

# Flycasters

## Annual Picnic - July 12, 2008

The Annual Picnic has changed once again this year. The club will be camping at River Side Campground along the North Santiam River. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or salad. Members are welcome to come for just the dinner. Activities for the day include the road side clean up and an insect and water quality survey on the Little North Fork of the Santiam River. The road side clean up will start at 9:00 am, we will meet at River Side Campground. For insect and water quality survey, we will meet at the Swiss Village Restaurant at noon to carpool to the designated survey sites. Bring your waders, or not. Some walking may be required. To do the insect survey some people will need to get wet. Bring an insect identification book, to identify the bugs we find. Want to learn more about insects join us. We will be collecting and identifying the insect we find in the river. If you have a handheld GPS, please bring it, we will be marking our test site for future surveys.

We have the river divided up into four 5-mile sections. We will be gathering information at this event and other events throughout the year in each of the four sections.



**Peaceful Summer Fishing**  
By Ken Karnosh

It's Summer time and time to think about floating on a cool lake and occasionally catching a fish! Here are a few selections, basically for float fishing since bank access is limited, as long as you didn't want to catch big fish!

Elk Lake (pictured) is about 12 miles above Detroit. The USFS has improved the last couple of miles of road, so it more pleasant than the preceding several miles of steep up grade. It has camping on the west end. I have caught nice rainbows on some days and just had a pleasant float on others. My wife loves to float in her float tube and just read a book here because of the easy access.

Opal Lake is accessible either from Detroit or the Little North Fork, with several miles of rough gravel road and about a ½ mile hike with a steep portion near the road. Its Brookies are small, but generally cooperative, mostly on the South side. This makes for a great day in a float tube.

Daly Lake is about 80 miles up the Santiam with about a 200-yard walk from the gravel road. It is very cold, and holds numerous but small and cooperative Cutthroats and Brookies, again mostly on the South side. I have had a very comfortable day floating and catching fish here when the temperature in Salem was very hot. Then I had to drive home!

Or, just pick up a USFS map and find other locations. The scenery alone is worth checking out.

## Something New in 2008

Warm Springs Tribal Permits are now available on-line. No need to search for where to buy your permit. Here is the website address for purchasing a tribal permit for your next trip down the Deschutes River. <http://www.tribalpermit.com/>

### Club Outing- East Lake- June 21st



The Outing to East Lake was fun for all. I would say the fishing was a little slow, but all caught fish. For a June outing, the weather was nice. A little lightening and hail, but no snow. Just a little snow in the shady spots.



### New Treasury Needed

The club is looking for a Treasurer. Steve John who has been the Treasurer for the past 3 years, will need to leave his position August 1st. New job requirements are causing him to travel more making it difficult for him to fulfill his duties. We are also looking for a newsletter editor. Laura Tesler, is moving on to other things. If you are interested to join the Santiam Flycasters Board or Newsletter Editor, please contact Dan Shimek @ [santiamflycasters@yahoo.com](mailto:santiamflycasters@yahoo.com) or 503-302-3920

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**Tips From The Experts**

By John Gordon – Taken from the Pikes Peak Flyfishers Club Newsletter

The single biggest piece of advice I can give is this: Downstream hook sets increase hook up ratio dramatically. This pulls the hook into the fishes mouth and not away. Always try to set the hook in a downstream manner.

My belief is the most common mistake nymph fly fishers make is failure to adjust their depth and weight. A lot of fly fishers will set up for the day and not adjust the weight or depth they are fishing. They will change flies like crazy but not take depth and weight into consideration. As you move up or downstream, be aware of your surroundings. Make note of changes in the water depth, structure type, and current speeds. Lengthen or shorten your leader accordingly. Add or reduce weight to give you a proper drift. Always keep in mind that the speed of the water will be different at the surface compared to the deeper water you are fishing below.

Keep an eye on what the fish are doing and where in the water column they are holding. This will give you valuable information. When fishing midges in the early morning, you will be fishing Larva type patterns and the fish will usually be holding close to the bottom. When a hatch is starting you will see the fish move up in the water column and stage in the middle to the upper section. At this point you will want to be fishing midge pupa patterns, and when the fish are feeding in or near the surface film, emergers or dry flies.

In regards to sight fishing keep the sun to your back. Wear a hat with a wide brim. Look ahead in the water as far as you can and then scan back to you, take a few steps and repeat. You will see more by being out of the water. Use a high vantage point from which to observe. Use shrubs, trees and rocks to break up your silhouette. Don't wear brightly colored clothing. Use a low profile to fish. Be cognizant of your shadow and movements. Don't look for the whole fish; learn to look for parts, movement or flash of a feeding fish. Look for movement of just the fins or tail, the triangle shape of the head, and for shadows on the river bottom. Be patient and methodical in your approach.

Be observant when fishing. Learn to locate and watch your flies in the drift and then observe the targeted fish. Look for gill flare, flash, white of the mouth, or any movement that would indicate a strike.

Watch the water currents (fast, slow, eddies, etc.) and really think about which way you need to mend to get a good drift.

If fish are feeding on emergers try swinging your flies at the very end of your drift. This is done by slowly raising the rod tip to allow the flies to rise up through the water column.

**Calendar of Events****Board Meeting**

**When:** No July Board Meeting  
**Where:** Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

**General Meeting:**

**When:** No General Meeting this month  
**Where:** Pringle Hall

**Club Outing:**

**When:** July 12, 2008  
**Where:** River Side Campground  
Dinner at 4:30  
Road Side Cleanup 9:00  
Conservation Project 12:00

**August****Board Meeting**

**When:** August 11, 2008 @ 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Rock-N-Roger,  
3135 Commercial Se

**General Meeting:**

**When:** August 14  
**Where:** Pringle Hall Lawn  
**Topic:** Annual Casting Clinic

**Outing:**

**When:** August 16, 2008  
**Where:** Umpqua River near Elkton  
Camping @ Elkton RV Park

**When:** August 23, 2008

**Where:** Upper Klamath Lake  
Camping @ Rocky Point Resort

