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Board Meeting

Monday, August 5

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, August 8

Casting Clinic on the Lawn at
the Pringle Community Center

6:15 pm

August Outing

South Umpqua River

August 17

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

August 2013

August Casting Clinic August 8—6:15 pm On the “Lawn” at Pringle Community Center

As fly fishers we have two options to increase our opportunities: tie better flies that represent the food source and develop better fly presentation in a natural way under any conditions. Fly tying is an all-year source of enjoyment; developing new techniques, finding new patterns, and the list goes on. The general meeting in August is dedicated to presenting your offering in all types of surroundings, conditions, and mimicking insect behavior.

There are several levels to fly presentation. First and basic is getting the fly to the water. Second, deliver the fly with or

without slack in the line. Third, throw parallel loops. Fourth, control loop size. Fifth, defeat nagging currents by mending the rod leg in the air or on the water. Sixth, add or eliminate drag upon the fly line as it lands on the water. And the list goes on.

Place yourself in these conditions and ask yourself how to improve your chances?

1. I am under a tree, how can I present the fly?
2. I am fishing Lava lake with a dry fly and fish rises 90 feet from where my fly is; how can I reach that fish with a simple cast selection?

3. I have decided to change from a dry line to a type 8 sink tip, what do I modify with my casting stroke?

4. I am Steelheading with either a single or two handed rod, which cast do I use for an upstream wind and which to use for a downstream wind?

5. How can I change my simple roll cast to a dynamic roll cast?

The plan for the evening is to have several stations for different tasks from beginning casting to advanced tasks (including a two-hand station). You may

Thoughts on Developing Fly Casting Skills By Dwight Klemm

One major observation I have made in the last ten plus years of fly casting certification work: Is the caster willing to change both their view on developing better skills and/or is willing to develop their style. The willingness to change is the key to make progress for a quality fly delivery.

Our August Casting Clinic has been a jumping off point for many individuals to develop casting skills and even certification. Our Club includes one Casting Board of Governors, two Masters, two Two-Hand Certified Casters, and three Certified Casters.

Salem has become an activity “hub” of casting certification for

Oregon SW Washington, and Northern California.

This is a great opportunity for you to develop knowledge and skills. Your next trip will become more enjoyable by becoming a better caster. A side bar, casting with more confidence is very enjoyable.

From the President By Ken Karnosh

Well, the Dog Days of Summer are upon us. If you remembered to not water the lawn, you shouldn't have to mow it very often, but I'm sure that the zucchini in your garden is producing enough for you and some friends as well!

When you are fishing for trout now that the waters are warmer, remember that the trout will be more stressed when you catch them, so please be aware of that. A few things to remember include:

1. Fish waters that are cooler, including high lakes.
2. Fish during the cooler parts of the day.
3. Use a strong enough leader to minimize the time for fighting the fish. Get it to the net and released as soon as possible.

4. Keep the fish in the water as much as possible. Picture yourself in the fish's place . . . You have just run up a hill and someone wants to hold your head underwater or otherwise prevent you from breathing. How long could you do that? I know my time would be very short!

The August 8 meeting we will do our usual "casting practice" on the lawn starting at 6:15 pm. Some of our certified casting instructors will be there to help you. Even those of us who think we are expert casters could probably use a bit of practice, especially if we get some helpful hints from the really knowledgeable people!

So, come on down with your rod to do some casting, or, just come on down to visit and share tales of your latest adventures.



Name Tags

Do you wish that you had a name tag so you could get an extra free ticket for the meeting raffle? Do you wish that other person had a name tag so you could act like you actually remembered his/her name? Or, do you wish you had a name tag so others would remember YOUR name?

Well, we have a good deal for you! We can have name tags made here in Salem for only \$8.00. If you want to buy a name tag, contact Tim, preferably along with a check or \$8.00 in cash and he will get one for you by the next meeting. You'll recover the cost in free raffle tickets in less than a year!

August Outing: Umpqua River



On August 17, we will fish the Umpqua River near Elkton for Smallmouth Bass. To get there, drive I-5 south, turn right (West) at Exit 162 onto OR 99 and follow it and OR 38 through Drain to Elkton.

Let's plan to meet at the County Park/Boat Ramp just west of the Elkton RV park at 8:30 am on Saturday to shuttle up the launch site. If you want to camp either or both nights, the Elkton RV Park is about the only option. Call them at (541) 584-2832 to reserve a spot.

Tent sites are not particularly cheap, but it is

nice to not drive home after a day on the river.

Pontoon boats are the preferred floating device. Bring you fins to help you maneuver while fishing. Many people skip the waders and keep their legs cool in the water. Remember to bring sun protection and adequate drinking water.

Rods of 4 to 6 weight are appropriate. Successful flies have been weighted Woolly Buggers of any color. Rubber legs may help them attract fish or allow you to see them if you do a little jiggling with your flies. If the fly disappears, set the hook quickly!

We will cook some hamburgers after the float trip, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

Small Mouth on the John Day River



The Smallmouth Bass were very cooperative on our July 13-14 outing on the John Day River. Each of the six members on the trip caught several dozen fish, with the occasional fish 13-15" long. They sure are very active fighters!

We did the five mile float above camp on Saturday and then floated the two miles down to Service Creek on Sunday morning. Those seemed to be about the right length of trips.

The river flow was about 180 cfs, much lower than normal and dropping significantly every day. For future trips I would not recommend trying to float with any less water since we had to pull our pontoon boats over several riffles.

The fish seemed to hit about any fly as long as it had movement. Poppers caught a few, but underwater stuff worked better. It also seemed that the bigger fish were more often in the deeper water, where a beadhead probably fished better.

We lucked out on the weather. Daytime temperatures were in the mid-80's, whereas the temperatures a few days before and after our trip were a bit warmer. It is interesting, though, that drinks left in the tent were much warmer than the outside temperature!

We learned one lesson. Even though the day is bright and sunny and you want to look out at the stars at night, it probably is smart to still install the rain cover on your tent. It did not sprinkle very hard, though!

Looking Ahead

August 8: Casting Clinic

Great Opportunities Ahead to "Wet a Line"

- August 17 — South Umpqua River
- September 7 — Diamond Lake
- September 21 — Lava Lake
- October 19 — Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
- October 26 — Detroit Lake
- November 9 — Miami River

Casting Tip of the Month

Attend the August Casting Clinic and come prepared mentally to increase your fly casting skills and knowledge with ASFC's Certified Instructor Team.

Equipment Tip:

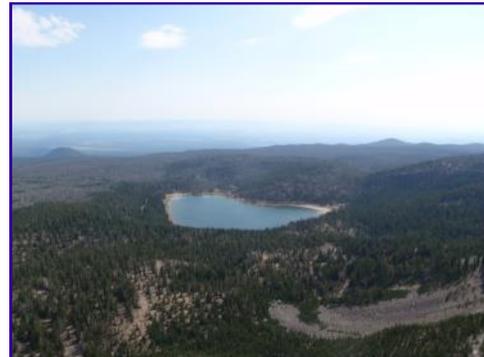
Carefully check your rod for nicks because each nick creates a possible breaking point and chances are it will break at the most inopportune time, especially when you are on the trip of a lifetime.

Welcome New Member . . .

Gene Moore from Keizer, Oregon

**Three Creek Lake Report
By Howard Palmer**

Twelve hardy souls ventured east this past weekend, to the delightful little impoundment known as **Three Creek Lake**. Bill Meier, Bruce, Steve, and myself arrived on Thursday to secure camp sites, although our efforts were almost to no avail. Arriving shortly after lunch, we found zero sites available (but some were in the process of being vacated). We bided our time and by Happy Hour, Bill and I had secured the only available site, and we settled in for the evening, as we enjoyed a nice our evening refreshments over a warming fire that we really didn't need, and dinner. Steve arrived somewhat later, and headed off to the horse camp just to the west of the lake.



Unlike the past three or four years, there was no trace of snow in the camp ground, and very few mosquitoes. The weather was quite balmy, and we found ourselves setting around our morning campfire on Friday, in T-shirts. Friday night would prove to be much cooler, with most of us donned in sweats by Saturday morning.

The other notable difference between this, and the past couple of years, was the temperature of the water. The last couple of years, the water has hovered in the low to mid fifties, and fishing has been most productive. This year, the water temp was around 70, and the fishing suffered tremendously. Coupled with the full moon that shined brightly all weekend, the fishing, in a word—sucked. Most of us fished hard on Friday, Saturday, (and some on Sunday) with the end result of an average of one, or two, fish each for our efforts.

It was a delightful campout however, with lunch provided by the club in the form of Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, cooked and served up by yours truly. Overall, it was a great outing, and I look forward to our return next year.

Diamond Lake Outing—September 7



So you can plan, we will fish Diamond Lake on September 7. We will camp at Diamond Lake Campground, which is on the southeast side of the lake.

To get there, drive I-5 South to exit 186 and turn onto Highway 58. After 92 miles, turn South on Highway 97 for about 20 miles, turn right (West) onto OR 138 for about 26 miles and turn left into the entrance to Diamond Lake Campground. You could also take the scenic drive from Roseburg, but this is a quicker option.

The best campsites for fishing the southeast corner of the lake are sites

G23 to 40 or M7 to 17. You may be able to reserve a site as well.

This is not a regular outing, so the club will not provide a meal. Rods of 5 to 6 weight are appropriate. Suggested flies include black, olive, or brown Woolly Buggers, pheasant tails, callibaetis, the Fly of the Month, or one of the other specialty flies for the lake.

Those Diamond Lake flies are well fed!

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Board Members 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; please join us.

No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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Fishing With the Frog: Searching For Summer (Cont.)



Having expounded to some extent the past couple of months on my search for warm summer weather, thankfully, summer in Oregon is once more a reality, and my dog Chi-Chi, has ceased growling at me when I take her outside for her morning constitutional. Now, her agenda is to find the first patch of warm concrete, and to hell with relieving her bladder. How she holds it

until 11:00 in the morning, I will never know, but somehow she does, and the world is a better place for it.

I would like to report that my fishing prowess has improved with the warming of the weather, but my participation in this past week's outing to Three Creek Lake is the epitome of my expertise. To be blunt: my ability with a fly rod sucks worse than the fishing did.

Three Creek Lake has been a "go to" fishery for as long as I have known the place existed. It has always provided me with the ability to hold fish fries for the neighbors on a regular basis—at least until now; as have my other "go to" honey holes like Carmen Reservoir and the like. This year, has not been kind, to say the least, and I am beginning to wonder if my Mojo has lost it's glory. After a total of 6 hours of fishing, Three Creek Lake coughed up one measly 6" Brook Trout, and Carmen was about as tight, during my last two outings there.

Ah, but the summer sun continues to warm my ageing, aching, body, and the mosquitoes do not swarm as much as in the past, and the dog and I are enjoying our summer respite from old man winter. After all, catching means cleaning, and as luck will have it, I haven't had to do much of that.



On the bright side, a trip to Depoe Bay with Dockside Charters on Wednesday, with our illustrious president, provided us each with a nice Coho (it was the last day of the ocean season); and for \$2.00, I didn't have to clean it either.

Hey, life is good.

Tight Lines - Howard

August Fly of the Month— Fresh Water Shrimp

By Jim Ferguson



The Freshwater Shrimp pattern works well in both still water, rivers, and streams. It should be especially productive where weed beds line the bottom of the water feature or where plant life hangs off rocks or the shore. There are weed beds at the one end of Diamond Lake which should produce strikes with this pattern. In Still waters, I would use a floating line with a sink tip, fished from a pontoon, belly boat, or boat. Cast it out, give it about 15 to 30 seconds to sink, depending on depth of weed growth, and twitch it back.

Hook: TMC 2487 or any shrimp, scud hook - sizes 12 to 16

Shellback: Thin skin (could also use some feather materials such as goose or turkey)

Rib: Fine copper wire (could use gold, black, or silver wire)

Body: Buggy Nymph dubbing, light ginger (other possible colors, peacock herl, goldish tones, tan,...)

Hackle: Ginger (brown, grizzly, olive, dun or other shades to match naturals)

Head: Black, red, tan, brown ...

A lot of the coloration of the natural shrimp has a lot to do with what they are eating. Take a sample over or in the weed bed if you can to see the natural colors with which you are dealing. The red head is an exaggeration but I did read somewhere that a reddish egg sack does occur on some (at the other end of course.)

Tying steps:

1. Mount hook in vise, attach thread, lay a thread base on shank back well into the bend of hook. (Fig 1)
Prepare the thin skin by cutting angles at one end (Fig 2.) Width is determined by hook diameter. You want the edge of the thin skin to force the hackle fibers down to act as legs. Attach the narrow end of the thin skin to the hook shank at the rear of the bend (Fig 1.) The wide end is to the left and will be pulled up and over the body section later.
2. Attach the fine copper wire to the lower part of the hook shank at the shellback tie in spot (Fig 3.)
3. Attach the hackle by the butt to the shank opposite to the copper wire attachment (Fig 3.) By using a high grade saddle hackle the difference in barb length will be negligible on this small hook.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

4. Take the thread back to the rear tie in position and dub a body going forward by either adding the dubbing to the thread directly or forming a dubbing loop and spinning the dubbing into a fuzzy rope. You do want the body to be fuzzy. Stroke the fibers down and back as you wrap the dubbing on the shank. You want the fibers to be under the shank and short on top (Fig 4 to Fig 5.)
5. Spiral wrap the hackle forward in 4 to 5 wraps and make one extra wrap at the front (Fig 6.) Trim the waste. Use your bodkin to separate the hackle fibers and pull them down to each side (Fig 7.)
6. Pull the thin skin up and over the top of the body and secure with two temporary wraps of your thread at the head (Fig 8.)

7. Spiral wrap the copper wire forward making 5 to 6 body segments. When you get about 1 eye length from the eye, unwrap the thread holding down the thin skin at the front and pull it up and back. Make one or two wraps of wire in front of the thin skin and tie off with two or three thread wraps. While holding on to the thread bodkin, bend the wire back and forth using the helicopter method to break the wire. Make one or two more thread wraps to get thread forward. Pull thin skin down and tie it down to form the head. Pull the thin skin forward and trim as close to tie down position as possible (Fig 9, 10, 11



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 9



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12

8. Form the head with several thread wraps and whip finish. If you want have a head of a different color, you can always add thread of the color you want (Fig 12.) Pull the hackle fibers out to the side so they can work in the water better (Fig 12.) Dress the head with head cement and be sure you clear the eye of the hook.

Another hint!! If you want to use a barbless hook, be sure to de-barb the hook before tying the fly. These small hooks can often break when you pinch the barb down and better to have it happen at the tying bench than out in the middle of the lake or stream.



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Membership Application

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, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like-minded organizations.

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st.

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Please atell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics

Improve my Fly Tying skills

Improve my Fly Casting skills

Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects

Go on fishing trips with other club members

Learn more about fishing in the area

Other, Please specify _____

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

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As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged on 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 waiving 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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