



# Flycasters

## IN THE MERRY, MERRY MONTH OF MAY

The mighty Metolius beckoned to us last month to come test our best Cheeto–Flies on one of Oregon’s finest fly fishing rivers. For some of us, this annual pilgrimage has become more of a social event than piscatorial pursuit. A few (of the few who came) did venture to the water with the usual mixed success rate. For the rest of us, it was a sit by the fire kind of trip, where lies are perfected and wine, whiskey, and cigars rule.

The highlight of the weekend centered around the Salmon BBQ cooked up by your little old wine drinker—me. Lots of great side dishes were provided to accompany the fish, which resulted in a most enjoyable evening around a roaring fire.

The weather was typical for this annual trek across the pass, but the roads were clear and the camaraderie was definitely worth the drive. I’m thinking that maybe it’s time to organize a one-fly flyfishing tournament in conjunction with this annual outing. We could call it —*The Cheeto Fly Invitational*, and include both tying and casting competitions. What’d ya think?

## JOHN DAY RIVER OUTING CANCELED

Our continuous rains, and extra mountain snows, have provided the catalyst that is causing the John Day River to flow high and fast (about 5,000 cfs when last checked) , and that is just way too much for a successful trip to this fabled Small Mouth fishery. Coupled with the travel distance and the current price of gas and diesel, the board has elected to cancel this scheduled outing. In its place, we have selected Rock Creek Campground, located on the southwest corner of Crane Prairie Reservoir. This location will provide our members with a myriad of fishing opportunities from which to select. A 10-15 minute drive will have you wetting your line in either the Deschutes or Fall Rivers. Stillwater choices include Davis Lake (which has both trophy trout and large mouth bass) is a short drive to the south . To the north (if the road is open) lies Lava, Hosmer, Elk, and numerous other lakes. Wickiup Reservoir, with its browns, rainbows, and kokanee is just to the east along with North and South Twin Lakes which are both excellent producers of stocked rainbows. And, of course Crain Prairie with its trophy rainbows and large mouth bass will be awaiting your early morning cast; possibly from your camp site. The dates (June 18/19) remain the same and will provide an excellent outing for your Fathers Day weekend. The club will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers for your dining pleasure on Saturday evening. You are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. If you are new to fly fishing in Central Oregon, this is an ideal area to *“get your feet wet”*. Above all, do not hesitate to ask someone about the what, where, and how of fishing in this area.

## **JUNE OUTING CON'T:**

Rock Creek Campground is located just off the Cascade Lakes Hwy, just north of the cut off to Wickiup Jct and LaPine. The easiest way to get there from Salem is via OR 58 (Willamette Pass Hwy). The following GPS coordinates will place you in a camp site that my son and I have used many times:

**N 43.76944 deg, W 121.83617 deg**

If you are going over early, the campground is quite large with several loops. If you get there first, place a paper plate on the bulletin board next to the registration board with your site Nr. On it indicating Santiam Flycasters. The individual loops each have multiple occupancy sites.

## **FEATURED SPEAKER**

Our featured speaker this month is Mr. Dick Sagara. His presentations, are always very informative. He has worked extensively with Jim Teeny and has a depth of knowledge on sinking tip and will provide information on the how, when, and where to fish sink tip. His qualifications include FFF Certified Instructor, Manufactures' Rep and a major contributor to the fly fishing community. Improve your subsurface presentation by attending and learning some valuable secrets.

## **PRE MEETING WORKSHOPS**

“Summertime and the Livin' is Easy”

“Summertime and the Livin' is Easy” is a Gershwin song from Porgy and Bess but Summertime is also some great dry fly fishing. June, July and August offer the fly fishers some larger dry fly fishing like the big stoneflies, Golden and Grasshopper. To understand the delivery of the larger, bulky flies, the caster needs to make a few adjustments in the casting stroke and adapt the casting system like rod choice, leader and fly line to effectively present a splashy fly. Larger, bulky flies need a power powerful tip action, more aggressive front taper on the fly-line and a short aggressive leader taper. These small adjustments will give you a more effective and efficient delivery of the larger bulky flies.

Larger flies generally require a splashy presentation and usually under bushes. The aggressive front taper of the fly line and shorter aggressive leader gives you an advantage. A Scientific Angler GPX pared with a 7 1/2' 3X or 4X is a good all-around bulky fly presentation system.

This month's Casting Clinic is “The presentation of large, bulky flies” at 6pm on the lawn.

We will cover “rod plane” for getting under bushes, how to splash the fly on the water to get the trout's attention and how to “turn” the fly around obstacles [hook cast].

The “Golden Stone” is a great fly that fishes long after the larger cousin has disappeared. Demonstration ties of various adult Golden Stone dry fly I starting at 6:15 by John Rodriquez [sofa pillow] Forest Maxwell [Jughead] and Keith Burckhardt [Norm Wood Special] at 6:30 and talk about where and when at 6:45. Many of you know this little secret that we will share with those of you who are new to the area or fly fishing. Plus there will be a round table discussion on Golden Stones opportunity around Oregon.

Join us for the Casting Clinic and the Tying Demo

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### Golden Stone Stimulator



HOOK: 200R, sizes 6-10

THREAD: Fire orange

TAIL: Golden-brown elk hair

RIB: Copper or gold wire

ABDOMEN: Blend of gold, ginger, amber,

yellow goat with golden-brown Haretron.

Palmer with blue dun hackle.

WING: Golden-brown elk hair

HACKLE: Furnace

THORAX: Fire orange Antron

## AH, BUT IS IT FLYFISHING

From Ken Karnosh

I had cabin fever a few weeks ago, so I packed up my float tube and headed to Town Lake where ODFW had stocked some trout. It was Spring Vacation, so several people were there including a guy in a pontoon boat casting lures and catching an occasional fish.

As I paddled from the launch area, I had a strike and looked forward to a productive day. After a while the pontoon boat guy rowed over to visit. When I said that I had not caught anything, he said that three guys in a boat had flyfished there a few days before and virtually hooked a fish on each cast.

He said they were using an indicator and a brown bead-head nymph and sometimes each one had a fish on at the same time! He said the fish struck when the nymph hit the end of the leader. Ah, Chironomids, I thought, and I did not have any indicators! Oh, well!

After a few hours, I left fishless, but that's not unusual. On the way home, I thought more about the three guys and their luck. I concluded that the fish thought that their nymphs were the pellets being thrown by the hatchery folks at mealtime. They're not stupid!

So, the moral question is: Were the three guys flyfishing or not???

## Up Coming Events

### This Month:

**Board Meeting** - None this month

### General Meeting

**Presenter** Mr. Dick Sagara

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**When:** Thurs, Jun 9th @ 7:00pm  
Workshops @ 6:15

**Where:** Pringle Community Building Lawn

**Outing:** \_Overnight campout @ Rock Creek  
Campground on Crane Prairie Res

### Next Month:

#### Board Meeting

No meetings scheduled in July

#### General meeting

No meetings are scheduled in July

**Outing:** \_East Lake—8-9 July—Overnight @  
Cinder Hill Campground (these sites are  
reserve able)

### *Tip of the month:*

*A scared fish does not bite*

*A resting fish needs enticement*

*A feeding fishing needs  
An opportunity*

## **Santiam Flycasters Newsletter**

is published monthly by the Santiam Flycasters

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardian-ship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like minded organizations.

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### **Board Member 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, join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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**2011 Membership Application**

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

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Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

*You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.*

*\*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st.*

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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.

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I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

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Signature Print Name Date

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