

Flycasters

A Great Place to Be

By Terry M. Lawrence

I would like to take this opportunity to write a little bit about what it means for me to be able to live and fly-fish in the Pacific Northwest. Last Wednesday (5/30/07), Ron Henderson, Jerry Gibb and I, strapped our float tubes to our backs and hiked the two and a half miles of forest trail up to Marion Lake. I had made a solo trip several weeks before, after having heard that "there are some really big fish in that lake", and only caught a couple of twelve inchers.

This last Wednesday however, turned out to be a pleasant surprise. For one thing, Ron and Jerry have been fishing this region's lakes for a number of years and tend to do fairly well if the fish are biting. And they were (biting, that is). All three of us had an action packed morning, and it continued until the middle of the afternoon, when things finally began to slow down. I was mainly catching brookies on a purple and black seal buggie with a callibaetis dropper, until Ron and Jerry clued me in on the power of a #14 prince nymph when stripped within range of a 15" rainbow. I know it sounds like I'm playing the numbers game here, but I am relatively new to this whole fly-fishing thing, and it is nice to have a bit of success every once in a while. Besides that, I get a rush every single time I feel that tug. I love it, and I refuse to apologize for it.

All that being said, there is another important element (from my perspective) that serves as a draw for me to want to go to places where I can fly-fish. That is the environment. Without fail, just venturing out into it takes the edge off of my city dwelling, twenty-first century existence. I could easily slip into analyzing why the open air, green trees, mountains, rivers and lakes of the Pacific Northwest seem to have such a soothing effect on my psyche. In fact, to not do that is a bit out of character for me, and this is probably one of the only things I don't try to pick apart. Maybe on a certain level I'm afraid that if I look at it too closely, it will lose its effect. All I know is that I don't have to do anything but "get out there" for a while, and ninety-nine percent of the time I'm going to come back more relaxed than when I started. It is a mystery to me and mysteries are harder to come by these days, so I think I'll hang on to this one. Anyway, I hope you all enjoy the picture. I included it for two reasons; first, as a kind of show and tell, and second, as a testimony to the beauty of this region.



Marion Lake (5/30/07)

Metolius Outing (May 18th, 19th & 20th)

This year's outing on the Metolius River was unique, to say the least. Craig Knoll really out-did himself when he successfully (and tastily) roasted a whole pig "Luau Style" (Thanks Craig!). The



Pacific Island theme made for delicious side dishes and desserts as well. And then there were those who donned their Hawaiian shirts and skirts in keeping with the spirit of the meal. Thank you also to Cal Hudspeth for breaking out the griddle and cooking pancakes and sausage for everyone on Sunday morning. The forecast for the weekend was marginal, however the rain held off until about 9:00 AM on the 20th when things were just about wrapped up. The fishing was typical for the Metolius, with a few rainbows caught (several good sized ones) along with a smattering of white-fish.

Fly tying contest

Don't Forget to Submit your one favorite fly at the next club meeting on June 14th. 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.

Please Note: June will be the last month for the tying contest until we pick it up again in September.

Annual Fly Fishing Fair

(April 14th, 2007)

Last month's newsletter failed to acknowledge all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make that event such a success. Therefore, we would like to list those people now and formally thank them: Daniel Shimek, Keith Burkhart, James Ferguson, Jim Fisher, Jerry Gibb, Harry Gross, Ron Henderson, Cal Hudspeth, Gary Mudge, Jim Schollmeyer, Jim Snyder, Ron Sohn, Stan Steele, Richard R. Twarog, Jack Wood, Jeff Smith, Monica Mullen, Michael Miller, Steve Mock, Steve John, Richard Newell, Mike Ramm, Howard Palmer, Ken Karnosh, Laura Vogt, Leslie Muller, Chip O'Brien, Craig Knoll, Mary Ann Dozer, Al Buhr, and Dwight Klemin.

Please forgive us if we failed to mention anyone who helped out.

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Intro To Fly Fishing Series
With Chip O'Brien

So, you think you know your knots? No matter how long you've been fly fishing, anglers continue to come up with new and better ways to do things. This mini-class is hands-on in the correct ways to tie the clinch knot, the surgeons knot and (my favorite) the non-slip mono loop knot. Make sure you know the best knots to do a particular job.

If you only learn how to avoid the #1 reason most knots fail, well, you've learned something! There will be handouts. The class meets at 6:30PM prior to the June meeting. Bring your glasses.

**Youth Outdoor Day**

June 2nd at the E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers need to be there at 8:00. Volunteers get a free lunch and t-shirt. There is also a dinner after the event for those who want to stick around.

Enough people have stepped up to help with this event, however Dan has requested that folks contact him if they will be unable to make it, or are going to arrive later than expected. Volunteers can contact Dan Shimek at: santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or at 503-302-3920.

**Annual Santiam Flycasters Club Picnic**

This year we are doing something new! We have arranged for a group campsite for July 13 -15, 2007 at John Neal Memorial Park in Lyons, Oregon along the North Santiam River. We have a total of 12 campsites, so reserve your spot now. Cost is \$5 per site. Along with the Annual Club Picnic Saturday evening about 5:30, we will be floating the North Santiam River on Saturday. The weekend will conclude with the roadside cleanup of our adopted section of Hwy 22. To reserve your spot please contact Dan Shimek at 503-302-3920 or santiamflycasters@yahoo.com. Note that you may be asked to share your site, if there is room. Example one RV to share with a tent camper.

Up Coming Events**June****Board Meeting**

When: June 11th, 2007 @ 7:00 pm
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting

When: June 14th, 2007 @ 7:00pm
Where: Pringle Community Building
Presenter: (rescheduled) Ken Morrish; "Christmas Island, why it is still the worlds best bonefishing destination."

Outings: June 22nd, 23rd & 24th;**Northern California (with Chip O'Brien)**

Please contact Chip at 1-530-356-7897 or at c1obrien@aol.com with any questions.

June 30th; Miller Lake

Please contact Dan Shimek at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or call 503-302-3920.

July**General Meeting****NO MEETING THIS MONTH!****ANNUAL SANTIAM FLYCASTERS CLUB PICNIC****When:** July 13th, 14th & 15th, 2007**Where:** John Neal Memorial Park (Lyons, OR)

***The Potluck Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th at 5:30 PM. Please bring a side dish or dessert (plus your own eating utensils). The Club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs.

***North Santiam Pontoon Boat Float:** Earlier in the day on Saturday, July 14th, we will be floating a section of the North Santiam River (either above or below John Neal Memorial Park). Because the river levels can be extremely low at this time of year, we are suggesting that people use their pontoon boats (rather than their drift boats).

Free Fish Day at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery
(Saturday, June 9th on the Metolius River)

It looks like the desired number of people have committed to donating their time in support of this occasion. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you have volunteered to help with this event, it would be greatly appreciated if you would let Richard know if for any reason you can't make it.
Richard Newell: troutbumusa@wmconnect.com
or 503-409-6440

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2007 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308
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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Email _____

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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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