



# Flycasters

## The Plain Truth about the Owyhee

Join us at the regular June meeting to welcome Bill Myers from Central Oregon. Bill will speak to us about fishing on the Owyhee river.

Many of us have heard stories or partial stories of the Owyhee (usually told in hushed tones, with a request to not repeat the info). Here to give us the unvarnished truth is Mr. Myers.

Following is some background info and a bit about the Owyhee.

Bill writes:

I have fly fished since 1975, growing up in Portland (born 1966). My father has pictures of me at a very young age fly fishing on Olallie Lake and the Deschutes river. I am now 43 and have fly fished since I was old enough to cast a fly rod or about 34 years now.

I have tied in the Fly tying conclave in Eugene and now Albany for many years (since the first one) I am prostaff for Daiichi hooks, I have patterns in fly tying books, I worked for Kaufmans' Streamborne in Tigard in the early 90's I guided for the Hook in Sunriver in the late 1990's and then the Fly Box, I have done fly fishing classes for ODFW becoming an outdoors woman program, I guided trips for several other fly shops and have done fly tying and fishing programs for other clubs in Oregon and SW Washington tied commercially for several years in the middle 1990's.

My wife and son and myself moved to Central Oregon in 1996 to Prineville Oregon.

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## Metolius Outing

Another year, another excellent dinner put on. Although attendance was a bit sparser than usual, a good time was had by all and lots of tasty food was eaten.

Although thanks is due to a number of folks that helped, special thanks has to go to both Dan and to Craig for the cooking of the swine. The pork was really good this year, especially with the sauce provided.

You should have been there!



**Always wear your sunscreen!**

## Youth Outdoor Day

Youth outdoor day this year was another rousing success. Several Santiam Flycasters helped between 120 and 180 kids tie wooly buggers.

Special thanks to Craig Knoll, Larry Steel, Ken Karnosh, Richard Newell, Tim Johnson, and Howard Palmer



### (OWYHEE RIVER FROM PAGE 1)

The Owyhee is a gem of a river. It's a river that all dry fly fishermen dream of, with active rising fish even in the mid day sun of July. I fished the river for the first time in 2001 and have made what you could consider pilgrimages to the river since it's not a short drive to the water: about 5 hours. I have fished March (hosting three days on the river March 20-22-23 a few days after the talk) April can be iffy since the water tends to raise because of irrigation demands that the reservoir was produced for. May is a good warming up month with the flows becoming stable. June and July features stellar & consistent fishing. I will never consider fishing here in August because it's brutally HOT, however September and October and November early can be quite good and if you're a fan of bird hunting there is a good population of chukar for a cast and blast when the season opens for upland birds

( November, the Browns start spawning) December, January, and February are really not months I would visit the Owyhee since it's arctic cold and the river will have sheet ice.

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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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## **Free Fish Day**

As he has done for several years, Richard Newell will be volunteering on free fish day at Wizard Falls fish hatchery on the Metolius.

Richard "helps" the kids catch large fish out of the pond to expose them to the fun and joy of catching a fish for possibly the first time in their lives. If you can spare some time, Rich could use some help. Give him an email or a call. troutbumusa@gmail.com or 503-409-6440

## **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.

## **Project Healing Waters**

Our first meeting with the military folks for Project Healing Waters will be June 18th from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

At this introductory meeting we will try to cover basic fly tying and casting. Any and all volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come help.

If you think you'd like to help with this very worthwhile program, please call Howard Palmer @ 503-581-1256 or email him at hpalmer176@aol.com

## **Up Coming Events**

### **This Month:**

#### **Board Meeting**

When: Monday, June 8th @ 7:00 pm

Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

#### **General Meeting**

**Presenter: Bill Myers**

**When: Thursday, June 11th @ 7:00pm**

**Where: Pringle Community Building**

**Outing: The John Day River, Weekend of June 20**

### **Next Month:**

#### **Board Meeting**

When: None

Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant  
3135 Commercial SE

#### **General Meeting**

**No General Meeting in July**

**Outing : East Lake, weekend of July 25**

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## **Outing Plans for the John Day**

As we go to press, the plan is to have a short meeting after the general meeting to discuss strategy for tackling the John Day river outing. We will finalize our plans when we find out how many people are going, what types of boats they are taking and what the river levels are expected to be.

We are tentatively planning on floating the Priest Hole to Upper Clarno. If you are interested in the outing, but will not be able to attend the meeting, please call Dan at 503-302-3920 or email him at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

