Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo (Boise), Northern California Fly Tying Expo (Redding), and several national FFI Fairs. He is on the board of Central Oregon Project Healing Waters, teaching fly tying and fly fishing to veterans.

Lastly, John started the website *RiverKeeper Flies* (www.johnkreft.com) in March 2014, which is a great resource to novice and experienced anglers. His weekly posts include a variety of topics including fly fishing, fly tying, and volunteer work. A couple of notable tabs on the webpage includes **Fly Patterns** (including Crooked River flies) and **Resources** (knots, hook and bead conversion charts). Many pictures accompany the posts and fly patterns to help with his story-telling style.

John and his wife Karen (a noted fly fisher in her own right) live in Sisters.

Board Meeting

Monday October 8

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday October 11

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday October 17

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

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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.

President's Corner By Ricky Love

The Year 2018 in Review and Posturing for Success in 2019

Although there are still 3 months left in 2018, it's never too early to begin reviewing the past year and providing input on what things we did well and what areas we need to improve. Over the next few months please provide feedback to the club officers and board members during general meetings, emails, phone calls, etc. Your feedback is imperative to ensure we are meeting the needs of our most valuable commodity – our members. This feedback will help shape activities, outings, etc. for 2019. Speaking of 2019, I encourage members to consider becoming a club officer or a board member for the coming year. The time commitment is minimal and any organization benefits from an infusion of new members and ideas. If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member, don't hesitate to inquire at the next meeting. We have several great outings remaining in the next few months. Hope to see you there.



Win a Guided Fishing Trip for Two with Bob Spencer



Thanks to the generous support of club member and former president Howard Palmer, The Santiam Flycasters is offering a drawing for a guided fly fishing trip with Bob Spencer, McKenzie River Fishing Guides and White Water Rafting Tours.

Tickets will be available at the October, November and December monthly meetings for \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. The drawing will take place at the December Holiday Potluck Dinner Meeting on Thursday, December 13.

Bob Spencer was the speaker at our September monthly meeting. He gave an entertaining and informative presentation on fishing the McKenzie River. Winner of this raffle can select from a variety of fishing options, including fishing the McKenzie River for trout or one of the coaster rivers for Steelhead. Value \$400.

Welcome New Member in
September

Brad Pfeifer, Salem

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Updates

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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 will 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.

Willamette River Outing Report (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry)

By Tim Johnson

Six club members floated the Willamette on a pleasant summer morning on August 11. A brief rain shower that washed some of the dust off our boats also freshened our spirits. Catching fish is never easy on this stretch of the river, but there are some large fish to be found. Several fish in the range of 17-18" were hooked, both Smallmouth Bass and Northern Pikeminnow. The beauty pictured to the right was hooked by Carl Tiller. Good job Carl. Also, some smaller Bluegill were caught. The river can be very stingy with its bounty, but perseverance has its rewards.



Anglers had success with several patterns including a rubber-legged wooly buggie, micro zonker, gurgler (pictured on the left; a surface pattern) and even a partridge orange soft hackle caught fish. Rather than finding the right pattern, finding where the fish were holding and making a good presentation were the keys to success on this outing.

Umpqua River Outing Report

By Ken Karnosh

On September 15, 8 of us floated the Umpqua River and fished for smallmouth bass. The weather was very pleasant, with mostly overcast skies and high temperature around 70.

After a tasty breakfast at Tomaselli's Bakery for most of us, we were quite ready for a day on the water.

At the September club meeting, President Ricky said that 30-fish days on the Umpqua were quite common. Our day didn't quite live up to that expectation, but several people landed around 20, with the largest fish around 15". Green and brown, or similar colors, flies fished deep provided most of our success. We saw only one other fisher on the river and she was using bait.

The water temperature was around 65 degrees, so has started to cool. Probably it would be best to plan any fly fishing for smallmouth there before mid-September.

River level was another issue because the water was low. It didn't affect our float, and probably made our fishing easier. The issue was the takeout-we had to pack our boats about 200 feet over the rocks to the boat ramp. It was hard work for an old man, but a small price to pay for a good day on the water.



More Pictures from the Umpqua River Outing

Fly Tying Group Wednesday October 17

We will meet on Wednesday, October 17 at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing. Enjoy some tasty food or a beverage, if you wish, as well.

We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie. Kent Toomb will demonstrate tying the "Fly of the Month." Each person could also tie a pattern of their choice. It's very laid back and it is for all levels of tying ability.

If you have questions, contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone at



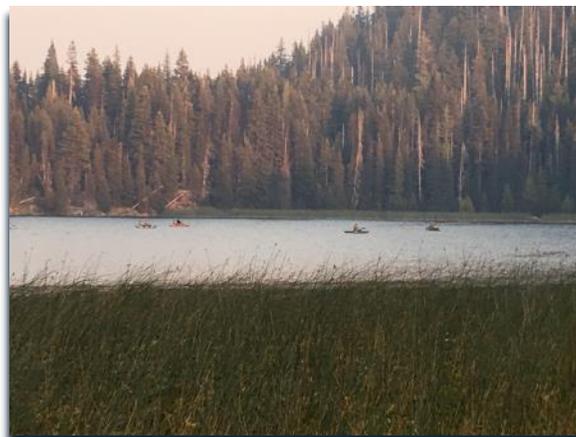
(541) 990-3964.

Hope to see you there.



Hosmer Lake Outing Report

By Ricky Love



If you enjoy beautiful scenery and great fishing then Hosmer Lake is the place for you. On September 8 the club ventured to Central Oregon and had great views of Mt Bachelor and the “Sisters” all weekend.

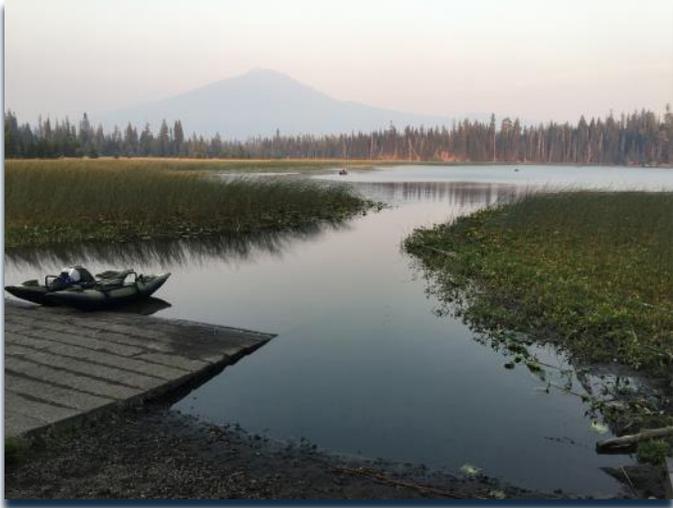
Fifteen members made the trip and a few arrived on Friday and fished in the evening with some success, however the best success came on Saturday and Sunday. The majority of members chose to fish in lake by the boat ramp (South Campground) on Saturday. The morning started slow for most of us then picked up a bit about 10:30am with some netting 5 fish, however one extremely intelligent member decided to venture up the lake into the narrow portion of the lake and had great success.

Beth Jappay netted about 40 fish on Saturday and Jim Nichols eventually followed her up the lake and also had a great day netting close to 20 fish. Beth caught most of her fish on a fly she calls the “Beth Special”. It is a callibaetis nymph she developed based on what she saw at a previous East Lake outing after pumping a fish’s stomach. Size 14 was the size of choice and she also used a tan colored soft hackle in the evening during the Caddis Hatch. Jim caught several fish using an Adams Dry fly.

On Sunday Beth appeared to be the Pied Piper as many of us followed her up lake and enjoyed great success. Beth, Jim, Herb Harry, and I caught lots of cutthroat and brook trout cast after cast. Herb and I both used a size 12 Damselfly nymph (six pack) with another smaller soft hackle trailer. Several fish in the range of 14-18 inches were caught during this trip, however the fish of the weekend was caught by Don Meyer with a nice 22-inch fish. Jim Nichols also netted a nice 20-incher. I left the lake on Sunday at 1pm and there were still several members fishing – a great indicator that fishing was very good. This is an outing I highly recommend attending next year.



More Pictures from the Hosmer Lake Outing



Final Outings for 2018

October 13 — Crooked River

October 27 — Willamette River — McKenzie River to the Marshall Island-Harrisburg Section

November 10 — Detroit Lake

November 17 — Devil's Lake

Thank You — For pictures and reports featured in the Newsletter

Ken Karnosh, Jim Nichols, Ricky Love, Tim Johnson, Dell Swearingen

October 13 Crooked River Outing



On October 13, 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 stay at a motel in Prineville, or just make it a long day trip from Salem.

To get there, 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 sign in the middle of Prineville, and drive about 17 miles to Cobble Rock campground.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Nymphs include midge pupa, pheasant tails, and hare's ears, best in sizes 16-20 and fished right along the bottom. Dry flies include midges, caddis, and PMDs or blue wing olives. Soft hackles also may work.

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

The club will provide hamburgers for a mid-day meal on Saturday. Bring a small side dish to share, if you wish, along with your chair and beverage.

October 27 Willamette River Outing

On October 27, we plan to float the Willamette River from Marshall Island to Harrisburg to fish for native cutthroats and rainbows. Remember that we switched this from the McKenzie!

Drift boats are nice and offer a bit more opportunity to fish, but pontoon boats work quite well. The float is about 7 miles with minor rapids.

Plan to meet at the Harrisburg City Park boat ramp at 8:15 a.m., with your boat ready to go. We will combine boats as much as possible before driving to the launch site and shuttling vehicles back to the park. To get to Harrisburg, drive I-5 south to the Harrisburg exit 209, drive west to Harrisburg, and turn left (south) onto Highway 99E for a couple of blocks. The park and boat ramp are a couple of blocks west of downtown Harrisburg.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. The trout should be in the fall eating mode, so flies include soft hackles and emergers as well as woolly buggers or streamers and nymphs.

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



October Fly of the Month- Modified October Caddis Soft Hackle **By Dell Swearingen**



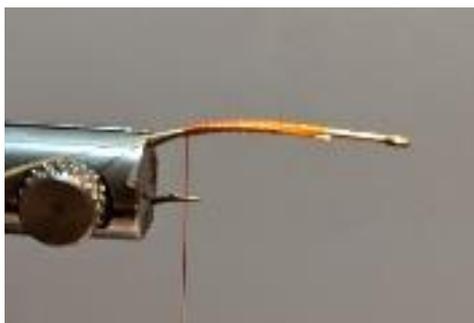
My favorite Fall fly is the October Caddis. However, in reviewing the Fly of the Month for last October, Jim Ferguson demonstrated how to tie an October Caddis. To avoid duplication, this issue will show how to tie a modification of an October Caddis soft hackle pattern found in the Soft Hackle Journal posted by Steve Bird. Online no date was given. He called it a "Miasmic October Caddis Pupa-Emerger."

Modified October Caddis Soft Hackle

- Hook:** #8-10 (Dai-Riki 270 or equivalent size 8 used in this pattern.)
- Thread:** Rusty brown and black (6/0 or 8/0)
- Rib:** Small copper wire wound over the abdomen
- Tip:** UV2 Diamond Brite rust orange ice dub
- Body:** Pumpkin-orange antron/mixed with a small amount of sulfur yellow antron
- Thorax:** Small Hungarian Partridge feather from bleached ginger or brown skin
- Hackle:** Small brown cock ringneck pheasant body feather
- Collar:** Natures Spirit Emergence Dubbing PMD brown TriLobal Antron or brown hairs ear dubbing.

Directions:

1. Place the hook in the vise and bend down the barb. Attach the tying thread about an eighth of an inch behind the hook eye. Put down a thread wrap to extend to a spot perpendicular to the barb. Wrap in about a three-inch piece of small copper wire for the rib.



2. Prepare a small dubbing noodle of UV2 Diamond Brite rust orange ice dub and wrap it around the butt of the fly as a tip.



3. Form another dubbing loop. This time use Pumpkin-orange antron/mixed with sulfur yellow antron.
4. Wrap the dubbing loop around the hook to about an eighth of an inch behind the hook eye completing the body of the fly and tie it off. Prepare a small Hungarian Partridge feather from bleached ginger or brown skin. Tie it in by the tip and wrap it twice around the hook as an under hackle. Once wrapped, it should extend about half of the body in length. Prepare and wrap a small brown cock ringneck pheasant body feather in by the tip for the hackle. Again, two wraps will do.



5. Form a very small dubbing noodle of Natures Spirit Emergence Dubbing PMD Brown TriLobal Antron and wrap it in front of the hackle to form a collar. Tie off the dubbing noodle with a couple of turns of whip finish to secure the rusty brown thread. Snip the rusty brown thread and tie in the black thread. Whip finish the black thread forming a small head. Brush the collar back toward the hackle. Apply head cement and the fly is ready to fish.



Santiam Flycasters

2018 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 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 -- \$250 Regular -- \$25 Family -- \$30 Youth--\$10

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