

# Santiam

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# Flycasters

## CLUB AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the supreme efforts of Auction Chairman Tim Johnson, and everyone who stepped forward to help out, Santiam Flycasters will not require a Continuing Resolution over the next year. Tim happily reports that our net proceeds for the evening totaled \$2478. Congratulations to all the winning bidders, and all of you who participated in each level of our auction. Your much needed contributions to our operating budget are deeply appreciated. Thanks also, to Craig and his kitchen crew for a fine meal that added so much to our evenings festivities. To all who worked to make the evening a success (and there are far too many to list) - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Lastly, but surely not least; thanks to each of you that donated items for the auction. And, let's not forget the local businesses that gave us some really great items. It is essential that we continue to support them throughout the coming year. They are (in no particular order): Morton's Bistro, Creekside Fly Shop, Wholesale Sports, Cabela's, Deschutes Angler, Headwaters Bamboo Rod Company, Hareline Dubbin Inc, Federation of Fly Fishers, Jim Teeny, North Fork Bamboo Rods, Rio Products, Simms Fishing Products, and Temple Fork Outfitters

## *The River Giveth (But Very Damned Reluctantly)*

Anyone can go fishing in May or June. Even September or October. But only the toughest, most persistent, and stir crazy willingly go forth on a lousy February day to chase river trout. A proposition with quite low odds of success and high certainty of misery.

They say that the gene for this compulsion is located on the Y chromosome, right next to the gene for criminal insanity. Sometimes they get crossed up.

Nevertheless 7 of the Santiam Flycasters mustered forth last Saturday in a near freezing mist to look for fish on the Middle Willamete. Most of us, with one notable exception, were unsuccessful in rousing any fish. We did have a good time and a warm lunch. And because of Larry Steele, we do know there are fish to be had in that stretch of water at that time of year. Larry schooled us all and hooked up fairly consistently throughout the day and caught at least 2 very nice fat and strong rainbow trout.

Unfortunately, little of Larry's karma transferred to the rest of us. I finally managed one smallish trout just before we adjourned, so technically, I did not have to wear the skunk hat home.

I was quite encouraged to see 3 of our newer members present for this outing. To Jerry, John and Jim— glad you came and hope it's the first of many outings for you!

-Ron Henderson-

## *Flycasters Providing Tying Demos*

Santiam Flycasters held a Fly Tying demo at Wholesale Sports on Saturday, February 12. Club members Ilene Hirsh, Jack Wood and Jerry Gibb tied flies for around 20 people. This month we will be conducting a second demo, at Creekside Fly Shop (350 Liberty Street Southeast) this coming Saturday (March 5th) from 12—2 PM. Bring a friend and stop by to lend your moral support. It is our hope that these public displays will encourage an interest in the club and the great sport of fly fishing.

## ***THIS MONTH:***

### **Oregon's Cascade Lakes** **by Phil Hager**

Our presenter for this month's meeting is Mr. Phil Hager. Phil has been fishing Central Oregon Lakes on a regular basis since the early 1990s. At the presentation, he will reveal his secrets for how to successfully fish these outstanding fisheries. His presentation will concentrate on the Cascade Lakes Loop and feature the prime bodies of water of Elk, Hosmer, Lava, Little Lava, the Upper Deschutes, Crane Prairie, Wickiup, East, and Davis to name a few. This is a "don't wanna miss" presentation.

### **Steelhead Fishing on the Molalla River**

Our March outing will take us to the Molalla River for a chance at catching some of our ever elusive steelhead. The Molalla was once one of Oregon's premier summer steelhead streams. ODFW however, has ceased stocking this stream making it a native fish haven, with an occasional summer stray that should be headed to one of the other Willamette River tributaries. It also has a long history of harboring Spring Chinook, and lots of cutthroat trout. With lots of great access for both floating and wading, it should be a great outing. The club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs for your dining pleasure. Members of the board will be doing an on site recon this coming weekend and details for our club outing will be discussed at the March meeting.

## ***FLY OF THE***

### **Purple Peril**

HOOK: 7999, sizes 2-6

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Purple hackle fibers

WING: Squirrel tail

RIB: Fine silver tinsel

BODY: Purple yarn

HACKLE: Purple



### **How to Fish**

Traditional wet-fly swing. If the water temperature is below 52 degrees, consider using a sink-tip line with a 4-6 foot leader.

## ***Santiam Flycasters Newsletter***

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### **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.

**NORTHWEST FLY TYING EXPO**

**Share Your Passion! Bring A Friend!**

The 2011 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is set for **March 11, and 12 at the Linn County Fairground and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon.** The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi", offering classes in fly tying techniques, fly casting, and fly fishing.. Over 72 fly tyer stations rotate every three hours allowing attendees to learn and observe fly tying techniques from some of the best fly tyers in the Northwest.

In addition, there will be over 50 vendors featuring items for sale for every fly angler from beginner to expert.

Casting demos and instruction are a featured event at the Expo, complete with a casting pond on the main floor where certified casters give demonstrations each hour. Spey casters will have an outdoor Spey casting pond to practice and receive instruction. In addition to the casting pond another acre of space indoors features a plastic floor covering for individual and class casting instruction. The Expo also features hourly raffle where attendees are able to win prizes donated by attending vendors and companies throughout the fly fishing industry.

For more information contact members of the expo staff at: [www.nwflytyerexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyerexpo.com).

**Up Coming Events**

**This Month:**

**Board Meeting**

When: Monday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm  
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

**General Meeting**

**Presenter:** Phill Hager—Fishing Central Oregon's High Lakes

**When:** Thursday, March 10th @ 7:00pm

**Where:** Pringle Community Building Lawn

**Outing:** March 19th \_ Steelhead Fishing on the Molalla River

**Next Month:**

**Board Meeting**

When: Monday, April 11th @ 7:00 pm  
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

**General Meeting**

**Presenter:** Fly Tying Workshop  
**When:** Thursday, April 14th @ 7:00pm  
**Where:** Pringle Community Building

**Outing:** \_ April 16th—Rogue River (Camp Out)

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Please extend a hand and warm welcome to the following new members;

Shayne and Vanessa Flock of Salem

Gary Ryan of Salem

George and Rhonda Ostertag of Keizer

