



Flycasters

Treasurer Report

By Steve John

We just came away from our annual fundraising auction, and thanks to everyone that attended, it was a complete success! Over \$2400 was raised between the oral and silent auctions, as well as the spaghetti feed. This is around the same amount that was raised in last year's auction. I want to personally thank the members and local businesses that helped support and make this event such a success.

The Santiam Flycasters started out the year with a balance of \$2,637.59 in our bank account. After the auction, we are now around \$5000. Although this was a big jump from January, it's still about \$2000 short of where we normally are compared to recent years. The reason for the difference is because only about half of our members have renewed their memberships for 2007. The more active members we have, the greater resources the club has to put toward providing quality programs, raffles, conservation projects, outings and (of course) food. We mailed out membership forms, so if you haven't renewed yet, please mail in the form, or bring it to the next club meeting.

We on the board are excited for all that is planned in the coming year, but we can't do it alone. If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can make the club and its mission stronger, come join us for a board meeting, or better yet, become a board member. Let's make 2007 a success and have some fun while we're at it!



March Presentation: Norm Domagala's Slide Program on the Nitinat River and Lake (Vancouver Island, B.C.).

The Program covers Norm's annual trip to the Nitinat over the last six fall seasons and focuses on fly fishing for Northern Coho and Chum Salmon. This is not just a fishing shot program. Norm will go over maps on how to get there, the boat launch spots, the First Nation People and the amazing beauty of the Forest, Black Bears and Nitinat Lake. He presented "The Nitinat" at FFF Conclave in Bozeman, and everyone greatly enjoyed the show. Norm's full time occupation is a Building Inspector for the City of Corvallis, but photography is something he is looking forward to when he retires and can exchange his clipboard and pen for a camera and fly rod.

WOU Fly-Fishing Exhibit

A special thanks goes out to the SFC members who donated their time demonstrating fly tying at Western Oregon University's Fly Fishing Exhibit in Monmouth, on February 22nd. The tyers were: Jim Fisher, Ken Karnosh, Jerry Gibb, Jim Snyder, and Gene Linn. Several volunteers are still needed for the Fly Casting Demonstration on March 8th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The Casting Demo will be: In front of Library if the weather permits, Pacific Room in the Werner Student Center if not. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Shimek at (503) 302-3920 or email him at: santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

March 17th Outing— Deschutes River

We will be drifting from Pine Tree to Beaver Tail. Don't forget your Deschutes River Pass if you are going to drift the river. It can be purchased on-line. For a link to the Boaters Pass web site go to www.boaterpass.com

For those of you who do not have a drift boat or pontoon boat, there are many access points to the river along the Deschutes Access Road. A good spot is to park at Beaver Tail and walk up stream.

We will be meeting at Beaver Tail campground, Saturday March 17th at 8:00 am to carpool/shuttle up to Pine Tree put in. We will be pushing off from Pine Tree at 9:00 am, if you choose to meet there. We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs at Beaver Tail around 4:00pm.

For those of you who have never fished below Sherars Falls, the best way to get there is to take I-5 to I-84 head East to the Dalles. In the Dalles take exit 87 (US 197 Dufur/Bend). At Tygh Valley turn left on HWY 216 (will see sign for White River State Park). At Sherars Falls, head north and turn left on the Deschutes River Access Road. It is about 9 miles to Beaver Tail campground.

For those of you who are interested in camping, a small group of club members will be doing so at BeaverTail Friday night at the south end of the campground.

This can be an interesting time to fish the Deschutes River, there will be plenty of steelhead holding along side the famous Deschutes Redsides. It is common to catch a steelhead while trout fishing. Be prepared to fish nymphs and dries. Between the hatches, many people prefer to fish a bead-head prince or copper John nymph as a dropper behind a large weighted steelhead fly or golden stone fly.



Fly tying contest rules:

Cost is \$5 each month.

Must purchase a bag with selected materials (feathers, chenille dubbing, etc.) in it.

Every month at the regular meeting, we will have new bags with different materials to tie with .

You can only use the tying materials in the bag (No dyeing or changing the color).

Can use any hook or thread that you already have (change it up and use different hooks or thread).

Make as many different patterns as you want (more the better).

Submit your one favorite fly by the date of the next board meeting (Next month's fly will be due by April 9th).

Flies can be dropped off at either Creekside or board meeting.

Flies will be judged on innovation and quality.

The winner gets a \$20 gift certificate for Creekside Fly shop.

Please feel free to call Dan Shimek at (503-302-3920) or e-mail him at (santiamflycasters@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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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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Middle Fork of the Willamette River

(Photo by Chip O'Brien)

The Club outing on February 10th took place on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Specifically, the area starting about four miles below Westfir on down to the low water channel at the upper end of Lookout Point Reservoir. The fishing was a little on the slow side and was accompanied by sporadic wind and rain for most of the day, but it was still fun!

NORTHWEST FLY TYER AND FLY FISHING EXPO 2007
 MARCH 9TH AND 10TH, 2007
 LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER, ALBANY, OREGON
www.nwflytyerseexpo.com

This stellar event is just over a week away!
FYI: Federation Members must have their FFF cards with them in order to gain free admission (unless they are volunteering). Rest assured, there will be something of interest for anyone involved in the sport of fly-fishing!

Attention '07 Expo Volunteers

Volunteers for both the Silent Auction and the Santiam Flycasters booth will need to check in at the reception table in the lobby before entering the Expo proper. Also, be sure and stop by the SFC booth regardless of what you are doing at the event, just to say hello.

Please Note: After mailing out membership renewal forms in February, the board has decided to stop sending the newsletter to members who have not paid their annual dues by the end of March, until they have renewed.

Up Coming Events**March****Board Meeting**

When: March 5th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm
 Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
 3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting

When: March 8th, 2007 @ 7:00pm
 Where: Pringle Community Building
 Presenter: Norm Domagala "Northern Coho & Chum Salmon on Nitinak Lake and River; Vancouver Isl., B.C."

Outing: March 17th; Lower Deschutes River
 (Pine Tree to Beavertail)

April**General Meeting**

Presenter: Kenny Morrish; "Christmas Island, why it is still the worlds best bonefishing destination."
 When: April 12th, 2007 @ 7:00pm
 Where: Pringle Community Building

Outing: April 21st; Willamette River (Hayes to Harrisburg)

Intro To Fly Fishing Series

Starting on March 8th, at 6:30pm (1/2 hour before the regular monthly meetings), Chip O'Brien will be teaching a series of classes geared towards the fly fishing novice.

Here is what Chip has to say about the first class, which is appropriately titled "Reading the Water":
 "Knowing where trout are likely to be found in running water is a matter of understanding what fish need. This 30-minute class will help you predict where the trout are, and why. There will also be graphic examples of different types of rivers, and actual practice in identifying trout hideouts. This quick class packs a lot of information into a fun, easy-to-digest format. Be at Pringle Hall by 6:30PM so you don't miss out!"

Santiam Flycasters Fly-Fishing Fair

April 14th, 2007 at the Pringle Community Building.
FREE ADMISSION!

Activities include: Fly Tying Demonstrations and Instruction for both beginners and children, Casting Demonstrations and Instruction, Knot Tying, and a Raffle.

Education Classes: Intro to Fly Fishing for Women, Lake Fishing 101, Reading the Water, and Entomology. This always turns out to be a good time and well worth the effort to attend.

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2007 Membership Application
The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308
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.

X _____
Signature Print Name Date

X _____ Signature
Print Name Date