



Flycasters

California Dreaming (on a Winters Day)

Our own club member Chip O'Brien will be the presenter for November's meeting . . .

Having moved to the Willamette Valley not quite three years ago, O'Brien brought with him a devout love for fishing the long rod and sharing his passion with others. O'Brien is a regular contributor to fly fishing magazines, and his articles and photographs have appeared far and wide. Over the years he has supported his fishing addiction through working as a California Trout Regional Manager, fly fishing guide and teacher, a middle and high school teacher, and church youth minister.

His first book, *River Journal, Sacramento River* is available through Amazon.com and other sources. He is hard at work on his second book titled *California's Best Fly Fishing* scheduled for publication next year.

A description of Chip's planned talk for November appears to the right.

New Treasurer

We are very pleased to announce that a new treasurer for the Santiam Flycasters has stepped up to help out.

Tim Johnson will be relieving Steve John, whose "real" job duties were preventing him from being able to attend meetings and serve as treasurer.

We have to thank Steve for his service and hope he is able to continue to participate in the club as a "civilian".

Tim will be starting soon as Treasurer so join us in thanking him for his help!



"California, Still Closer than the Owyhee"

(Well... some of the destinations are) This presentation highlights California's best fly fishing in an all-new presentation chiefly photographed this last summer while much of California burned. We surf destinations such as Eastern California's majestic Owens Valley with sections on Hot Creek, the upper Owens and East Walker Rivers. We float the Truckee River between Reno and Sacramento and the Yuba River in California's Gold Country. We even hit the American River shad run in downtown Sacramento.

The presentation features a float trip on the lower Sacramento River, fishing terrestrials on Manzanita Lake at the foot of Lassen Peak, floating Fall River (America's longest spring creek) with a special section on the famous Hex Hatch. There are also sections on Hat Creek, the Pit River, the McCloud River and the upper Sac.

While hundreds of fires burned out of control in California last summer, the fishing was also smokin' hot.

Old Chum ?

The saying goes "Life is a Cabaret, old chum". Well that's at least half right, anyway. Some of us subscribe to the view that life is about the never ending effort to get enough fly fishing in, to fish every spot and every river and every lake. To have every experience that's possible with a fly rod.

I submit that Chum salmon fishing one of those experiences that you need to need to witness and to participate in. Short of going to Alaska, there's nothing remotely like it anywhere close to here.

Chum are very strong, usually aggressive to the fly and always entertaining to catch and release. When they are present in the river, the action can be limited only by the stamina of your arm muscles.

Our club will be sponsoring an outing to the Miami river on November 15th, a Saturday. Drive north on Hwy 101 around the Tillamook Bay until you see the Miami river road. Turn up this road for about 2 miles and you will see a spur road to the right which immediately crosses the river. If fish are in, there will be a slug of cars parked there, and access is gained on both sides of the river at this point. Do know that you will most likely have to pay an entry fee of \$5, which is collected by the landowners grandson sometime during the day.

Chum fishing can be characterized as one of the least technical of all fly angling. Do bring at LEAST an 8 wt rod (or heavier). Attach about 2 to 3 feet of shooting head material to the end of a dry line or running line. Then go with about 4 feet of 20# test nylon mono as a tippet. Fly selection typically runs to the classic chartreuse colored flies for chum salmon, but we find that color-changing through the day is beneficial, with red, orange, white and green often being preferred for short periods of time throughout the day.

An upstream cast, quick mend and follow through the drift is all you will need to do. There is a knack for sensing when you have a "take"- that is a fish mouthing your fly, as opposed to the feeling of a line bump.

For more complete info and fly examples, plan on attending the meeting and we will discuss this all in more detail.

The club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs at a tailgate cookout about noon on Saturday; please bring side dishes to accompany.

I will see you on the river . . .

Fish Toss

Those of us who participated in the salmon fling were treated to some special scenery this past month on our annual chore. We were allowed to drive in past the normally locked gate which accesses the Jawbone Flats area in the Opal Creek watershed. After a short jaunt up the road over some very shaky looking bridges and a viaduct, we pulled over in 2 place to do our deed. There were a good number of hikers walking in on the road and over the footbridge that we were throwing fish off of. The expressions on their faces . . .

It is easy to see why people are attracted to the area- it is a beautiful creek canyon, with some very large majestic Doug firs. So encouraging that someone has been able to preserve this unique spot of land.

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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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Christmas Banquet

We are still making plans for this year's Christmas meeting, which always includes a fantastic spread of food, and excellent speaker and a special raffle. Included in this year's raffle will be 2 Albright rods. One is a spey rod, 14', 9/10 Wt, 3-piece. The other is a 5/6 wt, 9', 2 piece trout rod. We will have Doug Rose to speak about fishing on the Olympic Peninsula. More on this in next newsletter.

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.

This Note from Craig Knoll about next year's auction:

We NEED you!

No, this is not for a political office or anything like that however, we do need you. The Santiam Flycasters need you to help support the club. There are many ways for you to do this; one way is for you to ask your employer, favorite fishing shop, camping outlet or restaurant for a donation of new items, gift certificates or a monetary donation. If you are a repeat customer they are more likely to give. If you need a donation letter the board will gladly give one. Our yearly budget is 85% of what we get from our annual auction. The next way for you to support your club is to buy, buy, buy at our auction. A third way for you to support our club is for you to donate some hand tied flies, we will even supply the box for the flies. Remember any donation is a great one, big or small it will all go to good use.

Up Coming Events**November****Board Meeting**

When: Monday, Nov 10, 7:00 PM
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting

Presenter: Chip O'Brien
When: Thursday, Nov 13th, 7:00 PM
Where: Pringle Community Building
Outing: Saturday Nov. 15th, Miami River

December**Board Meeting**

When: Monday, Dec 8th, 7:00 PM
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting

Presenter: TBA
When: Thursday, Dec 11th, 7:00 PM
Where: Pringle Community Building
Outing: No outing scheduled in December



Craig Knoll found this baby chum in the river, going upstream to look for it's mother!

