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August 2025

August Fly Casting & Picnic
When: Thursday August 14th
Where: River Road Park
3045 River Road N, Salem
Dinner: 5:30 pm
Casting instruction: 6:30 pm



This month the club will be having once again our annual casting clinic. Last year's clinic was a big hit, in large part due to Steve Morton's excellent cooking. I expect a repeat of last year's attendance.

Steve is planning on having a smash burger bar. He tells me members can bring a side dish or

dessert preferring the dish to be within a summer picnic theme. There should be plenty of food.

Our club has a very valuable resource of Certified Casting Instructors which few Oregon clubs can match. We have once again asked the Rivers West Casting Club to supply us with instructors, and after eating we will spread out on the soccer field in order to receive individualized casting tips.



Board Meeting - By Zoom

August 11 - 6:30 pm

SFC Meeting

Fly Casting and Picnic

August 14 - 5:30 pm

River Road Park

3045 River Road N, Salem

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By Beth Jappay**

Well, this month's meeting is our annual Casting Clinic. We are going to continue last year's very successful template by starting off with another bar-be-que that will be put together by our Vice President, Steve Morton.

Expect a big turn out, as we had sixty attendees last year. Please invite your family and any fly-fishing-curious friends and neighbors. This kind of event is a good way to build up the size of our club, which is currently numbering over 110 members. Our local Rivers West Casting Club will be supplying a handful of certified instructors and instructor candidates, and after the food has been consumed we will be spreading out on the soccer field to receive individualized casting tips.

Last year I saw many members working on improving their distance casting. I nearly always end my casting practice by seeing what my distance loops look like and how far I can cast them. However I am going to encourage our casting clinic attendees to start the evening working on their roll cast. Why use a roll cast? Now that my roll cast doesn't suck I use it at the beginning of the majority of my casts when lake fishing. Roll casts are great for:

- 1) Getting rid of slack prior to performing an overhead cast.
- 2) Bringing up a sunken line prior to recasting it.
- 3) Bringing flies closer to the surface to cast (especially when indicator fishing).
- 4) Casting with limited back cast area (e.g. bushes, etc.).
- 5) Casting when there is a stiff tail wind.
- 6) Attempting to release a snagged hook.
- 7) Changing the direction of the line (single hand spey).

As a casting instructor, I typically work on the roll cast initially with my students, as it isolates just the forward stroke from other aspects when I eventually work on the overhead cast.

The second thing I work on with my students is achieving a narrow loop back cast. A back cast with a nice narrow loop is much better able to load the rod for the forward stroke.

I encourage the attendees of this month's event to ask their instructors to evaluate the quality of their roll cast and back cast.



North Santiam River Outing Report

By Bill Steen



The North Santiam River outing on June 28 had 7 participants - Bob Elliot, Michael Swanson, George Hingston, Scott Vaslev, Bill Haskins, Brian Hoag and myself. I can't say enough good things about the North Santiam River.

The river level was perfect if not a touch high. The scenery was great, weather was perfect the fishing and catching were really good.

We had the river to ourselves with exception of a few Salmon and Steelhead fisherman. There appear to be lots of 8-10" fish in the river right now so hopefully we will see some of them grow up, I was able to catch a really beautiful rainbow trout 17" and another 15" within a few minutes.

I think euro style fishing was the preferred method but it probably didn't matter too much of what technique or flies were being used. The shuttle went perfectly thanks to Ken Karnosh. Overall it was a very successful outing.



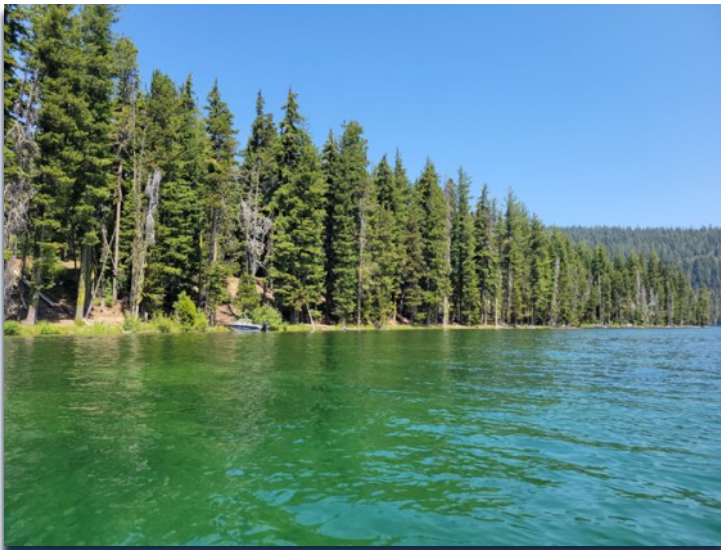
Miller Lake Outing Report

By Beth Jappay



This year's Miller Lake trip was relatively well-attended, especially compared to last year. I saw a half-dozen club members over the course of the week I was there. The lake and weather were beautiful, the water was nicely cold for the time of the year, but the fish weren't biting. There was a morning Callibaetis hatch and spinner fall, as well as an additional spinner fall in the early evening, but fishing along the edges mainly yielded fish in the 5-8" range, though catching them on dries was fun. Ken trolled deeper waters on his pontoon and did better than anyone else, catching a handful of fish (including a 14" brown trout).

I tried "night fishing" one evening until about 11pm. I saw plenty of fish on my fish finder, but despite trying different lines for multiple depths, I didn't have a single bite after sunset.



The best part of the trip for me was fishing with my son for the first time in years. Getting my old pontoon ready was a lot of work, and I ended up loaning him some of my sun block wear to stave off the mosquitoes. Despite fishing a couple of hours each of 3 days, he didn't have a single bite.



Interested in Improving Your Casting?

**Teaching by certified instructors is
available on Saturdays**

Wallace Marine Park in West Salem

**Spey Casting—9 am at the gravel bar near
the walking bridge.**

**Single Hand—10:30 am also at the gravel
bar near the walking bridge.**

For more information, contact Beth at

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Three Creek Lake Outing Report

By Tim Johnson



Five Santiam Flycasters turned out for the Three Creek Lake Outing. We had great conditions and some fishing success. The daytime high was 70°, with a light breeze and cloudy skies. There appeared to be lots of fish in the lake but they were not always easy to catch.

Ken Karnosh and I arrived at the lake mid-day on the day of the outing. We had some success early on using a Callibaetis dun imitation on the surface, or a Carey's Special or Pheasant-tail nymph subsurface. I hooked a couple of trout using a Partridge and Orange, of course.

There was a significant Callibaetis hatch between 3:00 and 4:30 pm. During the hatch the trout were feeding aggressively, on the surface and subsurface. It didn't seem to matter what pattern we used or how we fished it during the hatch. The trout wanted it, both Rainbow and Brook Trout. I landed around 10 fish during the hatch. The size range was 12-15".

The next morning, we fished until around 11:00 am. It was challenging trying to interest the trout in anything we offered. I had some success fishing the creek inlet in the southwest corner of the lake, where Brook Trout can often be found. I hooked several using a Callibaetis emerger pattern with a Hover line.

The lake surface water temperature was 63° in the morning, and 65° mid day. I would think the water temperature should hold in that range for a little while longer.

2025 Outings-Santiam Flycasters

Here is the list of the remaining fly fishing outings our club has planned for 2025. The list includes opportunities to catch trout in streams and still waters, as well as opportunities for steelhead, chum salmon, and small mouth bass.

Most waters are best fished from a floating device (float tube, pontoon boat, or other boat). In the newsletter article for the outing, we will say if there are opportunities for bank access at that location. If you do not yet own a floating device but want to participate in the outing, let us know and we should be able to have someone lend you a device for the outing.

Obviously, when we are on or around the water, there is an element of risk. Please be aware of the disclaimer also in this newsletter. Also, please use a personal flotation device (PFD).

- ☐ August 2 - South Santiam River
- ★ ☐ August 23 - Willamette River Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry
- ☐ September 6 - Diamond Lake
- ☐ September 13 - Walton Lake
- ☐ September 20 - Hosmer Lake
- ☐ September 27 - Nehalem River (mouth)
- ★ ☐ October 4 - Crooked River
- ☐ October 11 - North Santiam River
- ☐ Open window for Chum on the Kilchis River
- ☐ October 18 - Deschutes River Warm Springs to Trout Creek
- ☐ October 25 - Marshall Island to Harrisburg
- ☐ November 8 - Mckenzie River
- ☐ November 15 - Detroit Reservoir

★ Joint outing with Linn Benton Fly Fishers

SFC Outing Disclaimer

Santiam Flycasters does not represent that any of these trips are suitable for any of its members. Each stream, river and lake present its own unique hazards and dangers. Each member must evaluate the suitability of his or her own physical condition, equipment and skills before participating in any of these trips. Each member that chooses to go on any of these trips personally assumes all risks of injury and damage while participating



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located at 204 1st Ave. W.
in Albany, Oregon.

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<https://www.tworiversflyshop.biz/>

August 2 South Santiam River Outing

On August 2, we will fish the South Santiam River from Pleasant Valley Boat Ramp to Bates Bridge for beautiful red side rainbow trout. This is about a five-and-a-half-mile float. There are places you can wade fish by Bates Bridge but the best method is to float the river in a pontoon boat, raft, or drift boat. The water should be at least 1500 CFS to take a drift boat. Anything less than that is too low.

A four, five, or six weight rod with a floating line or a euro rod are perfect for this river. Copper Johns, Perdignons, Frenchies, Soft Hackles, and other weighted nymphs have been successful on previous trips.

To get there take I-5 South to Highway 34 and go east towards Lebanon. Highway 34 will merge with Highway 20 in Lebanon. Continue east towards Sweet Home and take a left on Pleasant Valley Road. The turn off to the boat ramp will be on your right just before the bridge.

We are still determining who the outing sponsor will be and will let you know prior to the trip. He/she will develop a shuttle plan for the group.

August 23 Willamette River Outing for Smallmouth Bass

We will float the Willamette River on August 23 from Keizer Rapids Park to the boat ramp below Wheatland Ferry to fish for smallmouth bass. A pontoon or drift boat is needed for this trip.

A typical smallmouth is 10- 12", but we have caught some up to 19". To get a head start on the warm weather, plan to meet at Keizer Rapids Park at 7:00 a.m. (located at the westerly end of Chemawa Road in Keizer). We will shuttle our vehicles to the takeout before we start our float. Plan to pay to park at the Wheatland Ferry boat ramp (\$5 day use or an Oregon State Parks pass).

Suggested gear is 5-6 weight rods with intermediate line (sink tip should also work) or even Type 3 line, although a floating line will work. Flies include woolly buggers, clousers, or similar flies. To get the fly to the bottom where smallies are, use a small bead with sinking line or a larger bead with floating line. Black, brown, purple, or green are good colors.

Good fishing locations often are where the current is a bit slower, especially if there is a drop-off and the current slows, the depth is 3-7', gravel bottom, and often within 30-100' from shore.

You will encounter algae and weeds in some areas, so either bypass those areas or plan to fish with the fly above the weeds. Since you will do nearly all your fishing as you float down, bring and use your fins to maneuver and stay properly positioned to fish.

Remember your lunch, drink, etc. and plan to be on the water until late afternoon.

Tim Johnson is the outing sponsor and can be contacted at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com if you have questions.



Chef Mort's Corner: Confessions of a Covert Confetti Thrower



Firecracker Confetti Salad

Patricia Morton



For Salad, mix the following

- 1 15 oz can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz can sauerkraut, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups shelled edamame or fresh green peas
- 1 ¾ cups corn. Fresh is better but you can sub frozen or canned.
- 2 Medium carrots peeled and shredded
- 1 Serano chili, seeded and minced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 medium orange pepper, chopped
- 1 medium yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- ½ cup chopped cilantro

Dressing

- ¼ cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- Pinch Cayenne pepper
- Dash of soy sauce

Mix salad and dressing well and serve cold at your next grand gala!

I confess. I often throw my own parades replete with confetti and colorful fishing floats. In my mind it is a gala affair. Endless braggadocio and hyperbolae requisite in abundance. In my mind! The fish are huge and fall easily to my devious deceptions. They practically fall onto the bank with fear at the mere mention of my name. I cannot be stopped ... in my mind.



My wife begs me not to leave the house again. Her cries and promises fall on deaf ears. The last sound I hear as I depart is the receding sound of the to-do list ripping and fluttering off in an expectant fortuitus wind ... in my mind.

Most fisherman must lie profusely but not I. There simply is no need. That is how good I am ... in my mind. I sit at the apex of our sport surrounded by adoring disciples ... in my mind. I think perhaps it is time to share some of my hard-won angling secrets, but then I stop and reconsider. Perhaps this Morton family salad recipe will have to suffice instead. This is obviously from the plethora of recipes I have completely mastered ... in my mind.

Thanks to Grandma Morton, patron saint of lost causes. As a young man I had the privilege of living under Grandma's roof. A superlative cook in her own right, Grandma Morton taught me many things about life. I can still remember her reply when I once inquired, "How do you cook oysters?"

"Oysters? Oysters my dear should be cooked only to a curl."

This Firecracker Confetti Salad was a favorite at Grandma's backyard picnics.

'Love you Grandma.

August 2025 Fly of the Month Callibaetis CDC Comparadun

***By
Beth Jappay***



This is my new favorite Callibaetis emerger. I use it as a dropper about 2.5 - 3' closer to me, paired with my foam extended-body CDC dry fly at point. I think much of the success of the fly is in the source of the biot and the quality of the CDC, both of which I order online directly from the manufacturers. I find turkey biots easier to work with than goose biots, and I really like the dye that Magpie uses for the Callibaetis color.

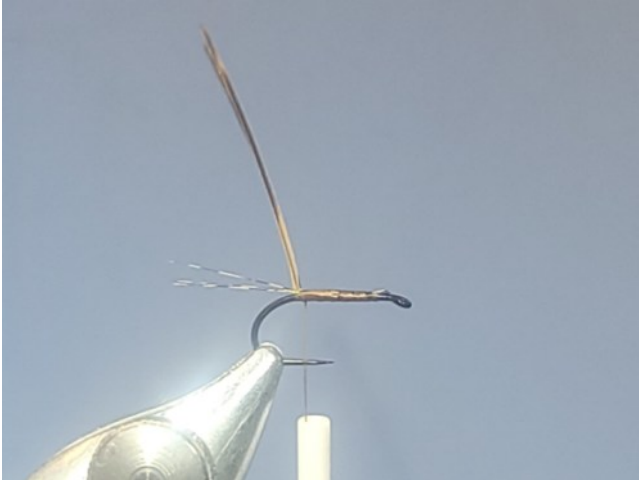
Materials:

Hook: Standard dry fly hook, size #12-16
Thread: Semperfly or Veevus 12/0, brown
Tail: Coq De Leon
Body: Turkey Biot (Magpie Materials, Callibaetis color)
Wing: Grey CDC (Polish Quills, Natural color)
Dubbing: Superfine dry dubbing, dark tan

Directions:



Start the thread an eye-width back from the eye and wrap back to the bend. Bring forward with loose wraps, then attach 3-4 Coq De Leon barbules, extending a hook-length past the bend. Keep the barbules on the top of the hook while wrapping back with loose wraps to the bend of the hook. Use a fingernail to spread the barbules and affix with 1-2 wraps behind them, bringing the thread back to 75%.



Select a turkey biot, and trim about 3/8" off the tip. Attach the tip on the far side of the hook * and wrap the thread back to bend with tight wraps. Bring thread forward to ~25%. Lightly coat the thread with superglue using a bodkin tip.



Wrap the quill forward. Secure and trim.



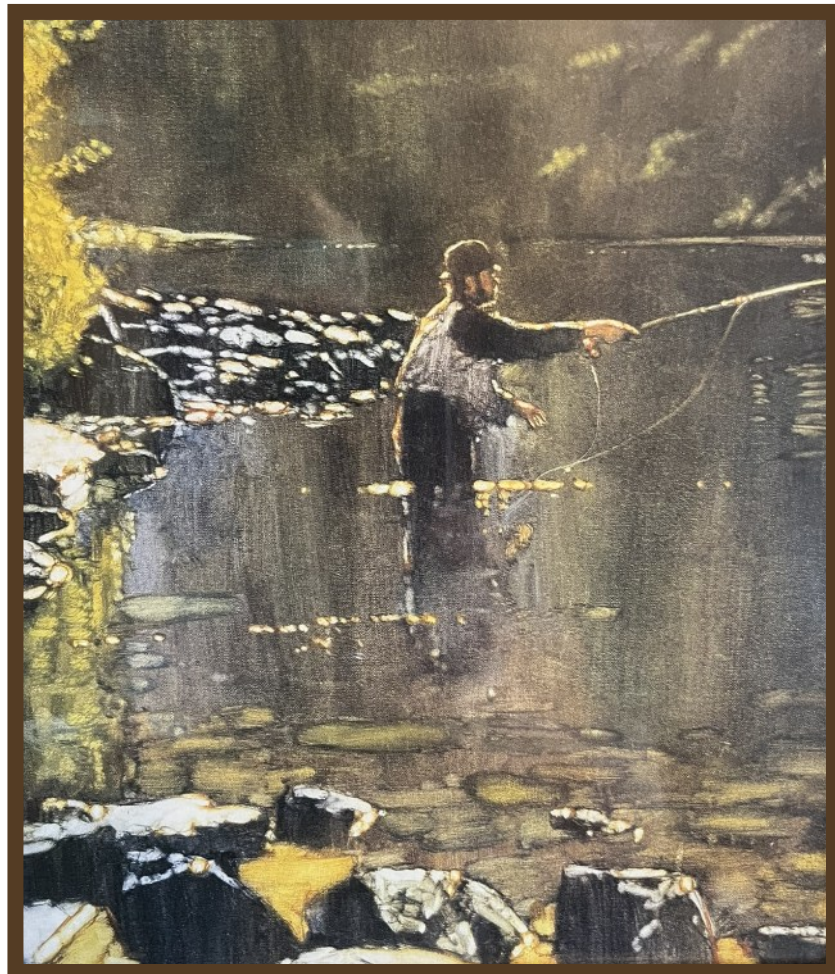
Select 2-3 CDC tufts or tips and stack them together, evening the tips. Attach about 2 eye-lengths behind the eye with the tip length approximately the length of the tail. Wax thread, apply dubbing very sparsely and wrap in front and behind the CDC (including figure 8 wraps), encouraging the feather to stand up.



Form a head, whip finish and apply head cement.

Note: CDC feathers will clog together with standard flotants. Only dry powders and Lochsa can be used on CDC dry flies. When fishing this pattern, I prefer to use only Lochsa floatant, applying it to my fingertip and lightly rubbing it into the CDC only while avoiding touching the body or hook. This allows the fly to sit on top of the water correctly. If the CDC becomes water-logged despite a few false-casts, use a desiccant. The Lochsa can be reapplied if necessary after the desiccant.

* Turkey or Goose biot can be attached with the thin side pointed either towards you or away. The former will result in a smooth body, and the latter in a raised segmented body.





Santiam Flycasters

2025 Membership Form

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.

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 an affiliated club of the Fly Fishers International.

We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)

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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

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Are you an Fly Fishers International 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.

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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

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