

# Flycasters

## January Presentation: Joe Warren Leviathan Cutthroats in Omak Lake, WA

Omak Lake is Washington's premiere fishery for the largest size Lahontan cutthroat trout. Located in Eastern, Washington on the Colville Indian Reservation, Omak Lake is a terminal body of water (+3,000 acres and over 300 feet deep) that is highly alkaline. Introductions in the early 1970's of the highly specialized Lahontan cutthroat trout along with conservative harvest regulations, has produced a



trophy trout fishery worth venturing to. The current lake and state Lahontan cutthroat record is 18 pounds! Catch and release regulations in the Spring have become a popular venue for fly anglers that average catches ranging from 18 to 25 inches with trout in the double digits not uncommon! At Omak, fly fishing with streamer flies has never been better!

Joe Warren is from Carson, WA, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. He has been a long time fly fisherman in Pacific Northwest, in particular, the Columbia River and has spanned his travels from Chile to Alaska. Joe also enjoys experimenting behind the fly tying vise and is best known by his tying using glass beads, which, produced the book, *Tying Glass Bead Flies* (Frank Amato Publications). He is a freelance writer/photographer and has had fly fishing articles published in variety of fly fishing magazines. On occasion you might even find Joe giving a demonstration or program at a local sportsman or fly fishing show. He is also a pro staff member for Daiichi Hooks, and Fetha Styx Custom Fishing Rods and is a member of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association.

If you wish to contact Joe at a later date for more information on this subject, you can reach him by email at: [joe-mel@earthlink.net](mailto:joe-mel@earthlink.net)

## 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 outing please join us. Just want to find out what goes on during the board meeting, or just 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 TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO 2007**

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2007  
LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER, ALBANY, OREGON  
[www.nwflytyersexpo.com](http://www.nwflytyersexpo.com)

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the remarkable offering of classes that will be available at this year's Expo and encourage all club members to go to the website listed above and see for themselves. For example: there will be classes on casting (both single hand and spey), entomology, fly tying, fly fishing (for steelhead, trout, and shad), line building, and much more. These classes are very affordable and range from entry level to advanced. The Pacific Northwest is a veritable goldmine of fly-fishing expertise, and a good deal of that talent is going to be represented at this event. Check it out!

### **Volunteers Needed for '07 Expo**

The Santiam Flycasters will be running the Silent Auction at the NORTHWEST FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO 2007. Volunteers are needed to staff the item tables on both Friday, March 9th, and Saturday, March 10th. Please check your calendars and see if you can help out on either day.

### **December '06 Banquet**

The Santiam Flycasters Annual Club Banquet on December 14th was a great success, in spite of the power outage that cut Brian O'Keefe's presentation short. The food was excellent (especially the ham), and in the spirit of the holiday season, the raffle prizes were a step up from the usual items offered at the regular club meetings (as was seen in the examples of the float tube and 4wt rod). A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who put the centerpieces together, as well as to those who helped set-up beforehand and clean-up afterwards.

Besides being a world class photographer, Brian O'keefe truly has a gift for narration, and I know many of us were disappointed when Mother Nature decided to end his program early. The slide show and commentary were cleverly designed to hold the interest of both fishermen and non-fishermen alike, which was perfect for the more family oriented audience that traditionally attends the December Banquet. Thank you Brian.

As a point of interest, the number of annual membership renewals was way up when compared to the amount of people who signed up at last year's banquet.

## ***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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## The Metolius River



(Photo by Daniel Shimek)

### Outing: January 13th, Metolius River

The Metolius is as scenic a river as any you will find in the U.S., and especially in the winter. Here are some guidelines for us less experienced folks: As you can see by this photograph, winter fishing on the Metolius river requires cold weather gear. It is also important to bring a change of warm clothing (just in case you wind up "goin' in"). Bring a 4wt to 6wt rod with floating line and 9', 4X leaders. If there is a Blue Winged Olive hatch you may want to fish dry fly imitations on the surface. However, you will most likely be nymph fishing with a strike indicator. Attaching lead weight to your line is illegal on the Metolius (as are barbed hooks, so make sure the barbs are pinched down), therefore it is advisable to use a heavy nymph pattern (such as a #6 or #8 Golden Stone) to get close to the bottom and then add a #16 or #18 nymph (such as a Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, or Hairs Ear) with 18" to 24" of 4X or 5X tippet. This is a general set up for rainbows and white-fish, but if you want to go for bull trout, bring along some heavily weighted bunny leaches in white, chartreuse, or black. And don't forget water and snacks (those little hand warmer packets are nice too). See you there!

## Up Coming Events

### January

#### Board Meeting

When: January 8th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm  
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

#### General Meeting

**Presenter:** Joe Warren "Leviathan Cutthroats in Omak Lake, WA"

**When:** January 11th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Pringle Community Building

#### Outing: January 13th, Metolius River

**Carpool:** 6:30am Sportsman's Warehouse Parking Lot.

**Lunch:** Allen Springs or Hatchery Parking Lot  
(Depending upon how much snow there is)  
Burgers and Brats will be provided.

### February

#### SFC Annual Fundraiser/Auction

**When:** February 8th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Pringle Community Building  
**Dinner:** Spaghetti

#### Outing: February 10th, Central Coast Lakes

### For Sale

"Rod & Reel Combo" 9' 10wt St Croix Legend Ultra 3 piece, Teton Trinity Reel to match, Rio 10wt multi-tip fly line \$475.00

Pontoon Boat (fully equipped) JW Outfitters Renegade 8' Includes fins, 2 anchors (10 & 15#), spare rod holder and pump \$350.00

Call Stan Steele—503-559-8081

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**2007 Membership Application**  
The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308  
[www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)  
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.

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