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February 2026

SFC Auction Returns!

Saturday February 12

7:00 pm

Scottish Rite Center, Salem, Oregon

4090 Commercial St. SE

Featured Items

- ✓ Dave Scadden Frameless Boat
- ✓ Classic Accessories Clark Fork Pontoon Boat
- ✓ Rod, Reel, and Line Package: Temple Forks Outfitters Blue Ribbon 9 foot, 6 weight, 4 pieces. Redington Behemoth 5/6 weight, bronze colored reel. Scientific Anglers Amplitude Smooth Floating Line.
- ✓ Collapsible Wading Staff
- ✓ 2 Aqua Umpqua UPG Foam Baiffish Fly Boxes
- ✓ Fishpond Nomad Native Net
- ✓ \$150 gift card to Two Rivers Fly Shop
- ✓ Several Rods and Reels
- ✓ Fishalongs with Steve "Mort" Morton and Warren Griffin (Dry Fly Fishing on the Santiam)
- ✓ Beautiful Handcrafted Ukulele

See pages 3-4 for more details!

Board Meeting - By Zoom

February 9 - 6:30 pm

SFC Meeting - Annual Auction

February 12 - 7:00 pm

Scottish Rite Center

4090 Commercial St. SE,
Salem

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The auction is open to the public.

Invite a friend.

***Take home some great items from the
Oral Auction, Silent Auction, and Bucket Raffles!
Hope to see you there!***

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President's Corner by Beth Jappay

Now is the time of year to clean out your garage and/or closets and get rid of fly fishing equipment, camping equipment, related art, and fly tying stuff. The two main recipients I recommend for donations are our club and the Oregon Council's Fly Tying/Fly Fishing Expo in Albany next month.

Last year we (the board) decided to hold a rummage sale instead of an auction in February. The event ended up canceled due to a snow storm, so it has been two years since our club has had our main fundraiser. Similar to prior events, we will be having a mixture of a large silent auction, a raffle, and a live auction for higher-end donations. In addition we will have live music for part of the evening, and this year we will be serving pasta and salad with our very own Steve Morton serving as chef.

Flies that are hand-tied by our club members tend to be one of the most popular items in the silent auction, and I encourage our skilled club members to tie up a themed box. My contribution this year will be a box of blobs/FABs/boobies, the latter which I tied with my new style of foam eyes (see the fly of the month below).

Though donations will be accepted up until the beginning of the event (Thursday Feb 12th, Scottish Rite Center), it is easier for the organizers if the donations are received ahead of time. George Hingston has volunteered to pick up any donations. He can be contacted at (503) 929-4850.

In regards to the Albany Expo, fly fishing equipment and art are our preferred donation. If any of you are interested in adding to your fly fishing library, the Council received an entire library in donation this year—over 40 boxes of videos and books, the latter of which includes many valuable first and limited editions, as well as those signed by the author. I am currently sorting the library to decide which to sell this year. They will be for sale both days of the Expo, with the most valuable for sale on Friday only.



Thank you Mitch for your generous support of Santiam Flycasters and this year's auction!

Annual Club Auction February 2026

The Annual Club Auction is only 12 days away on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at the Scottish Rite Center.

The auction is open to the public so come out and support the club and take home some great items. The committee is finalizing all aspects of the auction and we have several great items to bid on in the silent, bucket, and live auctions. We hope to see you there.

Purpose of the Auction. The money we generate from the Annual Auction provides the funding for many of our activities throughout the year. When bidding on items you should not consider success getting an item at a cheap price but rather bidding on items for a good price and that sometimes means paying more than the item may be worth – remember what we make helps fund our club’s activities. In the past we have had some low bids on items that cost much more than the winning bid. To prevent that from occurring, we will establish the lowest starting bids on select items. Thanks for your support.

Featured Items include

A Dave Scadden Frameless Boat

Classic Accessories Clark Fork Pontoon Boat

Mitch (Two Rivers Fly Shop) Donations

- **Rod, reel, floating line package valued at \$580. (Rod/case is a Temple Forks Outfitters Blue Ribbon 9 foot, 6 weight, 4 pieces. Reel is a Redington Behemoth 5/6 weight and bronze colored. Fly line is a Scientific Anglers Amplitude Smooth Floating Line.**
- **Collapsible Wading Staff**
- **2 Aqua Umpqua UPG Foam Baitfish Fly Boxes**
- **Fishpond Nomad Native Net**
- **\$150 gift card to Two Rivers Fly Shop**

Several Rods and Reels

Fishalongs with Steve “Mort” Morton and Warren Griffin (Dry Fly Fishing on the Santiam)

Beautiful Handcrafted Ukulele donated by Jim Brik. He says, *“The top, back, and sides of the box are of koa that were salvaged from an old restaurant that went out of business about thirty years ago but originally opened in the 50’s. The neck is quilted Oregon maple with wenge (from South Africa) used for the fret board and headstock. Instrument builders crave accessing aged and air-dried seasoned woods with the belief that the older the wood the sweeter the music. I hope the ukulele goes to someone who can make it sing!”*

If you have any fly-fishing gear that you no longer need or use, you can donate it to the club for the auction. We also accept various outdoor gear, supplies, etc. Another popular item during this auction are flies. If you are a good tier and want to tie flies that we can use in the auction we would appreciate it. The club (Tim Johnson) can provide fly boxes to put your flies in for the auction. A box typically has 12 flies in it with a particular theme (still water, moving water, steelhead/salmon flies/euro nymphs, dry flies, etc.)

If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the Annual Auction on February 12 at 5pm when the doors open for setup. This will give us time to get your item in the respective auction. You can also coordinate to get your donation to the respective committee lead prior to the auction. This is the preferred method as it gives us more time.

Auction Planning Committee. The committee has worked hard the past few months to ensure we have a great auction. Although committees have volunteers, we can always use additional assistance during the execution of the auction. If you are interested in helping a particular committee you can contact the respective committee lead. The committee leads are listed below. If you have any other questions, please contact me at rickylove20@aol.com

Lead Planner: Ricky Love

Setup/Cleanup Committee: Brian Hoag, Bill Steen, Greg Long

Cashier: Tim Johnson

Bidder Numbers/Raffle Tickets: Ken Karnosh

Silent Auction: Scott Vaslev, George Hingston

Bucket/Live Auction: Ricky Love/Steve Reynolds/Steve Morton

Auctioneer: Steve Morton is the auctioneer for the live auction. He has attended all the auctions over the past 20 years and will bring energy and enthusiasm to the live auction.

FFI Donations: Bob LeClerc/Beth Jappay

Food and Drinks: Steve Morton will use his outstanding culinary skills to provide a delicious spaghetti feed, salad, and garlic bread. Desserts and soft drinks will also be provided. This will allow attendees to have a bite to eat and allow ample time to view the auction items. Since this is a fundraising event, we are suggesting a \$5 donation for the meal.

Entertainment: The Redside Trio will provide musical entertainment for the Santiam Flycasters from 6pm – 7pm during the auction. The trio consists of Sky Audsley (guitar), Molly Gale (sax and vocals), and Santiam Flycasters member, Bill Crucial (bass and guitar). They play music from the Great American Songbook of Jazz as well as some classic rock. Harlem Nocturne, Take 5, Blue Moon, and Moon Dance are examples of their repertoire. There will be a “Name that Tune” contest and the winner will receive 5 raffle tickets for bucket auction. They will also play a one song where they invite audience members to come on stage and sing. Come and enjoy this great music while you eat, socialize, and bid on auction items.

Timeline.

5:00pm – 6:00pm Doors open for setup

6:00pm – 7:00pm Musical Entertainment

6:00pm – 7:15pm Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle/Food & Drinks

7:15pm Silent Auction Closes

7:30pm – 8:30pm Live Auction/Bucket Raffle Drawing

8:30pm – 9:00pm Clean up (We appreciate any extra help cleaning up after the auction)

Welcome these new members in January

Larry Hughes, Salem

David Howard. Salem

It's Time to Renew Your Santiam Flycasters Membership

If you haven't done so already or are a life member, this is an excellent time to renew your SFC membership for 2026. Memberships renew annually on January 1. Dues for 2026 remain the same low fee of \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families. Use the form on the back of this newsletter to renew your membership, or download the membership form from the Santiam Flycasters website (www.santiamflycasters.com). You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the February 12 Auction or mail to: Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.



Silverton Reservoir Outing February 13 (Friday)

We will fish Silverton Reservoir on February 13 and get on the water by 9:00 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for you to use the equipment you acquired during the Annual Auction the previous night. It is scheduled to be stocked with 500 trophy fish the week of February 8 -13 so we should have some great action. A pontoon boat or float tube works very well to fish this lake. There is no bank access for fly fishing except the boat dock.

To get there, drive Silverton Road east, turn left (north) onto West C Street at the first traffic signal in Silverton, turn right (east) onto Water Street (turns into Highway 214) for a couple of miles, and turn right into the access road to Silverton Reservoir. Be prepared to pay a \$5 parking fee by credit card.

Suggested gear is a 4 to 6 weight rod with hover, intermediate, or Type 3 sinking line. Flies include the normal Stillwater selection of woolly buggers, leeches, soft hackles, Boobies/FABs, etc. Remember your lunch, PFD, and other essentials. The outing sponsor is Ricky Love. Contact him at rickylove20@aol.com if you have questions.

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

EJappay@comcast.net

Chef Mort's Corner: Digressions on Cephalopods



I have occasionally found the need to justify my checkered career in the food service industry, mostly to myself. Sheepishly I must admit it really all boiled down to fishing and settling on the most economically feasible route to pay for my blossoming fishing addiction.

I flatter myself to think that the term fly-fisherman would ever actually refer to the likes of me. Well, I am going on the record here to say it does not. I am not a fly-fisherman. That's right, NOT A FLY-FISHERMAN.

I am by definition, a self-avowed squid*. In the parlance of our times a hunkering, lowly, land-based cephalopod. Squid fisherman camp on everyone's choice waters and deny anyone access for days, weeks and months on end.

Squid drive mostly beat-up worthless fish-mobiles that I'm sure you have all seen many times parked on your favorite rivers. They are my car of choice. It's THAT car. Always surrounded by discarded tackle packages, beer cans, cigarette butts and nefarious drug paraphernalia, pet feces, etc. Now that I have shared this guilty truth let's keep it a secret, okay? Make no mistake, I am a squid!. To prove this, if I open the trunk of my car you will find several heretical fishing tools at your immediate disposal. The beloved squid-mobile rides again!

Shortly after our wedding, (after a much too short engagement), my lovely wife Annie proclaimed, "I had no idea you fished so much." Silence . . .

Followed by my carefully crafted reply, "Darling, uhhhhhh, I didn't fish that much I guess because I was kind of busy landing you."

I had somehow miraculously explained the sudden change in marital behavior by using advanced squid angling logic. The conversation was shortly followed by several days of "inner contemplation," also known around these parts as the silent treatment. I have a nagging suspicion that my wife of forty-two years is much smarter than I. She has painfully pointed out on many occasions the apparent minimal intelligence required to catch a fish. "How smart can fish be? After all, their brain is literally the size of a pea." And as she is fond of adding, only slightly larger than mine.

My laws and ethics for catching fish abide somewhere in that gray area between dynamite and rotenone. I have been known to debase myself with worms and lures.



In the art of angling I have never been known to confine myself to the etiquette and mores of the times.

Nets, gaffs, plugs, zombies twits, chumming, hot shotting, side planing and bobber dogging, all have a fond place in a squid's lexicon of angling. Working as chef merely provided the much-

needed cash flow and complimentary schedule to practice my nefarious science. All this while my few and diminishing friends were all chasing their careers down that hot dusty road of ambition.

Now, I sometimes dress like a real fly angler and I'm even provisionally allowed to belong to a fly-fishing club, make no mistake though, under my wrinkle-free Orvis fishing vest beats the true-blue heart of a lure slinging reprobate squid replete with casting rod and a willingness to probe all waters up to and including my own bar ditch out front. Always on the hunt for my next unwitting victim.

Oh, I stop and cook now and then but it has to be fast, down and dirty, because there are just so many fish to catch and so little time to catch them. I'm not standing in front of that hot stove these days one minute longer than absolutely necessary! Can you hold these worms while I toss out the crawdad traps? You did bring the snakebite, right?

Speaking of down and dirty, this next recipe is a favorite around the old camp fire. But not really, I just was taking a writer's liberty there. Just to be clear, if you attempt this recipe around your campfire I don't want to be within a mile of the towering inferno you will inevitably be enjoying. This squid tempura recipe will tax the most devoted culinary squid amongst you!

Calamari Tempura with Sauce Ponzu

OK, let's bang out this Ponzu dipping sauce. Combine the following in a jar with a lid that seals for shaking and storage. This is a great all-around dipping sauce to have on hand!

Ponzu Dipping Sauce

- ½ cup light soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons of rice wine vinegar
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- 2 tablespoons mirin (rice wine)
- Juice of one lemon
- ½ cup of Katsubushi (dried bonito tuna flakes)
- One strip of kombu (kelp)

Combine all ingredients in your jar. Shake well and store in your refrigerator overnight. Next day sieve out all the bits and pieces and enjoy. I sometimes omit ingredients when unavailable but the above Japanese ingredients will be available at your nearby Asian food market.

Calamari Tempura

This recipe is very simple but with all the disclaimers required by state law in reference to the act of deep frying it reads a lot like the culinary version of Tolstoy's War and Peace. Good luck!

Mise en place (Your stuff):

- Rice flour 100 G
- AP "00" flour 100 G
- Sparkling water, ice cold
- Salt and black pepper
- ¾ pounds of tubes and tentacles of squid (available at your local fish market or grocery store. You may need to call in advance to source your squid.)
- Vegetable oil for frying (A couple inches in the pot below)

Equipment

- 6-to-8-quart pot for frying

- Candy thermometer
- Slotted spoon or strainer
- A paper towel lined baking pan
- Two mixing bowls
- Cutting board
- Sharp paring knife for squid prep

Prepare your squid tubes and tentacles. Remove feather bone from tubes, and remove beaks from the tentacles and head, if present. Rinse squid pieces under cold water and pat dry. You will want to cut your tubes into small rounds, and possibly cross hatch or butterfly the squid mantle to create a flower pattern . The heads with the tentacles should be left whole for frying. Do not attempt to fry the squid mantles whole though as they are at this point essentially a small balloon and could very well explode in the hot oil and give you a very nasty burn. Hence, towering inferno reference? Rinse and pat dry all squid.

Combine both flours and season with salt and pepper. Reserve a ½ cup of flour mixture for dusting the squid. Add sparkling water to the remaining flour and mix until consistency of light cream.

Heat oil to 325-degree F (the thermometer will be very handy in determining your oil temp) in your deep pan suitable for frying. Have a slotted spoon or strainer for removing calamari when it is cooked pleasingly brown and crispy. This is a very quick fry.

Lightly flour the squid pieces in reserved flour mixture and shake off any access flour and drop the flowered squid into your bowl of tempura batter. Do a good handful at a time keeping one hand dry and one for wet.

Cooking in small batches, carefully place piece by piece the battered squid into your oil using a slotted spoon. Do not overlap or crowd if possible. They should float immediately and quickly become crispy in a very short time, approximately two to three minutes maximum. If by chance they stick to the bottom don't panic just carefully dislodge (chop stick?) and they should float to the surface where they belong.

Remove the crispy calamari to a warm plate with a paper towel. Serve immediately with cut lemon and ponzu dipping sauce. I like to salt and pepper the squid and perhaps a dash of fresh parsley. If by chance you have

leftovers save them at all cost for the next morning's crispy rice squid and eggs! This recipe still to come in Mort's Corner!

Check with your local seafood monger or butcher to source your squid or calamari. Squid is usually available but almost exclusively frozen. Squid can be purchased in many guises. It is both relatively inexpensive and a great source of protein. Sold frozen and whole as mantles or calamari steak, and available as baby squid frozen whole or as tubes and tentacles.

Most squid products are quiet commonly available in your local market or seafood shop. If you haven't cleaned whole squid don't worry, I like and use YouTube for skills and techniques and you will find many videos for cleaning and preparing delicious squid as well as other seafoods. I have

had on more than one occasion enjoyed thin sliced lemon, jalapenos, onion and other pepper slices floured and fried along with the squid! Delicious and beautiful to behold. One tip to add; a pre-marinade is also an option for your squid tempura. Salt, pepper, fish sauce if nothing else.

*Squid: Slang/pejorative A squid is an angler who uses bait, spinners, plugs and anything else that doesn't resemble a fly. Squid can seldom be motivated to move from the areas they fish. Occasionally threats, beer bribes and rumors of large dumb and easy to catch fish somewhere else can sometimes deceive and arouse the curiosity of the lowly squid resulting in a hasty relocation. I disavow any further knowledge at this point of the squid's peculiar migration patterns.



Fish on the Fly!

March 13th & 14th, 2026 9am-5pm
Linn County Expo Center Albany, Oregon



-  150 Fly Tying Demonstrations
-  Casting Classes & Demonstrations
-  Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Classes
-  Silent Auction & Bucket Raffles Daily
-  Banquet & Live Auction Friday Evening
-  Youth Education Program



Expo 2026 Show Fly Pin
RiverKeeper Soft Hackle Cripple

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2026 Schedule of Outings-Santiam Flycasters

Here is the list of fly fishing outings our club has planned for 2026. The list includes opportunities to catch trout in streams and still waters, as well as opportunities for steelhead, chum salmon, small mouth bass, and Jetty fishing.

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).

Hope to see you on many outings this year!

January 17, Pizza Pie and Tie – Fly Tying Event

February 13, Silverton Reservoir (Friday)

March 21, Metolius River

April 18, Haystack Reservoir

April 20-25 Blue Den Lake (Oregon Fishing Club Opportunity)

May 1, South Twin Lake

May 15, Olalla Creek Reservoir (Friday)

May 20, Deschutes River – Warm Springs to Trout Creek (Wednesday)

May 30, Chickahominy Reservoir

June 6, Crane Prairie Reservoir

June 13, North Santiam River

June 27, East Lake

July 16, Three Creek Lake (Thursday)

July 31, McKenzie River (Friday)

August 8, Willamette River (Keizer to Wheatland)

September 12, Walton Lake

September 19, Hosmer Lake

September 26, North Santiam River

October 3, Crooked River

October 10, Willamette River (Marshall Island to Harrisburg)

October 17, Deschutes River

October 24, McKenzie River

November 14, Detroit Lake

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

February 2026 Fly of the Month

The Double Down Booby by Beth Jappay



Winter is a great time of the year to fish with floating flies—the bottom of a lake is warmer than the top so fish hang out deep. I like to fish booby flies and FABs on a sinking line (see bottom). Two annoying downsides of booby flies is their tendency to lose buoyancy, and their tendency to spin. A couple of months ago I watched an FFI fly tying group presentation that showed a new way to tie on booby eyes which corrects these problems. I call my version a “Double Down Booby as it uses a full length foam cylinder instead of one cut in half.

Materials:

Hook: Hanak 900 BL, #8

Thread UTC Ultra Thread 140, Ash

Foam: 6mm full-length cylinder, chartreuse

Tail: Nature’s Spirit Prime Marabou, long–brown-olive

Ribbing: UTC Ultra wire, small–sculpin-olive

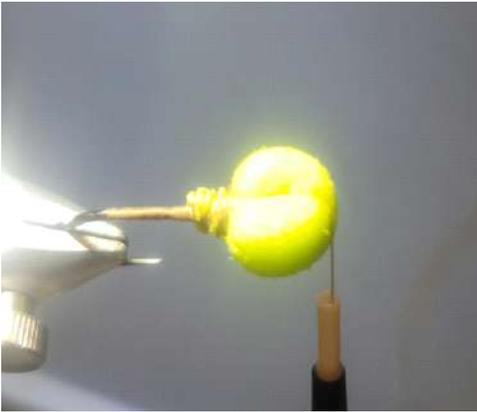
Dubbing: Arizona Simi Seal–dark olive

Overwing (optional): Nature’s Spirit Prime Marabou, long–dark olive

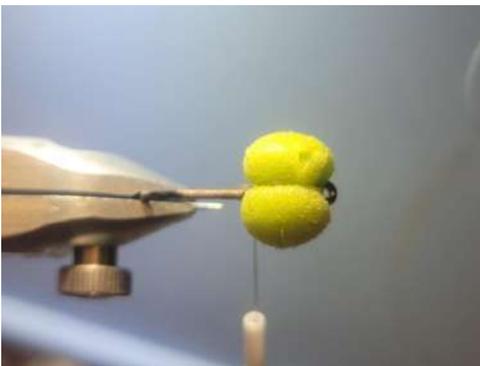
Directions



Lay down a thread base, then bring the thread back towards the front of the hook. Unspin the bobbin so that the thread is flat. Fold foam cylinder in half and, pinching between thumb and index finger, hold it so the ends are on each side of the hook and the cylinder fold is in front of the eye. Adjust thread so that it hangs from the hook about $\frac{1}{8}$ ” in front of the foam ends, then tie the ends down on the hook. Squish down the bulging ends by wrapping back and forth, including back onto the hook (this helps to keep it from spinning). Throw in a half-hitch so that the thread exits along the very top. Unspin the thread.



Starting at the front end of the wrap, bring thread forward to the front down the exact center of the foam (double check from the top and front as this is key). Wrap the thread once behind the eye, then tighten the thread by pushing on both sides of the foam while simultaneously slowly pulling on the thread.



Cinch down to behind the eye of the hook, and check again for symmetry. Bring thread to the back again down the same groove, all the way to the thread-covered hook. Wrap then throw in a half hitch. Secure the foam with further figure 8 wraps, unspinning as needed, and finishing behind the foam. Secure with another half hitch.



I prefer to use the barbules from the middle sides of this particular marabou for my tails.



Starting just behind the foam, attach marabou so that the tail is ~ 1.5x the hook length. Wrap marabou down a little past the bend of the hook, then put one wrap tight behind the end of the marabou wrap, then in front. Repeat (these techniques keep the tail from wrapping around the hook as frequently).



Attach the wire, then create a dubbing loop. Fill evenly with dubbing. Spin up the dubbing, keeping it even, then brush it out.



Wrap the dubbing forward to behind the foam. Secure. Bring the wire forward to behind the foam. Secure. Brush out the dubbing, using a bodkin to pick out the dubbing as necessary. If an overwing is desired, secure the marabou behind the foam with the wing length ending at the bend of the hook. If there is an unsightly gap behind the foam, split the thread to spin up some dubbing and fill it in. Bring the thread forward through the foam groove and wrap behind the eye.



Use a half hitch tool to finish the head. I like to use two wraps, and repeat twice. Coat with head cement.

My article on booby flies:

[The Booby](#)

My article on blobs and FABs:

[The Blob](#)

Pizza Pie and Tie -Jan. 17

Thank You

Demonstration Tyers, Party Planners, and
Visitors

Who Provided a Delightful Afternoon of
Food and Fun

