

# Santiam Flycasters

September 2011

Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

## HOT AUGUST NIGHTS



Hot August Nights don't just happen in Reno folks; they also happen on our very own South Umpqua River. And, the days can get warm too. Ten trepid members ventured south to the bustling metropolis of Elkton, the weekend of August 20 to sample the World Famous Smallmouth Bass fishing this marvelous river has to offer.

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None were disappointed as it was a 50—100 fish day for most of our fabled fly flingers, including yours truly. The weather was great, although somewhat warm as the thermometer lingered in the low 90's during most of the afternoon. It was however somewhat fabulous compared to the 107 degrees that they endured on their previous outing.



The fly of choice for the majority of the folks was what ever happen to be handy and any thing olive seemed to work just fine. Woolly Buggers did their usual damage, as did the ever promising Carey Special. In fact, I went through at least three of these delightful alien rejects from British Columbia. Each of

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## Calendar of Events

for more details go to  
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### September 2011

#### Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.  
at Garibaldi Family Mexican  
Restaurant, 1111 Edgewater St.  
NW, West Salem. (Across the  
street from Morton's Bistro).

**General Meeting:** Presentation  
by George Douglas on Steelhead  
Fishing.

Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm  
at the Pringle Community  
Building in Salem.

Casting and Tying Workshops at  
6:00 pm.

**Club Outing:** Fishing Three  
Creek Lake for Rainbows and  
Brookies,

Saturday, September 10th.  
See "September Outing: Alpine  
Fishing At Its Best" for more  
information

### October 2011

#### Board Meeting

Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.  
at Garibaldi Family Mexican  
Restaurant, 1111 Edgewater St.  
NW, West Salem. (Across the  
street from Morton's Bistro).

**General Meeting:** To Be  
Announced.

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 pm  
at the Pringle Community  
Building in Salem.

Casting and Tying Workshops at  
6:00 pm.

**Club Outing:** Deschutes River  
Float (Warm Springs to Trout  
Creek), Saturday, October 15

*(Hot August Nights, continued)*

them was thrashed to unusability by both the local Small Mouths and a few Blue Gill. I regret to inform whoever designed it, that the famed Calcasieu Pig Boat mentioned in last month's newsletter, did not even receive a hint of interest from the western cousins of the very fish that it was designed for.

The river was up about three feet, and about 500 cfs from previous years, which may have had a positive impact on the quality of the fishing. It was also noted that the "chute" that leads to the boat ramp at the campground, was missing its usual 2-3 foot walls, although the standing waves still beckoned us forth, and everyone found their way back to camp in time for Happy Hour and dinner. (Some, sooner than others) We were joined by Bob and Beatrice Gabler for our evening respite of Wursts and Sauerkraut, accompanied by other scrumptious goodies that were provided by our members.



#### PROJECT HEALING WATERS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Each of you has generously offered to help when Project Healing Waters has need. Because we started small and grew incrementally there has been little to ask for. We continue to hold our twice monthly workshops at the VA Hospitals in Vancouver and Portland. Now we have a real unique opportunity on September 13 to go to Pacific City to seek Searun Cutthroats. To make this trip possible for the 10 vets who have signed up we need drift boats or the equivalent to float the estuary that day. I would like to have at least 7 or as many as 10 boats. We scheduled the trip for this date because of the midday tide action that will allow for a comfortable slack and no significant challenges to floating on the estuary. If you are able to bring your boat and provide a fishing seat for a vet or two at this outing I would be very grateful. We provide lunch, fishing gear, and logistical support. We just need boats with captains. You do not need to be a guide as we are not advertising this as a "guided" trip. Insurance coverage is provided through Project Healing Waters, Tualatin Valley Trout Unlimited and the VA. You need only have a properly licensed boat.

Please let me know if you can help or if you know of someone who could help. E-mail [jerrylorang@aol.com](mailto:jerrylorang@aol.com) or call Jerry Lorang (971) 404-5154. Thanks for everything you do and for all of your support.

*NOTE; This is a great opportunity to serve those who have served us. If you can provide the needed support for this worthwhile effort, please call Jerry as soon as possible.*

THANKS, HOWARD

## Bamboo Stills Reigns

Elegance, beauty and craftsmanship come together in a fine bamboo fly rod. Yes, graphite has dominated the business but the history still bows to bamboo as the ultimate tool for the devoted fly fisher. The Santiam Fly Casters are fortunate to have several bamboo craftsmen: Jim Loucks, Jeff Smith, Forest Maxwell and just down the road is Dave Dozer. They all contribute greatly to the craft of twig building.

This month we highlight the bamboo rod as a great tool for fly fishing. At 6:00 pm on September 8 Jim, Jeff and Dave will be at the grass area in front of Pringle Park with several bamboo rod for you to cast and at 6:30 there will be a bamboo casting clinic to reinforce the variables to comfortably cast bamboo. The clinic will cover casting stroke, tempo, effort and enjoyment of bamboo.

During the meeting at 7 Jim, Jeff and Dave will do a brief roundtable discussion of why bamboo. We will talk about how the bamboo rod is made, taper designs and the basic enjoyment of bamboo crafting.

6pm - an open casting time for bamboo rods

6:30 - a brief Bamboo Casting Clinic

7pm general meeting starts with a brief Roundtable on the craft of Bamboo Rods

7:30 - main speaker on Steelhead

## FOR SEPTEMBER

### The Last Days of Summer

As September brings fewer hours of daylight many great fishing opportunities await the fly flinger who ventures forth into the cooling temps of the oncoming fall season. There are still many days of great fishing remaining this summer, however, and we just need to head out on to the water to capitalize on them.

To aid us in adjusting our attitudes toward the fall season, Santiam Flycasters has scheduled Mr. George Douglas to be our featured speaker at our September meeting on the 8th. He will be speaking about the ins and outs of catching our ever elusive sea going Salmonoids. Be sure and join us for what promises to be a most interesting presentation. Mr. Douglas is a published author, guide, and Steelhead fanatic who is sure to keep your attention.

Dwight Klemin will continue his casting clinics beginning at 6:00 pm. This month he is giving us a special session that will include instruction on the use of Bamboo Fly Rods. See "Bamboo Still Reigns"

Here is some information about Mr Douglas from his website.

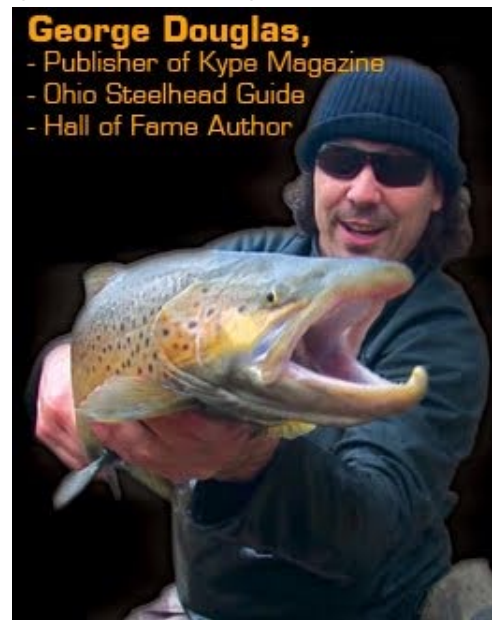
*George started his fishing business in 1991 on the Salmon River in Pulaski, New York. He began Salmon River Success magazine and his own guide service which thrived throughout the 90's. In 1993, George published his first book, titled, "The Complete Guide to the Salmon River," which quickly became "the Bible" for anglers who fished this river. With the success of this book, he went on to write five more books that have contributed greatly to the fishing industry.*

*Eventually, he ventured on from the Salmon River and moved to Washington State to learn about the west coast salmon and steelhead runs. This knowledge and experience led to Kype Magazine and multiple DVD's.*

*Kype represents a new and refreshing approach to salmon, trout, and steelheading--focusing on West Coast rivers, Great Lakes tributaries and trout streams across the continent.*

*A kype is a hook that forms on the lower jaw of a male trout, salmon or steelhead, during spawning periods. This is their badge of power and dominance, that is unique to only these species. It's an explanation point, similar to the rack of a male deer—a sign of a warrior—a sign of strength. These kype-busting-bucks are known to burn-out drag systems, shatter graphite, and snap leaders as if they were a strand of hair--and with such a mark of strength, thus the title of our magazine, KYPE.*

*In 2009, George was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as one of forty eight legendary communicators in the freshwater arena.*



[www.kypemagazine.com](http://www.kypemagazine.com)

SEPTEMBER OUTING  
ALPINE FISHING AT ITS BEST

**Board Changes Meeting Venue**

Please note the change in meeting location for our monthly Board Meetings.

The new location is:

Garibaldi Family Mexican  
Restaurant  
1111 Edgewater St. NW  
West Salem.

(Across the street from  
Morton's Bistro)

**THE SALMON ARE COMING  
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ODFW is reporting the first catches of returning Fall Salmon on our coastal streams. Sea Run Cutthroat Trout and Steelhead also await your fly fishing prowess on the west side of the Coast Range.

Fish the incoming tide for Salmon (be sure and carry a BIG STICK) and switch hit for Sea Runs on the outgoing tide. Just remember that the outgoing tide will be stronger than the incoming one if you are in a pontoon boat.

**AND, FOR ALL YOU SALT  
FISHING FELLAS:**

ODFW has designated the area south of Cape Falcon in the Marine Zone as a "non selective" Coho fishery during the period from September 1 through September 10.

That means all Coho Salmon are fair game.

Deep Sea Charters anyone????



Our outing for the month of September will be to Three Creek Lake (or Three Creeks Lake) the weekend of September 10th. This lake is 16 miles south of Sisters, Oregon off Forest Service Rd 16.

Regardless of how you say it, the lake is worth every ounce of effort you can muster to join us. And, don't forget this will be a "Catch and Kill" weekend when we encourage you to bring back a fish or two for our evening meal. Be especially aware that chef Tim will be cooking his fish (yours too??) in the French style with guts, feathers, and all intact. The lake is relatively small, but is chocked full of hungry trout just waiting for your favorite fly.

Whether you are a dry fly fanatic, or a die-hard in the wool nymph type fly guy, this is your lake. For those who are willing to rise up to meet the first rays of the sun, this lake comes alive with frolicking fish just waiting for those willing to forego their morning coffee. In the pre-dawn twilight, this lake can be the epitome of the term "nervous water." The mere sight of that many fish jumping at the same time is worth watching over that steaming cup you cannot leave behind. The "after breakfast" crowd will likewise find their time well spent on this phenomenal little body of water. Be sure and bring lots of fire wood for our evening gatherings.

All campsites at the federal campgrounds at Three Creek Lake are on a "first come basis", and cannot be reserved ahead of time. It would behoove us to arrive as early in the day as possible. I personally plan to leave Salem as early as I can. As a side note, Three Creek Lake lies at about 7000 feet on the north slope of The Three Sisters so you should plan accordingly as you can expect cool (maybe even cold) evenings and

*(Alpine Fishing, continued)*

mornings this time of year. The lake is fishable from the bank. However, fishing from a floating device is preferred. Float tubes, pontoon boats, or your favorite inflatable raft or aluminum boat all work well. Motors are not allowed on the lake.

The fly of choice last year was the Carey Special, and I have no doubt that it work again this year. For anyone wanting to work on tying this simple wet fly, I will be tying up some in Pringle Hall during our pre-meeting workshops beginning at 6:00 PM. Bring your vice and tools, some hooks, a few Peacock Herls, some copper wire, and some Pheasant Rump feathers. Black or Olive thread and head cement of choice is all you need.

### CAREY SPECIAL RECIPE

HOOK: 5263, sizes 4-10

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Pheasant Tail

RIB: Copper Wire

BODY: Olive Chenille or  
Peacock Herl

HACKLE: Pheasant Rump  
Feathers



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Fly of the Month  
Carey Special



#### Uses

A traditional northwest lake pattern, the Carey Special still finds employment, especially in the lakes of British Columbia. It could represent a dragonfly nymph and works well anywhere you find damselflies. I recently talked with Dave Hughes and Rick Hafele about stillwater caddis, and they think that trout often take the Carey Special for one of the large lake-dwelling bugs that are common in British Columbia and other parts of the Northwest. Or maybe it just looks to a trout like something that might be edible.

#### Variations

Brown is another good body color. (I have had success with them tied in several mixed color combinations including Red, Green, and Purple. or Olive)

#### How to Fish

Use the count-down-and-retrieve or slow retrieve presentations.

## *Officers*

**Howard Palmer**  
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**Tim Johnson**  
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Librarian

**Cal Hudspeth**  
Concessions

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FFF Representative

**Craig Noll**  
**Ron Henderson**  
**Don Meyer**  
**Jerry Gibb**

## *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.**

## NEXT MONTH: OCTOBER FALL COLORS CALL

The fishing season would not be complete without some kind of October outing to enjoy the fall colors, crisp morning temps, and a float down the mighty Deschutes River. October 15th will bring to the Santiam Flycasters, one of their most fabulous floats of the year. Be it Redside Rainbows, the ever elusive Steelhead, or maybe one of our famous Whitefish (otherwise known as “smallmouth trout”), this is indeed one of the most scenic river floats that we do.

Wildlife, birds, and fishes await the alert angler as we float from the town of Warm Springs to our over night accommodations (as in bring your own tent and lots of fire wood) at Trout Creek Campground. It is a delightful float of about eight miles that is laced with fish at every rock; and rocks at every turn. This float can be technical, and yes there are several short sections of standing waves on one side of the river or the other; none of which will present any manor of difficulty to even the least of the novices that join us. Let me put it this way: as a true Chicken of the Sea (rivers too) I assure you that if I can navigate it, so can you. It really is a piece of cake. (And, I might even catch a fish this time).

Two items worth note here are the requirement for a boating pass which is available on line, and a Warm Springs Indian fishing Permit which is available at the grocery store in the town of Warm Springs. More on these requirements in next month's news.

The campground at Trout Creek can be a bit of an entertaining adventure if you have never been there, but it is not all that difficult. Just talk to some one who has been there and they can show you on a map of the area, just how to get there. If you have a GPS in your vehicle, call me as I have the Coordinates recorded in mine.

The club will once again be providing the main entrée, which may, or may not resemble chicken, in some form of culinary delight. Here's your chance to step forward and be the “Outing Keeper” and Camp Chef for a day. We will surely appreciate your burnt offering, and I assure you it will be cooked just the way we like it. So, don't be bashful. You too can be the man (or woman) of the hour.



### Fishing Hint of the Month

Fish out every cast; you may be surprised by a fish in an unexpected spot.

### Casting Tip of the Month

Think pulling the line during instead of pushing the line during your casting motion.

The current issue of NW Flyfishing has a wonderful article by John Shewey on long time SFC member Harry Gross. It would be greatly appreciated if someone could bring a copy of the article to the September meeting.



## 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, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation, and cooperation with other like-minded organizations.

2011 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### **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