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September Meeting: Exploring Fly Line Choices for Today's Fly Rods

With Mitch Smith



We would like to welcome Mitch Smith, owner of Two Rivers Fly Shop in Albany and a generous supporter of our annual auction, as our September speaker. Mitch will be sharing his insights and opinions on the latest trends in the fly line industry and what factors are driving these innovations

What's new in the world of line tapers, weights, coatings and applications? Mitch will be happy to discuss it all, so bring your questions and let Mitch help you get the most from your time fly fishing, whether it's for steelhead, salmon, trout or bass.

I believe most of us are familiar with his wonderful shop in Albany, but if you are new to the area or new to fly fishing or fly tying you should plan a visit to the Two Rivers Fly Shop either in person or online at tworiversflyshop.biz.

Representative Needed!

After many years of service Keith elected to not be our club representative to the ORCFFFI (Oregon Council of Federation of Fly Fishers International) and Howard decided that his travels wouldn't allow him to do it, so our club needs a new person for those duties.

Keith says that the duties are minimal, basically to take part in, and represent our club at, the three Council meetings each year, which may be held in Albany, by telephone, or possibly in the Sisters area.

This is a good chance to meet other fly fishers and learn something of the ORCFFFI operation, with only the effort that you wish to provide.

If you are willing to be our representative, please contact Ricky at rickylove20@aol.com. Thank you!

Board Meeting

Monday Sept. 9

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday Sept. 12

7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday Sept. 18

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

Still Water Fishing: 6 Wet Flies You Will Always Find in My Fly Box

Like many of you that have fly-fished for several years, I have my favorite "go to" flies that are always in my fly box. For this article I'll focus on what I use when I fish on Still Water (lakes, reservoirs) and I have a high level of confidence that I will net fish with these flies. My top 6 wet flies include a Woolly Bugger, Gold Rib Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Damselfly Nymph, Soft-hackle fly, and a Guaranteed.



(Editor's Note: If your browser supports, links have been included to a variety of videos demonstrating these patterns. Several videos feature SFC club members tying these flies. The "Six Pack" and "Guaranteed" are demonstrated by Ricky.)

[Woolly Bugger](#). If you are fishing in Stillwater, leeches are prevalent year-round and you just need to figure out what size, color, and action trigger the bite. If I had to choose just one color of woolly bugger it would be black, however, you will always find black, brown, purple, and olive (with burnt orange tail) in my box. Some members often use white woolly buggers and net fish. Sizes in my box range from size 6-12. Size 8 is what I use most often.

[Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear](#). In my early days as a fly fisherman, this was my "go to" fly. It is a great searching pattern and can imitate mayfly nymphs and caddis pupae. Sizes in my box range from size 10-18. I catch most fish with sizes 12-14 Hare's Ear.

[Pheasant Tail Nymph](#). This is another fly that netted me many fish in my early years. Like the Gold Rib Hare's Ear, it imitates several mayfly nymphs, caddisflies, and even midges. This pattern is great for Stillwater but also very effective in rivers, streams, etc. I normally have sizes 10-18 in my box. I like using pearl flashabou for a wing case and it seems to attract fish.

[Damselfly Nymph](#). My favorite wet fly to fish with and I've caught more fish in my lifetime with a damselfly nymph than any other wet fly. Damselfly nymphs are prevalent in many Stillwaters in the Northwest and it is usually the first fly I tie on when fishing Stillwater whether or not I see them on/or in the water. My favorite damselfly pattern is called a "Pheasant Tail Six Pack" I just call it a [Six Pack](#). The body and tail are tied with pheasant tail fibers and the hackle is dyed pheasant rump feather. I use olive or yellow died rump feather.



[Soft Hackle Flies](#). If I could only have one wet fly in my box, it would undoubtedly be a soft-hackle fly. Soft hackle flies can imitate the majority of insects at various stages of their life-cycle. These are extremely easy to tie and a Hungarian partridge provides great soft-hackle feathers for soft hackle flies. The only difference in the variations of soft hackle flies in my box is the body color and whether I put a thorax on or not. My favorite color soft-hackle is olive, but I always have tan, brown, orange, and a pheasant tail soft hackle (pheasant tail fibers for the body and red thread) in my box. Our Club Treasurer, Tim Johnson, “always” puts on an [orange soft hackle](#) first whether fishing in still or moving water and usually brings several fish to the net. I use sizes 10-14 and have caught most fish with size 12 soft hackle flies.

[Guaranteed](#). This is a pattern many in the club are not familiar with but it has gained popularity since I tied it for episode 10 of CCTV (Bill Crucial produces). It is an attractor pattern and a great fly to use when nothing else seems to work. It is tied with a duck feather (barbed tail), orange or red tag (egg sac), peacock herl body, and blue peacock feather (soft hackle), and either black, red, or orange thread. I tie versions with all these color threads. The original version is tied with black thread. This can also be used as a steelhead fly. This fly was also instrumental to my success as a novice fly fisherman and I tie these in size 8-10. The pattern is hard to find, however if you go to you tube and type in Leroy Hyatt Six Pack you will see the same version I tied on the show. Leroy is from the Palouse in Washington State and I learned this pattern and many others watching his weekly fly- tying show in the late 90s.



Although I mentioned above what size hook, I've caught the most fish on for each pattern, matching the hatch (size and color) is the best recipe for success. If I had to do the impossible and narrow it down to my top 3 wet flies it would be (1) Wet-Fly, (2) Damselfly “Six pack”, and (3) Woolly Buzzer. On your next fishing outing to Still Water (East Lake), if these 6 wet flies are in your box, there is a great chance of you will be successful in bringing fish to the net.

Fly Tying Group

We will meet on Wednesday, September 18 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



New Member in
August

**Danny Morris,
Hubbard**

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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.

Hosmer Lake Outing Report

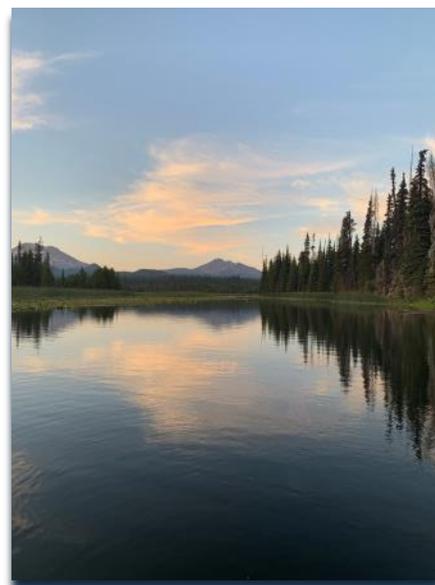
By Ken Karnosh

About a dozen of us fished Hosmer Lake on July 27. It was beautiful, but a bit summery during mid-day. One could really see the stars at night and Tim pointed out a number of them and formations with names. At least we didn't wake up to frost on everything!

We caught a fair number of rainbows and cutthroats up to 17-18" on a variety of flies. Ricky checked the spot where Beth had great luck last fall, but reported that the fish weren't there this time. Most of us fished the lake near the boat ramp, but Scott and Larry camped at Mallard Marsh and fished the black line in the upper lake.

Chef Steve Reynolds prepared some wonderful tri-tip for our Saturday meal and it was nearly all devoured, including a few tidbits for our doggy friends that were there! All of the other delicious food made for a great meal. Thanks, Steve and all!

Oh, yes, there had to be several hundred paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes that also used the lake on Saturday, and nearly that many on the other days. The launch was crowded at times, but we still found plenty of space to fish and not be disturbed too much.



Hosmer Lake Photo Album



Willamette River Photo Album



More from the Willamette Outing



More Photos from the Willamette Outing



Willamette River Outing Report

By Bill Cruscial

We had 6 pontoons and one drift boat with father and son. I (Bill) did not catch a thing, not even a bite, but several other people did fine. I know Ken caught a bass around 16 to 18 inches. Green wooly buggers seemed to do the trick for most people. Shandy had her dog with her on her pontoon!



South Santiam River Outing Report

By Ken Karnosh

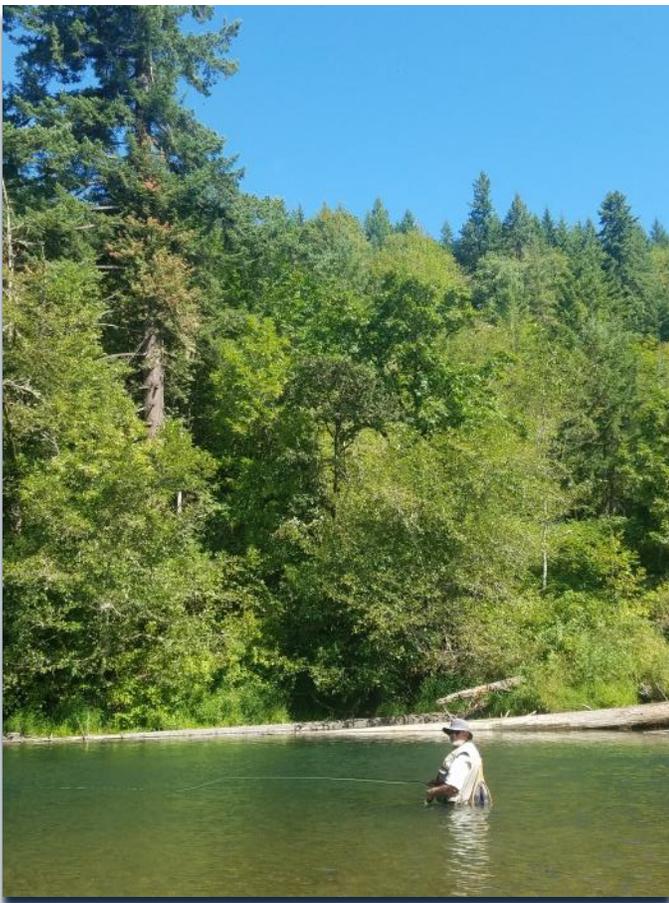


It was a beautiful, sunny day as 11 Santiam Flycasters floated and fished the South Santiam River on August 24. Even though it was late August, the water temperature was in the mid-50s.

We found good numbers of trout, mostly rainbows with some nice cutthroats. Most fish were in the 8-10" range, but some up to 16" or larger. At least Kent and Brian caught some nicer ones, but Bob probably took the prize with his 20" sucker.

Fish were present in all levels of the water column, but the bigger ones seemed to be deeper, with setups of two bead head flies more successful.

With the summer flow, we got a lot of rowing exercise between fishing spots. We were joined by a number of tubers and rafters for the last half of the trip. I'm sure that the tubers were adequately cool by the end of their trip!



More Pix from the South Santiam Outing



More Images from the South Santiam Outing



August Casting Session



About 20 people attended and participated in our annual casting session on August 8. To give us a bit more space to cast, we held it on the soccer fields at Wallace Marine Park, which is a great location even though the soccer fields get a lot of use.

As usual, Dwight led the session, with several casting activities, lots of personal attention, and great instruction and advice. The club, though, was probably the big winner in the Try to Cast Your Fly in the Cup competition because none of the competitors was able to hit the cup and claim the cash prize.

Our club is extremely fortunate to have Dwight, with his wealth of casting and teaching experience, lead our casting sessions. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Thanks so much, Dwight! We appreciate all that you do.

September 7 East Lake Outing



On September 7, we will be fishing East Lake, which harbors a good population of browns, kokanee, and rainbow, including some nice ones of the Blackwater strain. The browns should be getting into their spawning mode as well.

To get to East Lake, drive Highway 22 east to Bend, drive Highway 97 south to the East/Paulina/Newberry Crater turnoff just north of La Pine, turn left (east) onto USFS Road 21 and follow it to Cinder Hill Campground at East Lake. Remember that the lake is at 6,500' elevation and it can get chilly.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating and intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. There may be some dry fly action on flies such as Adams, Comparadun, or Elk Hair Caddis. Most action, though, probably will be with a sinking line and leeches/woolly buggers and callibaetis emergers/pheasant tails/ Teeny nymphs. Chironomids can also be productive. One can wade and fish from shore, but it is best to use a boat or other floating device.

The club will provide bratwurst for a Saturday mid-day/afternoon meal at campsite 22, so bring a side dish to share if you wish.

Ricky Love is the outing sponsor, so e-mail him at rickylove20@aol.com if you have a question.

September 14 Little Nestucca River Outing

On September 14, we will float the Little Nestucca River to fish for sea run cutthroat trout by floating upstream with the end of the incoming tide and back on the outgoing tide. A pontoon boat or boat is needed for this float.

High tide is around 1:30, so plan to be on the water by 11:00. You will be back at the boat ramp around 3:30.

To get to the Little Nestucca River boat ramp, drive west on Highways 22 and 18, turn right (just before the casino) at Valley Junction onto Highway 22, in about 15 miles, turn left at Dolph Junction onto the Little Nestucca River Highway, turn left onto Highway 101, and turn left onto the road to the boat ramp just south of the Little Nestucca River Bridge. Plan to pay a \$4 parking fee at the launch site.



In our December, 2018 club newsletter, Beth wrote an excellent article on how to fish this water, so Google our club website and access that newsletter article.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your food and fins, as well as other necessities for floating a coastal river. Also, remember to wash your gear well when you get home.

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

September 28 Diamond Lake Outing



We will fish Diamond Lake on September 28 and will camp at the south end of Diamond Lake campground, preferably near site G-23.

To get there, drive I-5 south past Eugene, turn onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn south onto Highway 97 for about 18 miles, turn right (west) onto Highway 138 for about 22 miles, and turn left into Diamond Lake campground.

Either a boat or pontoon boat works best to fish Diamond Lake, but a float tube also will work for fishing from camp or the south boat launch. Suggested equipment is 5-6 weight rods with intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. Flies would include Denny's Stillwater Nymph or Diamond Lake Special plus woolly buggers/leeches, callibaetis, and chironomids. There may also be some dry fly action.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring your own food plus some firewood.

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



Oregon's Yamsi Ranch Opens its Doors and Hearts to PHWFF Salem Program Veterans

BY: ROBERT CLARK

Yamsi Ranch is a 5000 acre working cattle ranch located in south Central Oregon on the headwaters of the pristine Williamson River. The ranch has been in the Hyde family since 1911 and is operated by brothers, John and Dayton Hyde and their wives. The ranch holds five of the six springs that feed the amazing Williamson River. The deep pools and undercut banks created by this slow meandering river, along with fallen trees, rocks and weeds offer incredible habitat for monster Rainbow and Brook trout.

In 2015 on a trip to the ranch, Robert Clark, PHWFF Assistant Program Lead from Salem, Oregon, and John

would start what has become a family bond. Since then, they have joined forces to set up an amazing opportunity for veterans to chase trophy trout on world class water.

This is the second year that the Salem program has hosted seven veterans of varying skills levels supported with one on one instruction from skilled volunteers.

Day one started with introductions and dinner with the Hyde family and members of the Klamath Country Fly Casters joining the veterans and volunteers.

After dinner, the veterans had the opportunity to get on the water for an evening of fishing. John, a certified casting instructor in addition to ranch owner, gave the group a casting lesson before sending the group to fish the upper river.

The next morning started with an amazing cowboy breakfast prepared by Dayton and Sally Hyde which fueled the group for a memorable day on the lower river, as the view was breathtaking.

Once geared up, the veterans with their volunteers headed out to different sections of the river in pursuit of fish, fun, and learning. John made a point of getting around to each pair to impart some local knowledge and to get to know people a little better. You get a real sense of family on the ranch.

That evening was just as peaceful as the last with another amazing dinner and outstanding company. Before the sun dropped, a few of the veterans headed back down to the river to chase "the big one that got away". Upon returning to the ranch house, they were greeted with a roaring campfire and an opportunity to tell stories about some of their experiences and what the trip meant to them. There were smiles and there were tears and there was an expression of peace that a lot of them haven't felt in a while.

The last morning was once again the crazy cowboy breakfast that almost gives you a food coma. With the guys loading their gear, there was a slight heaviness in the air. No one wanted to leave, and they didn't want to say goodbye. They truly did not want it to end. But with lots of hugs and numbers exchanged people started to roll out one by one.

As the last one to leave I went up to John and gave him a big hug and told him, "We did it, brother." We are truly grateful for the passion and love that the Hyde family has for Veterans, and I can't wait for next year's trip to be able to do it all over again.

September Fly of the Month
Blue Winged Olive
By Jim Ferguson



Hook: Dry Fly Hook, # 14 –# 18 (#14 Mustad used here)
Thread: Olive UTC 70 Denier (8/0 or smaller)
Tail: Coq de Leon hackle fibers, dun fibbits, fibers from a boar bristle paint brush, or similar
Body: Synthetic quill body material in Blue Winged Olive color
Wing: Light gray dun hen hackle tips
Hackle: Good quality light gray dun hackle
Head: Olive thread

The top fly above uses Coq de Leon hackle fibers for tail. They are not very stiff and fly sits tilted. The fly on the left is using an amber colored boar bristle from a paint brush. These fibers have split ends and are stiffer than hackle fibers. The fly on the right is using light gray fibbits. All three bodies are using the synthetic quill. The one on the right had contact cement as an undercoat. The other two bodies had a UV setting liquid coating the synthetic body wrap. You want the body to hold up after repeated strikes.

STEP BY STEP

1. Place de-barbed hook in the vise, start the thread one eye length behind the eye, and lay a thread base to the rear (Fig 1.)
2. Choose your tail material and construct a three fibered tail. This may require spreading the fibers and making some wraps between fibers to separate them. Fig 2 shows three fibbits spayed like a typical mayfly tail.
3. Wrap the thread to about the one third shank position as in Fig 3.
4. Select two hen hackles for the wings. Match them for length and size (Fig 4.)
5. Place the wings together so the shiny sides are facing each other. Make sure the tips are even. Remove the fuzz and fibers to reveal the stems. The length of the wing should be close to 2 times the gape of the hook or a little more. Mount the wings on top with a soft loop followed by several tight wraps to bind the stems down on the shank of the hook towards the rear. Wrap forward and pull the wings upright and make several wraps in front of the wing to post it upright as in Fig 5.
6. Carefully separate the wings and make one or more figure 8 wraps to separate the wings as in Fig 6. Pinch the wings together to decrease the separation.
7. Take the thread behind the wing and wrap the thread towards the rear of the shank. Lay the body material horizontally on top of the shank and secure it with a wrap almost at the tail tie in position. Wrap the thread forward to behind the wing and let it hang as in Fig 7.
8. Raise the body material up and twist it over the shank and begin wrapping side by side wraps of the body material. Do not overlap or the segmented pattern will get messed up. Make sure the first wrap of the body material does not push the tail fibers down. Tie off the body wrap and make a few wraps to secure the tie off. Trim off the waste. Fig 8 shows the resulting pattern using the synthetic quill material.
9. Prepare your hackle by stripping off the fuzz and long fibers. The fibers you want should be about one to one and a half the gap length. To help in maintaining the wing separation, I lay the stem between the wings with the dull side towards you. Tie the stem down with 3 or 4 turns of thread and then take the thread in front of the wings and wrap the stem on top of the shank with 2 or 3 turns of thread. Trim the stem waste (Fig 9.)
10. Wrap the hackle forward by lifting up the hackle stem and making sure the dull side faces the front of the fly as you wrap. Try to make 3 or 4 turns behind the wing and then cross under the shank to make 3 or 4 turns in front of the wing. Do not trap hackle fibers under the stem. Wraps should be side by side and very close to each other. Fig 10 shows the density of the hackle you are looking for.
11. Tie off the hackle and trim the waste. Whip finish with two sets of three wraps. Trim off the thread and add some head cement. Fig 11 shows the finished fly. Fig 12 shows the synthetic body material.

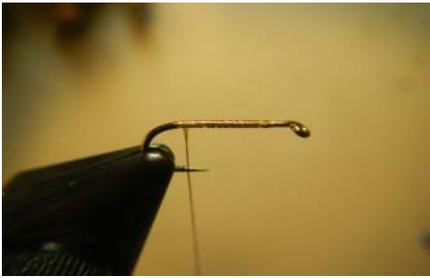


Fig 1

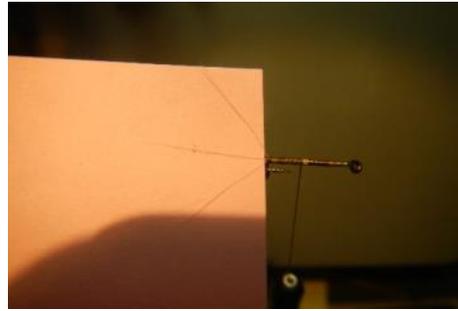


Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 9



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12



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: _____

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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