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Lots of Stuff Cancelled for Santiam Flycasters



We trust that you all are "Staying Home and Staying Healthy" in response to the current Covid-19 Pandemic. Unless you have been fishing some remote stream or lake with no people or cell service and haven't yet heard the news for the last few

weeks, we have all hunkered down for the duration while this pandemic plays out.

As a result the Board Meeting, our regular SFC Meeting, and the Fly Tying Group are all cancelled for April. However, we still plan to hold our scheduled April outing — floating and fishing the McKenzie from Hayden Bridge to Armitage Park on April 18. See Ken's article for particulars. Maintain your social distance. Figure if you can hit the other person with your fly rod, you are too close.

Helpful information may be found on the ODFW website about what's closed and what's open related to Covid-19. Find that here

<https://myodfw.com/COVID-19#can>



Seven years ago on the Deschutes
Looking forward to more great fishing times ahead!

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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 Scott Vaslev



On March 23 Gov. Brown issued a mandate on the COVID-19 situation. Brown's order bans all gatherings unless a distance of six feet between each person can be maintained. Consequently, that means no general or board meetings for the month of April. On the other hand, as far as I know, it does not preclude fishing. I've also read that being outdoors is a possible benefit in preventing infection. So if you're fishing with a buddy, have him or her ride in the back of your pickup. I know the situation is fluid but as of now FISH!

I have been fishing of late. Floated the Willamette twice recently, once from Harrisburg to McCarty and Marshall Island to Harrisburg. Bill hooked a steelhead on one trip, had it on for ten minutes or so but alas, his five weight rod and 4x tippet eventually succumbed. I caught some nice rainbows, cutties, and whitefish indicator fishing and swinging flies.

Fished an OFC Lake with Dennis and Bob L. last Friday. Got a chance to fish some freshly tied balanced leeches. First fish I caught was a rainbow, must have been close to ten pounds. Quite a battle on a five weight rod but after a relatively short battle (I think the fish was thinking, hey I know the drill give up and I'll be back in the water shortly). Wasn't catching squat indicator fishing with the leech but had great success wind drifting it on a sink tip.

Hope this letter finds everyone hale and healthy. With any luck you can get out and wet a fly in the immediate future.

FISH ON! Scott

Last Reminder to Renew Your Santiam Flycasters Membership

Club membership renews annually on January 1. Usually we give members a grace period to renew their membership. That grace period is about to run out. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the membership form at the back of this newsletter and mail it with payment by the middle of April.



Dues for 2020 are \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families. Life membership can be purchased for a fee of only \$300. Take advantage of this lifetime membership opportunity and you will never again have to renew your membership, ever!

Mail it to: Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.



For Latest News and Updates

santiamflycasters.com

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.

Crooked River Outing Report By Ricky Love

Twelve members made the trip to Central Oregon and enjoyed a relatively pleasant weekend. We battled cold temps in the day and especially at night, along with a few snow flurries on Saturday. Despite Mother Nature's challenges, however, we all had a great time and most caught fish.

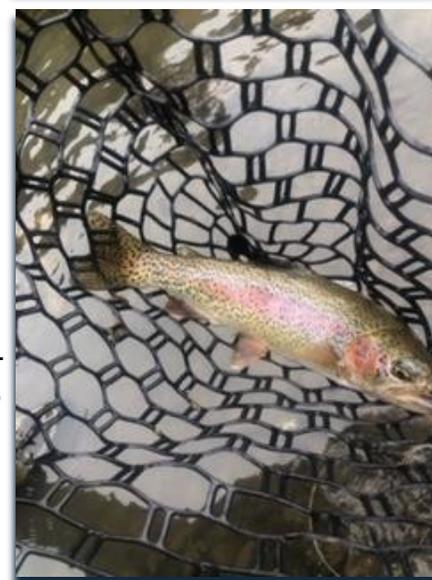


The water temps were in the 40s and the river was running at 106 cfs. This meant the fish were slow to bite early in the morning. Some normal "hot spots" had a bunch of vegetation on the bottom that made fishing challenging at those locations. It made us search for other fishable locations on the river and many members were able to find alternate locations and catch a lot of fish on both nymphs and dry flies. The key for the nymphs was to have weight and get the flies to the bottom of the river and generally in sizes 16 and 18.



Kent Toomb, Bob Armstrong, Bob LeClerc, and Herb Harry all had success Euro Nymphing or using the direct line method. Successful flies included Pink Frenchie, Zebra Midge, Quilldigon, and Perdigon. Ken Karnosh also netted fish using soft hackle flies. There were also Blue Wing Olive and Calibaetis hatches and several members caught fish on dry flies using size 18 Blue Wing Olive or Calibaetis flies. Kent Toomb brought many to the surface with his Baetis Bunny Duns.

Several very nice Redband Trout were caught with several in the 15-inch range. The White Fish were also abundant, big,



and eager to take a fly. If the weekend was a White Fish Derby, then I certainly won the trophy as they seemed to be attracted to my flies much more than the Redbands. I did net a nice White Fish in the 18-inch range. We enjoyed a great meal, fire, and camaraderie during lunch and dinner on Saturday. The key to success during the winter months on the Crooked River is dress warm, size matters (16-18 flies) and have a weighted fly to help get your target fly in the zone near the river bottom.

Finally, I have to give a shout out to Herb Harry who was Euro Nymphing for the first time and caught lots of fish - especially Sunday morning. He was “en fuego” as they say in Spanish. That means “on fire”.

April 18 SFC Outing — McKenzie River



Bob LeClerk with 14" McKenzie Cutthroat

On April 18, assuming no further restrictions due to the COVID -19 issue, we will float the McKenzie River from Hayden Bridge to Armitage Park, a distance of about 8 miles. A pontoon or drift boat is needed for this trip.

We will meet at Armitage Park at 8:00 a.m. To get there, drive I-5 south to Exit 99 (Coburg), turn right to Coburg for about a mile, turn left at the stoplight onto Coburg Road, and drive south across the river to Armitage Park on your right. We will combine boats and shuttle up to Hayden Bridge. Be ready to pay a \$4 parking fee or you can buy a pass through the Lane County Parks website.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating line or you can use a Euro-nymphing setup. For nymphing in cold water, I suggest using a very heavy fly, like a Perdigon, trailed with a nymph, midge pupa, or soft hackle, and fished close to the bottom. For swinging, a good method is to use a beadhead, like a possie bugger, trailed by a soft hackle or other wet fly. After mid-day, swinging just a soft hackle can be productive.

Our target bug is the March Brown mayfly, so bring soft hackles, emergers, etc., as well as normal searching patterns like possie buggers. Other caddis and stonefly pupa, nymphs, and possibly dries could be successful, as are midge pupa and BWO patterns.

Ken Karnosh is the outing sponsor, so send him an e-mail at kenkarnosh@gmail.com if you have a question or need help with fishing tactics for this trip. The club will not provide a meal, so bring your lunch as well as your PFD.

If we need to cancel this outing, we will notify all by e-mail.

2020 SANTIAM FLYCASTERS SCHEDULE OF FLY FISHING OUTINGS

Jan 25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wi-Ne-Ma Lake
Mar 6-7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crooked River
Apr 18		McKenzie River Hayden-Armitage
May 16		Olalla Reservoir
May 27 (Wed)		Fall River
Jun 13		North Santiam River Stayton-Shelburn
Jun 27		East Lake
Jul 16/17 (Th/F)		Gold Lake
Jul 22 (Wed)		Three Creek Lake
Aug 8		Willamette River Keizer-Wheatland
Aug 22		South Santiam Pleasant Valley-Waterloo
Sep 12		Hosmer Lake
Sep 19		Diamond Lake
Oct 3		Crooked River
Oct 17		Deschutes River Warm Springs-Trout Creek
Nov 7		Detroit Reservoir
Nov 14		Willamette Marshall Island-Harrisburg



April Fly of the Month

Egan's Red Dart

By Dell Swearingen



Fly Recipe:

- Hook:** Hanak H470 BL 14 or equivalent
- Thread:** Red size 8/0
- Weight:** Seven or eight wraps of .15 lead free wire
- Body:** Three strands of peacock herl spun into a small rope
- Krystal Flash:** Small Veevus pearl tinsel
- Hackle:** Brown or grizzly hackle dyed coachman brown
- Head:** Slotted 7/64 Tungsten gold bead
- Tail:** Ten or 12 red fibers stripped from a Red Saddle Feather



Several years ago, Leroy Shepherd gave me a copy his Virginia Redneck fly, its effectiveness has led to using red thread as a hot spot on the throat of several successful flies. One example is Egan's Red Dart.

Directions:

1. Thread the slotted bead on the hook with the curved side up, insert the hook in the vice and put seven or eight wraps of .15 non lead wire on the hook. Slide the wraps towards the back of the hook, apply a small amount of super glue and then force the wire tight against the bead. Allow super glue to dry and then trim off excess wire.

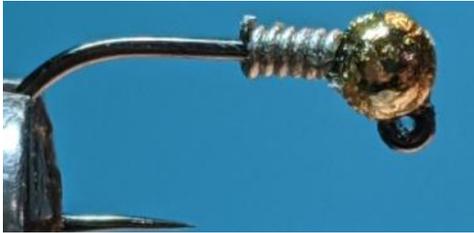


Figure 1

2. Tie on red thread and apply touching wraps to the bend of the hook and then return to the back of the wire wraps.



Figure 2

3. Select 10 or 12 fibers from a Red Saddle Feather, line them up and cut them the length from the bead to the bend of the hook and then secure them to the top of the hook.



Figure 3

4. Tie in a three-inch strip of the small pearl tinsel. Pick three peacock fibers and tie them in at the bend of the hook.



Figure 4

5. Twist the peacock herl around the thread to make a small rope.



Figure 5

6. Palmer the pearl tinsel in four or five turns and tie off directly behind the bead.



Figure 6

7. Select a brown or grizzly hackle dyed coachman brown that is about size 16 and tie it in about an eighth of inch behind the bead. Force the feathers rearward and tie off.



Figure 7

8. Create a small dubbing noodle of the Seal Cream Trilobal Dub.



figure 8

9. Wrap the Seal Cream dubbing noodle on tight in front of the brown hackle. This should help to force the brown hackle rearward and add additional sparkle to the fly. Tie off the noodle and use a three-turn whip finish directly behind the bead. Add a little head cement and the fly is ready to fish.

Fly “Phishing” - 5 Ways to Spot a Phishing Email

Several SFC members have received a scam or phishing email represented as being from the Club. Here are some helpful tips if something “smells phishy” about the email you have received.

1. The email asks you to confirm personal information.
2. The web and email addresses do not look genuine.
3. It is poorly written.
4. There is a suspicious attachment.
5. The message is designed to make you panic.

When in doubt, throw it out: Links in emails, social media posts, and online advertising are often how cyber-criminals try to steal your personal information. Even if you know the source, if something looks suspicious. Delete it. For the whole article <https://staysafeonline.org/blog/5-ways-spot-phishing-emails/> or search “how to identify scam emails”



Santiam Flycasters

2020 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 -- \$300 Regular -- \$30 Family -- \$35

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