



# Santiam Flycasters

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## Board Meeting

Monday, December 9

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

## General Meeting

Thursday, December 12

Fly Fishing the Willamette  
with Lou Verdugo & Holiday  
Dinner

7:00 pm Pringle Community  
Center

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December 2014

## Fly Fishing the Willamette: Marshall Island (Hayes Lane) to Harrisburg With Lou Verdugo December 12—7:00 pm

Local Guide Lou Verdugo is presenting a program on this "close to home" fishery. He will cover location, fly selection, fly fishing equipment, and fly fishing tactics from Marshall Island (Hayes Lane) to Harrisburg on the Willamette River.

Years of experience fishing this particular drift has given Lou many new insights into this fishery. See this water through the eyes of a guide to add a fresh perspective to your next float down this beautiful place close to Salem.

## December Potluck Dinner

Remember our annual potluck dinner on December 12, with dinner starting at 7:00. The club will provide ham, turkey, potatoes, gravy, and beverages. Bring a side dish to share plus your table setting.

Enjoy the program by Lou Verdugo on the Willamette River near Harrisburg.

Also, enjoy an expanded raffle with several neat prizes, including boxes of flies tied by our own Jim Ferguson. If you pay your 2014 dues at the meeting, you will get an additional raffle ticket as well.

So, bring your spouse, significant other, or friend to have a great time and let them meet the people you have been, or should have been, fishing with for the past year or so.

See you there,

## Looking Ahead to Club Outings in 2014

If you enjoyed one or more of our outings this year or have other locations that you would like us to consider, we would like to hear from you.

The Board will be setting the 2014 Club Outings at its December 9 meeting. Either come to the Board Meeting and join the discussion or send an email to [kenkarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:kenkarnosh@gmail.com). We welcome your input.

## Thank You

We all wish to express our appreciation for Ken Karnosh's leadership as President of the Santiam Flycasters for the past two years. We have seen growth in the clubs membership, performed a number of service and education projects, enjoyed club meetings, as well as experienced good times on the water.

While Ken will point to others in the club for their efforts as well, we thank Ken for keeping us on track.

Thanks, Ken.

## 2014 Officers and Board

Our club officers for 2014 are:

President:  
Howard Palmer

Vice President:  
Dwight Klemin.

Secretary:  
Sam Thomas

Treasurer:  
Tim Johnson

Board Members: Loren Bergerson, Gary Caneva, Bob Karau, Ken Karnosh, Don Meyer, Matt Nezanski, Steve Reynolds, and Leroy Shepherd

We are always looking for additional Board Members to help plan our activities. Talk to any of the Officers or Board Members about it or just come and sit in on one of our meetings to see what it is all about.

## From the President By Ken Karnosh

Well, here it is — my last column as Club President! Thanks, not only to our dedicated Officers and Board Members, but to all of you who have volunteered to help at our club activities. It is only with your help and participation that we remain one of the most active fly fishing clubs in Oregon.

Now that wetter, cooler weather has arrived, we may have to look at the weather forecast and river levels and be sure to bring a couple of extra layers of clothes, but there are still places to catch some fish. Consider winter steelhead, Detroit Lake, Town Lake, the Middle Fork of the Willamette, or even floating on Walter Wirth Pond here in town to catch

some of the many trout planted there frequently.

Now is also a great time to tie some flies to refill your fly box, or to learn to tie some flies or new flies. Just "Google" any fly pattern on your computer to see detailed tying videos and instructions.

As I remember, this is also the time to be sure that Santa knows exactly what is on your Christmas wish list!

Thanks for your support the last two years. I know you will do the same for Howard. See you at our meetings and on the water.



## Miami River Outing Report

With a report earlier in the week of little flow and no fish in the Miami River, only a few SFC members ventured to the Coast for this last outing of the year. Midweek rain brought in a few Chum Salmon, as well as some Chinook Salmon and Cut-throat Trout.

However, by the time club members arrived at the first bridge there were probably as many fisherman as fish in the water.

Happily, what Chums that were there seemed larger than usual. Larry Steele managed to land one measuring 40 inches.

After lunch, most of us decided to call it a day, but Larry stayed long enough to hook another 10 Chums. Kudos to Larry for his perseverance. Note: photo was taken at last year's outing.



## Santiam Flycasters Annual Potluck Dinner December 12—7:00 pm Pringle Community Center

Bring a side dish and place setting for this special event.

**Officers**

**Ken Karnosh**  
President

**Dwight Klemin**  
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**Don Meyer**  
**Sam Thomas**

**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

### By Howard Palmer

### My Little Fishing Buddy

The latest issue of *Northwest Fly Fishing* carried an excellent photo essay about "Fishing Dogs." As one of my favorite publications, I look forward to receiving each copy. I especially enjoy their photo essays, which vibrantly portray the reasons I love being from the Northwest.

This issue, however, focused on what many consider to be their best friend, and fishing buddy — their dog. I have seen many folks doing just that during my treks to the rivers and lakes that I frequent. And, I willingly admit, that it would be nice to have a furry friend with me when I go.

The dogs pictured in the article were predominantly retriever size animals that could easily pull their master from the water should they have an accident. Some could easily chase off a bear or large cat that might be a threat. I talked to one individual that even commented on welcoming his dog into his tent to ward off the cold at night.

Enter Miss Chi-Chi. A seven pound Chihuahua who spends most of her day sleeping and harnessed the rays of the sun as she moves her napping place throughout the house during the day to accommodate that goal. She is a delightful creature who, if I could find a way to harness her constant shivering, could well provide me with untold maneuverability for my pontoon boat; should I ever figure out how to fasten an oar to her tail.

Somehow, I just can't picture her becoming my "Little Fishing Buddy," and that's just fine. Because one of the greatest gifts that God has given me is having her welcome me home from a day or two on the water. Her exuberance and joy upon seeing me return, makes going away almost worthwhile; even if it is only for the homecoming.

I know full well that if I locked her and my wife in a closet while I was gone, at least one of them would still be wagging their tail when I let them out.

Tight Lines, and, Merry Christmas

Howard

### Tying Classes — Stayton Senior Center

Jim Ferguson will be teaching a beginning fly tying class at the Stayton Senior Center each Tuesday in January from 10:00 am to Noon. If you are interested, or know a person who is, please contact the Senior Center at (503) 767-2009

Class members will learn basic tying techniques and learn to tie at least a half dozen flies, with needed materials provided and loaner equipment if needed. Cost of the 4 week class is about \$20 for those who are not members of the Center.

## December Fly of the Month— by Jim Ferguson

### Black Elk Hair Caddis & Marshall's Altoid BWO Emerger

The selections for the "Fly Of The Month" were chosen after consulting Arlen Thomason's book, **Bug Water**, chapter 16 - Bugs of Winter. This book is written by an Oregonian and many of his examples refer to the Willamette and McKenzie rivers. Winter adds an element of temperature to the forefront when choosing a pattern with which to fish. Fish are usually lethargic and tend to hole up in deep pools. Food is usually scarce and minimum movement by the fish saves energy. Being able to read the water and select a pattern appropriate for the season and the skill to present the food very close to the fishes position are musts for these cold waters. Thomason suggests the following as candidates for the end of your leader; Blue-winged olive mayflies, tiny midges, small brown stoneflies, cripples, and emergers are the favored for your pattern choice. The Black Elk Hair Caddis works to suggest the dark small stoneflies. Bill Marshall's BWO pattern, the Altoid Emerger, seems to be a good choice during a Baetis hatch. Small sizes are suggested.

### **Black Elk Hair Caddis**

Hook: Standard Dry, size 12 - 14  
 Thread: Black or dark grey  
 Rib: Fine gold wire  
 Body: Black fine and dry dubbing, sparse  
 Hackle: Black neck hackle  
 Wing: Dark elk or deer. Dyed dark dun if you can find it.

#### Tying Order

1. Mount hook in vise and attach thread at least one eye length back from hook eye, see Fig #1. Wrap thread to middle of hook shank position.
2. Attach the gold wire rib to the side of the shank. Leave a tag end towards the front of the hook as in Fig #2. Bend the tag back towards the hook bend along the shank to form a U shape as in Fig #3. Wrap the wire down along the shank to a position over the hook barb point or to a position just in front of the hook bend, as in Fig #4.
3. Dub a sparse body using the black fine and dry dubbing as in Fig #5.
4. Prepare the black neck hackle by stripping off the fluff at the base and tie it in by the butt in front of the body. If you tie it in with the dull side up it will wrap with the fibers pointing forward. If you tie it on with the shiny side up, it will wrap with the fibers pointing to the rear. I like the fibers slanting forward. See Fig #6.
5. Spiral wrap (palmer) the hackle to the rear forming 4 or 5 wraps of hackle. You may want to make two wraps close to each other at the front. When you reach the rear, pull the rib wire under the shank and over the hackle stem to trap it with the wire, see Fig #7. Continue to spiral wrap the rib forward and tie off in front of the hackle tie in position, see Fig #8. Keep tension on the thread and helicopter bend the wire to break it off close to the thread tie down wrap. Manipulate the fibers so they point down below the shank as much as possible, see Fig #9.
6. Select the batch of elk hair for the wing and prepare it by cleaning out the under fur and stack the hair fibers to even up the ends. Pre-glue the tie in position on the hair clump and mount it on the hook shank using several soft wraps and then use tighter wraps as you move forward a little. Pull the stub ends of the hair clump up and make several wraps under the clump. Wrap the thread back over the tie down area and whip finish the thread, see Fig #10. Cut the wing fiber ends at an angle as in Fig #11.
7. If you shorten the hackles under the shank, the fly will sit down into the surface film more, see Fig #12.
8. Place head cement on the thread wraps holding the wing in place. Clean out the hook eye if needed.



**See pictures of tying sequence on next page . . .**

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Black Elk Hair Caddis & Marshall's Altoid BWO Emerger (continued)



Fig #1

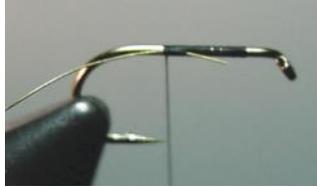


Fig #2

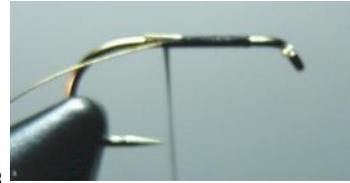


Fig #3



Fig #4



Fig #5



Fig #6



Fig #7



Fig #8



Fig #9



Fig #10



Fig #11



Fig #12

**December Fly of the Month— by Jim Ferguson**  
 Black Elk Hair Caddis & Marshall's Altoid BWO Emerger (continued)

**Marshall's Altoid BWO Emerger**

Hook: TMC 2487, curved emerger hook, size 18 -22  
 Thread: Olive  
 Tail: Tan Mallard (sparse)  
 Wing Post: Deer Hair (white makes it easier to see)  
 Rib: Copper Wire, very fine  
 Body: Thread  
 Hackle: Grizzly or badger  
 Thorax: Olive dubbing  
 Head: Thread

Tying Order:



1. Place hook in the vise and attach thread about two eye lengths back from the hook eye as in Fig #1.
2. Select, clean, and stack a small bundle of white deer hair for the post. Tie it in just forward of the midpoint on the shank and make several wraps forward. Post the bundle making several wraps in front of the hair post and wrap up and back down the post to reinforce the post and secure it to the shank. Trim the butts so they slope towards the shank rather than forming a blunt drop off. Wrap the butts of the fibers with the olive thread. See Fig #2.
3. Tie in the tail and trim the waste fibers of mallard. The tail is fairly long. Start to form the thread body. Take the thread to the forward end of the body. See Fig #3.
4. Tie in the rib and wrap thread to the rear covering the wire, as in Fig #4. Form the final body by wrapping the thread to form a taper, getting larger as you go forward to the base of the post. See Fig #5. Take the thread to the forward position.
5. Wrap the rib material forward making 4 to 5 ribs. Tie off the rib at the base. Keep tension on the thread bobbin and helicopter the wire to break it. This procedure makes a shorter stub and saves your scissors. See Fig #6.
6. Attach the hackle stem to the base of the post with two wraps in front of the post, then wrap the thread up the post binding the hackle shaft to the post. See Fig #7.
7. Dub a thorax using olive fine and dry dubbing using wraps in front and back of the post. See Fig #8.
8. Leave the thread at the front of the base of the post. Wrap the hackle down the post. Tie off the hackle and form a head using the thread at the front right behind the hook eye. See Fig #9. Apply head cement to the thread wraps and be sure the hook eye is clear.



Fig #1



Fig #2



Fig #3

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Fig #4



Fig #5



Fig #6



Fig #7



Fig #8



Fig #9





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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.**

2014 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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please tell 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.

**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 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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Signature

Print Name

Date