



# Flycasters

## Doing Alaska on Your Own

Our featured presentation for April is "*Doing Alaska on Your Own*", by speaker Lee Hibler.

This talk is a general overview of how to put together a float trip on Southeast Alaskan rivers and enjoying the fishing for rainbows, arctic char, dolly varden, grayling, and silver salmon.

Lee reports that he has been floating these waters for 24 years, and looks forward to sharing his experiences with the Santiam Flycasters.

In the time allotted, Lee allows as how he will have only enough time for a general overview, but will answer all pertinent questions.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there on Thursday, April 9 to hear Lee speak!



Mike and CJ Preparing for their Excellent Adventure

## President's Note : Project Healing Waters

The Santiam Flycasters along with the Oregon National Guard and Project Healing Waters is starting a Project Healing Waters Chapter in Salem. Many of you may have heard of Project Healing Waters and how it teaches wounded and disabled active duty veterans at Walter Reed Hospital to tie flies and to fly-fish.

Our Project Healing Waters chapter will be a little different. We will incorporate able and disabled active duty National Guard members, and retired veterans, who served in the regular military along with those who served in the Oregon National Guard. We also want to include their families. Our goal is to teach the veterans and their families the joy of fly tying and fly-fishing.

We have scheduled our first class for June 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Oregon National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters 3225 State St., Salem. At this first meeting we will share information about our Project Healing Water Chapter and include some basic fly tying skills. Other classes will cover various fly tying and fly-fishing techniques. After these meeting we will be planning a fly-fishing outing sometime in September or October. We hope that this will become a monthly activity for veterans and their families. We have classes scheduled for July 9th and 30th, August 6th and 20<sup>th</sup>. Our last class is September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need the help of all the Santiam Flycaster's expert fly fishing folks. Volunteer to help with the fly-tying and fly-fishing tech-

## On the River . . .

Ten of us hammerheads from the club managed to tackle the lower Deschutes river for the March outing. As we all know, any time you can cast a line into moving water in March is a good day, irregardless of the outcome.

Our weather was "in like a lamb, out like a sadistic s.o.b. lion!" From nearly 60 degrees and sunny, things morphed to the mother of all wind-driven rain squalls and into the lower 40s as we left the river on Saturday.

Although clothes and the insides of some of our waders were dampened, spirits were unscathed. President Dan and others rustled up a great meal and then a large number of fish stories and close calls on the river were recounted. Cigars were smoked, and one or two adult beverages were killed off, as I recall.

Most of us caught pretty fair numbers of mountain whitefish, a couple of folks caught a redsided trout and a steelhead was briefly educated in the ways of the steel hook.

Twas a far, far better way to pass a weekend than holed up at home and cursing the cold and damp.

### 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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### 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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### **Chickahominy Reservoir**

“Chick” is the classic desert trout lake with everything you’d want in a dry land fishing venue: ungodly wind, a big sky vista, and alkaline water perfectly suited to grow insects, and therefore, our quarry.

During the times when water is present in Chickahominy reservoir, some of the fastest growing trout with the worst attitudes will cruise, pork out, and grow fat at a pace that we in the wet country cannot comprehend.

If you go, arm yourself with a clear intermediate sink line and an assortment of leeches. ( I personally know that black ones work well). Prince nymphs work well as do, at times, snail imitations and boatmen/water beetle patterns. I have caught fish on chironomids, and sometimes in desert lakes, fish will hone in on chironomids to the exclusion of other available food items. Be ready!

Gnarly wind is the rule, not the exception. In planning your camping situation, take that into consideration so you won’t be miserable.

Be warned: Desert lake fishing is like crack cocaine, much more addictive than it’s weaker sisters. You might get something started that you cannot easily walk away from . . .

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## **Up Coming Events**

### **This Month:**

#### **Board Meeting**

When: Monday, April 6 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

#### **General Meeting**

**Presenter: Lee Hibbert**

**When:** Thursday, April 9 @ 7:00pm

**Where:** Pringle Community Building Lawn

**Outing: April 18: Chickahominy Reservoir**

### **Next Month:**

#### **Board Meeting**

When: Monday, May 11 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

#### **General Meeting**

**Presenter:**

**When:** Thursday, May 14 @ 7:00pm

**Where:** Pringle Community Building

**Outing: May 16: Metolius River**

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### **Streamside Survey, May 2nd**

On Saturday, May 2nd, the club will be doing another of our insect survey and water quality checks on the Little North Fork of the Santiam River.

We will meet at the Sportsmens Warehouse parking lot At 8:30 Am to carpool to the survey site. The club will provide a lunch for the volunteers.

This is an outstanding opportunity to learn about aquatic insect life and to get to see the critters that we ties flies to imitate. If you have never seen a live stonefly or mayfly nymph up close, this is your chance, as we will be netting and counting them.

Call or email Dan or volunteer at the next meeting, or show up at car pool. Your help will be appreciated!



President Dan shows off a chubby Chick trout

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**2009 Membership Application**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.

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