



Santiam Flycasters

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Board Meeting

Monday, October 7

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Thursday, October 10

No Lawn Casting this Month

Coastal Opportunities for
Fall and Winter Fly Fishing

7:00 pm Pringle Community
Center

Outings

Deschutes River—Warm
Springs to Trout Creek —
October 19

Detroit Lake — October 26

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Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

October 2013

Coastal Opportunities for Fall and Winter Fly Fishing with Rich Youngers October 10—7:00 pm



Rich Youngers, Salem's professional guide and fly shop owner will be our guest speaker this month. Rich has great ideas and techniques to find and catch coastal Steelhead, Salmon and Cutthroat. With 20 years of fishing and guiding experience, Rich offers a wealth of information for you to pursue these noble fish. Timing runs, identifying fishable water levels, and techniques for different water clarity are among Rich's information. Bring a note pad to trigger the mind later. Fall and Winter conditions are now upon us. Let's put Rich's info to work this fall and winter fishing season.

October Outing - Deschutes River October 19— Warm Springs to Trout Creek

On October 19, we will be camping at Trout Creek Campground and will float the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Trout Creek.

To get to Trout Creek Campground, I prefer to drive OR 211 from Woodburn through Molalla and Estacada to Sandy, drive US 26 over Mount Hood and through Warm Springs. At the top of the hill east of Warm Springs, turn left on either Gumwood or Columbia, turn and drive North to Juniper Lane, drive East for several miles and down to the community of Gateway. Turn left (North) just West of the railroad tracks and follow the road to the campground, going slowly over the rough last couple of miles. You may want to look at a map!

A pontoon boat or drift boat is needed to float the river, along with a river pass and Warm Springs Indian permit to let you fish the West bank below Dry Creek, both of which are available electronically through links on our club website. You can also fish around the campground.

We will need drift boats and/or trailers to help haul our boats to Warm Springs, so please help if you can. We will not try to shuttle vehicles ourselves this year as we have done in the past, so you should arrange your own shuttle for each drift boat or trailer by calling (541)419-2066. The cost is \$50 per shuttle and occupants of each vehicle should plan to share that cost.

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Nymphing with an indicator is our most used technique with 5 or 6 weight rods, with October Caddis or Stonefly nymphs, Green Rockworms, Pheasant Tails, and midge pupas as useful flies, although you may have success on October Caddis or other hatches with dry flies.

As usual, we will provide hamburgers or other food on Saturday evening, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish. You should also be prepared for a variety of weather!

Lava Lake Outing Report

Eight of us ventured to Lava Lake on September 21 to enjoy some light showers, a bit of wind, and some pretty elusive trout. C. J. Miller got to camp and fish with his dad and sister, though, before he headed off to college life at the U of O.

We did catch a few trout, with one upward of 18". For us, they seemed to like green Woolly Buggers and Carey Specials, unlike last year when elk hair caddis was the producer. Another fisherman had luck with a rust color Woolly Buzzer in the morning, but it was not successful in the afternoon. None of us had any earth worm flies to match the bait that produced a few fish for the bait guys!

Larry fished Hosmer Lake on Friday afternoon, where it was not quite as windy, and caught several fish there.

From the President By Ken Karnosh

First, congratulations to Leroy and Jean Shepherd as they welcomed a grandson into the family recently. Now, they just have to figure out how to shorten the distance between them and the grandson so they can see him often enough to properly and adequately spoil him! Congratulations, Leroy and Jean.

Now that another Summer has gone by, I hope that you had the chance to get out and fish several waters of your choice, came out and fished on some of our outings, or did many other fun things. If you still have not fulfilled your 2013 fishing quota, the trout should be trying to feed in all waters before winter hits and the sea run cutthroats and salmon are in the coastal streams. Get out and enjoy!

Sue and I just returned from a cruise to Alaska with granddaughter Sofia and family. She had a great time enjoying Spongebob Squarepants on the boat as well as visiting our several destinations.

This was also the first Alaska experience for her parents, so they enjoyed the trip that included their anniversary and Mom's birthday on 9-11.

In Ketchikan, we watched schools of sockeye salmon along the boat that were headed to the local creek and hatchery. We saw some whales and porpoises, as well as goats near Sawyer Glacier and Juneau, but no bears or moose. We rented a car at Skagway and drove over White Pass, along the trail of the Klondike gold rushers, to Carcross (short for caribou crossing) where we saw some caribou on the hillside. It was another good visit to our 49th state, but we saw so very little of it!

I'll see you at the meeting and out on the water!



October "Informal Outing" - Detroit Lake October 26

On October 26, we will fish Detroit Lake, now that the reservoir is dropping and hopefully concentrating the fish! We will launch at the Mongold ramp, so plan to pay the day use fee.

Floating devices are needed. Rods of 4 to 6 weight are appropriate and sinking lines probably will work the best. Flies include Woolly Buggers and other flies of your choice.

Plan for whatever weather is forecast! This is an informal outing, so the club will not provide a lunch, but we can meet at the boat ramp for lunch if you wish.



That one (left) is from Diamond lake, notice how fat he was and about 13". He was later consumed for breakfast.

Now for Lava Lake (right): That fish was the product of hours and hours of fishing and multiple changes of flies. He is laying in my improvised stripping skirt and either I have a very large hand or that is a "pretty" fish

(pretty small) I think he was about 9 inches but he did jump 3 times.



He was released to grow up!

Can It Get Any Better Than This? By Tim Johnson



Diamond Lake Rainbow



Umpqua Smallmouth Bass



Deschutes Redsides

In early September, My brother Jim and I spent a week fishing some of Oregon's hotspots. We floated the Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek), then joined the SFC gang at Diamond Lake for the September outing, and finished our week by floating the Umpqua River for Smallmouth Bass.

The Deschutes river level is low this time of year. The day we floated it, the gauge at Maupin read 2.5 feet. Usually when I fish rivers, I like to target the riffles and eddies. Finding riffles on the Warm Springs section of the Deschutes can be challenging when the river is running full. However, we had no problem finding riffles on this float. In fact, much of the river was a riffle. This was good and bad. Good in that we had no problem finding riffles. But bad because there were so many great holding spots for the fish that it was tricky finding them. Many of the dependable spots were unproductive. However, we did manage to hook some fish, including a few 15-16 inch Redsides. During the last mile of the float, we were overrun by a freight train of a storm, which blasted us with wind, rain and marble size hail. Ouch! Fortunately, we carried rain gear, but not helmets!

At Diamond Lake we found a significant algae bloom. The resort website reported that the algae was diminishing with the cooler weather, but it was still pretty thick, especially on the windward side of the lake out to around 200 yards from the shore. These kinds of conditions makes it nearly impossible to target fish by sight, or to fish the weed beds effectively. You just couldn't see anything subsurface. My brother and I tried fishing at various depths, using intermediate and type 3 lines, dragging and stripping Woolly Buggers, Leeches, Carey Specials and a Callibaetis nymph pattern. The intermediate line produced far better results, probably by a factor of 3 or 4 times. Most of the fish we caught were small, but I did hook one fish that measured 19 inches. Others who I talked with had mixed results.

There was a difference of opinion as to whether the algae bloom was affecting the fishing. It seemed to me that the algae might be consuming significant amounts of oxygen in the water, oxygen that the trout needed to be happy. However, at least one long-time Diamond Lake fly fisherman told me that this wasn't his experience. He's been able to have very good success catching trout when the algae is thick. They're just a little harder to find. The inlets to the lake were somewhat clear, but very crowded.

Floating the Umpqua River for Smallmouth Bass is a great way to end any fishing trip. As you probably know, the Umpqua is one of the best Smallmouth fisheries in the country. It's not unusual to hook 50+ bass during a day on the river. And boy, do they ever fight hard. We used type 3 line, casting and stripping woolly buggers, leaches, rubber legs, soft hackle nymphs, etc. It really didn't seem to matter what we used. We just kept hooking fish. Using type 3 line, enabled the line and fly to get deep fairly quickly, and stay there while stripping. It seems that fishing deep is how one catches the larger bass. Most of bass we caught were 10+ inches, with some fish as large as 14".

September is a great time to fish Oregon's lakes and streams, even with the low river level, periodic thunderstorms, an algae bloom on Diamond Lake, and a seriously leaky pontoon boat, we had a great time, catching many strong and healthy fish, and enjoying the great scenery and the warm, dry weather. My brother says he'll be back.

Fishing Tip:

Fall steelhead: Often times a change of color, size or shape of the fly triggers a strike. Have several different offerings in your box

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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

By Howard Palmer

Empty Bunnies and Other Cool Stuff

Early in our married life, my wife taught me the fine art of *Garage Sailing*. At first, I found the act of rummaging through someone else's trash to be somewhat boring. Since I became involved in tying flies however, our Saturday morning forays have provided me with an abundance of materials in which to make fish bait; at a fraction of the cost of our local fly shops.

As an example, about six months or so ago, we ventured into a sale somewhere in town, where I examined many items that appeared to have limited potential. What eventually caught my eye however, was a small box marked "EMPTY BUNNIES—\$.50 Each". The box in fact, contained several tanned rabbit skins that I bought for about \$5. The end result provided me with far more "zonker" strips for the money than I could have bought for 10 times the cost from a reputable dealer.

Garage Sales take on a whole new meaning when you tie flies. Not long ago Beading was all the rage, and I can't tell you how many pieces of hand made jewelry I have purchased that took far less time to take apart, than some sweet lady spent putting them together. The end result has been countless beads that adorn my flies at a pittance of what they cost at our local big box store out on Lancaster.

My favorite target at a sale is the table with the used fingernail polish. Let's face it; \$.25 for 3/4 of a bottle of \$5.00 head cement is a good deal in any man's book. And the variety of colors available is amazing. Many even have sparkly stuff in them that really add texture to your finished product. And, never let the host tell you that it's not your color.

Yea, one man's trash is another man's treasure, and let me tell you, Garage Sales are a gold mine. Trust me, there are *Empty Bunnies* out there; calling your name too.

See you on the water;

Howard

Fall Opportunities to "Get Out There"

October 19 — Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

October 26 — Detroit Lake

November 9 — Miami River

More information in upcoming newsletters, at the general club meeting, and on the web site—www.santiamflycasters.com.

October “Fly of the Month” Comet

From www.west-fly-fishing.com. Search “Comet” in their Fly Patterns

HOOK: 7999, sizes 2-6

THREAD: White

TAIL: Orange calf tail with orange Krystal Flash. The tail should be about 25% longer than the body.

BODY: Silver diamond braid

HACKLE: Orange and yellow (one of each)

EYES: Tungsten or nickel eyes. Make it *heavy*.



Uses

A dredging fly suited for cool, deep flows.

Variations

The body, tail, and hackle colors can be endlessly twiddled with. With a black tail, black body, and a silver rib, the fly becomes a **Black Boss**.

How to Fish

Traditional wet-fly swing or use with an indicator rig and **dead-drift** the fly near the bottom. Or combine the two tactics and dead drift the fly upstream from you, then let it swing at the end of the drift.

New Meeting Format A Success

Techniques ideas around the table will begin at 7. Beginning fly identification, knot tying, rigging for steelhead and trout and many more ideas will be presented. Move from table to table or enjoy one table's ideas. The choice is up to you



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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.

2013 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 _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

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

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.

Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

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.

X

Signature

Print Name

Date