



SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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August 2019

August Casting Clinic—August 8 6:00 pm

Meeting at Wallace Marine Park

(Note: Change in Location)

Whether novice, new to the sport, or long time fly fisher, we have room to improve our fly casting skills. Led by club member Dwight Klemin, a certified fly casting instructor, his enthusiasm for the art and technique and fly casting will help you deliver your fly where you need it to land. This clinic is designed to make your fishing effective, efficient, and enjoyable.

The Schedule for the evening:

6:00 pm — Review of Basic Casting Stroke—A must to attend in order to take your cast to the next level.

Break

6:45 pm Take Your Cast to a New Level— adds a deeper understanding and skill level from the first session.

Both sessions will help you develop your casting skills and enjoy the Skill Challenge. A Fun Time, there will be a "Dollar Challenge" contest. Bring a dollar to enter and you could win the pot by hitting the target or being the closest.

Contact Dwight Klemin if you have questions (503) 302-9484

[Directions to Wallace Marine Park](#) located at 200 Glen Creek Road in West.Salem. We will meet in the first parking lot on the left as you enter the Park. If occupied with soccer stuff then meet at the soccer field close to the pedestrian bridge.



Board Meeting

Monday August 5

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

Casting Clinic

Thursday August 8

6:00 pm

Wallace Marine Park

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday August 14

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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

Wooly Bugger to the Rescue — Strip, Strip, Strip

The most successful fly fisherman and fly fisherwoman generally know three very important pieces of information when they hit the water. They know what insects are on the water, what flies imitate those insects, and how that aquatic insect moves in the water. For those of us that aren't entomologists and can't readily identify the insects on the water we have to select a fly that kind of looks like what we are seeing. Many times, you may guess the right fly but the speed at which you strip may be wrong resulting in limited or no success.



In early June of this year, my wife Julie, my out-laws (some call them in-laws), Herb and Kathy Harry (SFC members) and two other close family friends, made our annual trek to Northern Idaho to camp and fish at our favorite reservoir and creek. The fly-fishing experience varied from very experienced to a beginner.

The first two days of fishing were outstanding and everyone including the beginners were catching several fish in the 15-inch range. The nymphs that had always worked came through again – until day three. As we hit the water on day three with visions of another 30 fish day for each of us, the flies that worked the first few days, netted very few fish in the first hour and a half.

I tied on a black wooly bugger and started varying the stripping speed and found that stripping it fast triggered the fish to bite. I caught fish after fish on each cast and told Herb to put on a wooly bugger. He did but had limited success. I switched poles with him and told him to strip the wooly bugger fast. I took the pole he was using which had a brown wooly bugger on and a started stripping fast and again caught fish after fish. Herb caught one fish in the time I caught twelve. I decided to watch what he was doing and saw the problem. He was lackadaisical in his stripping and although he had the right fly on, the action wasn't correct.

The same scenario repeated two more times that morning with my wife and great friend Bill. I gave them my pole with a wooly bugger and told them to strip fast. They both had limited success. I watched both of them with a keen eye and noticed the same thing. They seemed to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and were in their "happy place," however, they were not stripping fast as instructed. As much as I'd like to claim it was my great skill that netted so many more fish than them, the reality is, I simply was stripping the fly at the rate that triggered the bite and they weren't.

If you want to be successful at fly-fishing, take some time to learn about aquatic insects – especially how they move in the water. Experiment with the depth and stripping speed of the fly and there is a great chance your line will get tight eventually.

Fly Tying at the State Fair

After an absence of several years, our club members will again demonstrate fly tying at the Oregon State Fair on Friday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We will have two people at a time, on 2-hour shifts, tying the fly of their choice. If you can help with this, please e-mail Bill Crucial at billcrucial@mac.com. You get free admission to the Fair as well.

If you go to the Fair on opening day, drop by our tyers to say hello!



CALLING *all* FLY-TYERS

to the OREGON STATE FAIR

You are invited to show off your talents at the 2019 Oregon State Fair

Aug. 23-Sept. 2.

Dry Fly, Nymph, Streamer, and more!

Looking for tied flies for entry or display.

See details on how to enter at

www.oregonstatefair.org/competitions/creative-living/crafts



For more details please contact us at

Creativeliving@oregonstatefair.org

Or call 971-701-6571

Three Creek Lake Outing Report

By Ken Karnosh

For Latest News and 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.



Eight of us fished Three Creek Lake on July 17. This lake is a beautiful mountain setting at 6,500' elevation with rainbow and brook trout.

Tim Keller fished from shore and caught a good number of smaller fish on dry flies. The rest of us used our pontoon boats or float tubes and caught very pleasing numbers of both rainbows and brookies up to 14". Successful flies included soft hackles, Carey Specials, and emergers and I'll bet that Tim Johnson probably used a Teeny Nymph!

Although the breeze got a bit pushy at times, it was a great day on the water. As I kicked hard against the late afternoon breeze to get to the launch area, though,

I saw Joseph catch a couple after I had also hooked one, so the fish were still hitting.



More Pictures of the Three Creek Lake Outing



Fly Tying Group

We will meet on Wednesday, August 14 at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Come, join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing. We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie. Each person could also tie a pattern of their choice.

It is very laid back and 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



Gold Lake Outing Report

By Scott Vaslev



Ten members of SFC made it up to Gold Lake for the Saturday lunch. Most stayed a night or two, turned out there was enough camp sites for all of us with a few sharing. I went up on Thursday and was able to secure campsite #10 which turned out to be a keeper. This site was perfect for hosting SFC in that we could store and launch our pontoon boats there.

Fishing was OK, apparently was fantastic the week before. I caught 7, 5 rainbows and couple brookies over the 3 days I fished. Ken, on the other hand, caught that many fish in one session. The fly de jour was a rendition of the Carey Special (maybe Ken could tie one for the fly of the month).

Was generally agreed that Gold Lake should be put in our rotation for annual trips with an earlier date, maybe first or second week in June. Tightlines. Scott



Willamette River Outing August 10

On August 10, we will float the Willamette River for about 8 miles from Keizer Rapids Park to the boat ramp just below Wheatland Ferry to fish for smallmouth bass. A pontoon or drift boat is needed for this trip. A typical smallmouth in this section is 8-12", but we have caught several up to about 19".

Plan to meet at Keizer Rapids Park (at the westerly end of Chemawa Road in Keizer) at 8:00 with your boat assembled. We will need to shuttle our vehicles to the Wheatland Ferry boat ramp before we start our float. Plan to pay for parking at the Wheatland Ferry boat ramp (\$5 day use or State Parks Pass).

Suggested gear is 5 or 6 weight rods with floating or intermediate line. Flies include woolly buggers, clousers, and similar flies, probably beadhead or weighted to fish them near the bottom. A version is to tie a woolly bugger with dumbbell eyes. Green, purple, and black are good colors. Good fishing locations often are where the current is a bit slower, especially where the depth quickly increases, and the depth is 3-8' or so, probably within 50' of shore.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch as well as water, fins, PFD, etc. and plan to be on the water until late afternoon.

Tim Johnson will be the outing sponsor, so contact him by phone at (503)507-8552 or by e-mail at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com if you have a question.

South Santiam River Outing August 24

On August 24, we plan to float and fish the South Santiam River from Pleasant Valley Road, near Sweet Home, to Waterloo County Park. Stay tuned on this one, since we may need to change plans if the water level is too low.

We will meet at Waterloo Park at 8:00, combine our boats, and drive to Sweet Home. To get to Waterloo Park, drive I-5 south and take either Highway 20 or 34 from the Albany area to Lebanon, drive about 3 miles past Lebanon on Highway 20, turn left at the Waterloo turnoff, and drive to the boat ramp in the park.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line. Flies include nymphs and dries for caddis and mayflies, including soft hackles. Euronymphing or similar techniques can be quite effective on the native cutthroat trout.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch and water, as well as your PFD, wading staff, and sunscreen.

Kent Toomb is the outing sponsor, so e-mail him at Kent.Toomb@gmail.com if you have a question.

New Club Laptop

By Tim Johnson

Thanks to a very generous donation by club member Sue Karnosh (Ken's wife), the Santiam Flycasters now has its own laptop. This computer will be used to provide audio/visual support to our speakers. Occasionally a speaker doesn't have a laptop they can bring to Pringle Hall to make their PowerPoint presentation. This doesn't happen often, but when it does we have needed to borrow a laptop, usually from Sue. The club has considered purchasing a laptop for this purpose, but that would have been expensive, around a \$1,000. Now the club has its own laptop, with all the software we will need.

The laptop is an Hewlett Packard model with an Intel i5 processor and 8 GB of RAM memory. The operating system is the 64-bit version of Windows 10 Pro. Installed software includes the latest version of the Office Suite of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. Sue also installed the latest version of Photoshop Elements.

This system will serve the club's needs very well for many years to come. Many thanks to Sue for her great support of our club.

August Fly of the Month

Joe's Hopper

By Dell Swearingen



Materials List:

- Hook:** Dai-Riki 710 or equivalent, # 8, 6 or 4
Thread: Yellow size 6/0
Body: Sparkle yarn yellow
Wings: Matching turkey feathers
Hackle: Palmered brown feather
Hackle: One grizzly and one brown saddle feather
Head: Yellow thread

In August, in Southcentral and Southeastern Oregon, a Joe's Hopper can be a good choice on many of the creeks and rivers. The Hopper has proven effective on such streams as: Buck and Silver Creeks near Silver Lake; Anna River in Summer Lake; the Chewaucan above Paisley; the North and Middle Forks of the Malheur and the Donner and Blitzen River at the foot of the Steens Mountain.

Directions:

1. Insert the hook in the vice and mash down the barb. Put down a thread base parallel to the barb. Insert a clump of red feathers for a tail.



Figure 1

back of the body. Then separate a couple of additional strands of yarn, tie them in and spiral them forward with touching wraps to within $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch of the hook eye.



Figure 2

2. Double a 1.75-inch strip of yellow yarn and secure it with thread wraps to the hook to form an egg sac at the rear of the hook. Secure a brown saddle feather to the

3. Palmer the brown feather forward to within a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in back of the hook eye. Secure and trim off the excess. Trim the feather on the top and bottom. **Then, trim the sides short or they will penetrate the wings on the next step.**



Figure 3

4. Select about ¼ inch sections of turkey feathers from opposite sides of two feathers- to ensure they match. With two loose wraps and a couple of tight pinch wraps, secure the wings to the sides of the body. They should be the same length with tips pointing up.



Figure 4

5. Tie in one grizzly and one brown saddle hackle and wrap them four or five times around the hook. The hackle should extend slightly below the hook gap. Secure the hackle and trim off the excess. Finish with a small head, whip finish and apply head cement. The fly is ready to fish.



Figure 5



Hosmer Lake — Proof that a certain club member likes to tickle a fish's tongue.

Picture by Shandy Hart Danford



Santiam Flycasters

2019 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in fly fishing 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