



# Santiam Flycasters

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## BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

## GENERAL MEETING

Pringle Community Center

Thursday, Thursday October 9

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

Fly Fishing for Bottom Fish on  
the Oregon Coast

## October SFC Outings

Crooked River October 4

Deschutes River October 18

Detroit Lake October 25

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## Monthly Newsletter of the Santiam Flycasters

October 2014

### October Program — Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm

#### Brian Marz—Fly Fishing for Bottom Fish



Brian Marz is a successful guide who will share techniques, gear, and flies that work for bottom fish on the Oregon Coast. While the emphasis will be on pursuing Rockfish, he will also talk about targeting Lingcod. He will also have on hand the gear he uses. This is a “must not miss” program if you wish to expand your fishing opportunities by fishing the vast amount of coast available to us.

Brian has been involved in fly fishing since he moved to Oregon in 1993.

One of the first things Brian did was to get a fly rod when he moved to Eugene, and then the fly fishing pursuits began. After learning the ropes with rainbows and cut-throat trout on the McKenzie and upper reaches of the Willamette, it was time to get into steelheading. Soon a new passion was developed, and chrome hunting for these seagoing rainbows was in full force. The same happened for salmon species like Chinook, Coho, and Chum; where Brian spends much of the time spent in the fall months targeting these fine fish. After getting his fill of chrome sea running fish; the bucket list for other fish species started. Rockfish and Lingcod became a passion of Brian, and figuring out the tricks to getting into these bottom-fish with a fly rod soon became an obsession.

Brian got his start in the fly fishing industry as the manager and head guide of The Walterville Fly Shop located in the McKenzie River Valley. After a few years at that, Brian started his own shop called The McKenzie Angler at the former location that he managed. In March of 2010, Brian was hired by the super renown Kaufmann's Streamborn Fly Fishing shop to help run the shop, maintain the web sites, instructing classes ranging from fly tying to spey casting techniques, and guiding. During June of 2011 Brian started working as a part time associate for Orvis Portland; while guiding full time. As of October 5th of 2013 Brian changed from guiding full time to become the Fishing Manager at the Orvis Portland store. Now on days off Brian gets to enjoy the water with his wife Nikki targeting everything from resident trout in the McKenzie to big chrome bright Chinook fresh from the salt to those aggressive rockfish right out in the saltwater.

For more information about Brian check out his <http://flyfishingoregonblog.com>.

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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.

**We are on the web!**  
[www.santiamflycasters.com](http://www.santiamflycasters.com)



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**Salmon River Outing Report**

Eight of us floated the tidal area of the Salmon River on September 6 on a cool, foggy day before coming back over the mountain to a hot day at home. Some of us found eager salmon smolts, some of found some nice cutthroat trout up to about 14", and some just had a pleasant day on the water. Successful flies had bright colors or lots of movement and worked best when cast toward shore and stripped. The gear fishermen had pretty good success on Chinooks, as the ODFW person had checked about 15 by mid-afternoon.

This is a fun, easy way to fish for searun cutthroats before the Fall rains start, so keep it in mind for next year.

**Lava Lake Outing Report**

Late September on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountains can sometimes be a real crap shoot when it comes to the weather. You might enjoy the balmy warmth of late summer, the crisp coolness of fall, or you might just as well wake up with an inch of snow covering your tent. I have experienced all three this time of year; sometimes on the same weekend.

This year, the Santiam Flycasters (well, at least the six members that went on the club's scheduled outing to Lava Lake) were blessed with the late summer version; with day time temps in the low 80s, and high 40s at night. It made for a great camping experience.

The fishing?? Well, that's another story. Some fish were caught (albeit, not by me), and they were very scarce indeed. I personally had only one strike in the four hours that I spent on the water, even though I used my "never fail, no name nymph." It was all very frustrating.

A couple of the folks made the short trek to the southern end of Little Lava Lake, and the head waters of the Deschutes River, where the small native cutthroat trout were most accommodating to the small dries that were tossed to them.

The rest of us enjoyed the camaraderie of sharing lies and adult beverages, around the evening fire; along with a fine meal of tri-tip stew that was provided by our host "Outing Keeper" Steve Reynolds.

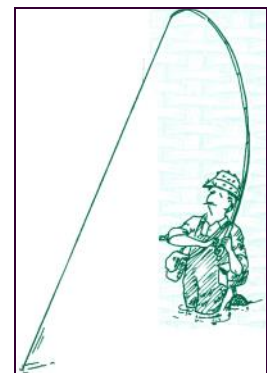
**Fishing Tip of the Month:**

*Remember to check your leader for nicks and wind knots.*

*Remember also to check your hook from time to time for dull points.*

*Re-sharpen your hooks.*

*Errant casts sometimes hit rocks, trees, or other objects.*



**Welcome New Member:**

Did you know?

Current membership stands 106, which is 2 more than last year. So far this year we have welcomed 22 new members.

Please welcome these who have joined Santiam Flycasters this summer.

John Papp, Woodburn  
Skip Colton, Salem  
William (Bill) Steen,  
Keizer

## October Fishing Opportunities with the Santiam Flycasters

### October 4 Crooked River Outing

On October 4, we will fish the Crooked River South of Prineville. You can camp there or just drive over for the day. If you have questions, contact Ken at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com) or call him at (503)588-2523.

To get there, drive East on Highway 22 to Sisters, veer left onto Highway 126 just past Sisters and go through Redmond to Prineville, turn right in Prineville at the Bowman Dam sign, and drive about 18 miles to the fishing area. There are several campgrounds in the area, but we plan to camp at Cobble Rock Campground.

Recommended gear is a 4-6 weight rod with floating line. Flies would include size 16-20 nymphs (pheasant tail, hare's ear, plain black, etc.), olive caddis emergers, or midge pupa during the day. Dry flies such as size 12-16 Elk Hair Caddis or 16-18 Blue Wing Olives also should be successful, especially toward evening.

This is an informal outing, so bring your own food.

### October 18 Deschutes Outing

This year, we plan to float the Deschutes River on October 18 from Pine Tree to Beavertail. If you don't want to float the river, there is plenty of bank access or you may want to drive toward Maupin and fish the many locations there. If you have questions, contact Paul Johnston at [PaulJ992@comcast.net](mailto:PaulJ992@comcast.net) or call him at (503)881-9386.

The fastest way to get there is drive north on I-5, turn right onto I-205 to the I-84 exit, drive east on I-84 to the east edge of The Dalles, turn right (south) onto US 197 for almost 30 miles, turn left (east) onto Highway 218 near Tygh Valley, turn left (north) just after you cross the river onto the river road and follow it about 8 miles to Beavertail campground. We will camp in the westerly end of the campground.

If you plan to float the river, remember to buy your boater's pass through the link on our website. Recommended gear is 5-6 weight rods with floating line. Flies include October Caddis, stonefly nymphs, pheasant tails, hare's ear, rock worm, etc. with possible action on dry flies including elk hair caddis. Check the Westfly website for other possible patterns. We may be lucky enough to tie into a steelhead as well.

The club will provide an entrée for a Saturday evening meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish.

### October 25 Detroit Outing

On October 25, we will fish Detroit Reservoir. A floating device will be the preferred fishing device. If you have questions, contact Ken at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com) or call him at (503)588-2523.

To get there, drive east on Highway 22 about 46 miles to the Mongold Boat Launch exit. Plan to pay the \$5 daily use fee. Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or Type III sinking line. Flies include woolly buggers, Carey Specials, pheasant tails, etc. for the hopefully hungry rainbow trout.

This is an informal outing, so the club will not provide a meal. By the way, we will do another outing to Detroit on November 15.

## 2014 SFC Outings Yet to Come

Oct 4 — Crooked River\*

Oct 18 — Deschutes River—Maupin Area

Oct 25 — Detroit Lake\*

Nov 15 — Detroit Lake

\* Denotes Informal Outing

Watch the web site, read the newsletter, or come to the meetings for more information as these outings approach.

## From the President By Howard Palmer



We have three outings scheduled for your fishing pleasure this month. The first of them will be to the Crooked River on October 4th. If you have not been there, be sure and schedule the time for this one, as it is a great river to wet a line in. Contact Ken Karnosh for more info if you plan to attend.

Our second outing for October is a float on the Deschutes River from Pine Tree to Beavertail Campground on the 18th. This is always a delightful float on a very picturesque section of the river. We will be camping at Beavertail Campground and the club will be providing the evening meal. Contact Paul Johnson if you need more information.

Our third outing will be to Detroit Lake on October 25th. Bring a lunch and join us for what promises to be a fun day.

Don't forget our monthly meeting. Dwight has scheduled another informative speaker for us and I hope to see you there.

It is also that time of year when we need to look, and plan, for next year. Next month, the board will be looking at scheduling our outings for 2015, and we would really like to have your input. We also need folks that are willing to host one of our outings. So, if you have a favorite place you like to fish, tell us about it.

Lastly, it is time to think new officers. I will not be able to continue as president next year due to family and other commitments, so someone needs to step up and take the helm. It's a really easy job (the board does all the work) with some great people ready to help. As president, you also get to catch the most, and biggest fish. (Hey, that's what they told me) and I be-lieved them. It might even happen this month.

See you on the water

Howard Palmer  
President,

## Saying for the Month:

*"All Americans believe they are born fishermen. For a man to admit a distaste for fishing would be like denouncing mother-love or hating moonlight."*



- John Steinbeck

## SFC-Fish Electronic Message Board

One of the benefits of being a Santiam Flycasters member is having access to the SFC-FISH electronic message board. The message board gives members the opportunity to communicate with other about fly fishing and related topics. Once subscribed, you can post messages to SFC-FISH by sending an email to **sfc-fish@googlegroups.com**

You will receive messages posted by other members via your email account. It's as easy as that. To subscribe to SFC-FISH, simply send an email request to

**santiamflycasters@yahoo.com,**

and we'll subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board. Note: your SFC membership must be current to be a subscriber of SFC-FISH.

## Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

*NOTE TO SELF: Check fishing bag for rain jacket*

Yes folks, the Autumn Equinox is upon us and as I write this, the rain is pelting the dining room windows, and the sound of the pitter-patter of rain drops is doing nothing to psych me up for the golf match that I am scheduled to play later today. I am afraid that our wonderful warm summer weather is about to come to a screeching halt, just in time for our fall outings.

I really don't mind fishing (or golfing) in the rain, as long as I can dress for it, and; as long as it is a "light rain". Hard rain... Wind blown rain... Rain with snow in it... or any other resemblance of something that is going to make me cold and miserable is another story.

As they say; "*I learned everything I need to know from my dog*". In my case, we are talking seven pounds of Chihuahua. To her, rain is something that the devil dreamed up just to torment her, and she will do almost anything to avoid it. The harder it rains, the deeper she will snuggle into her blanket. Her favorite rainy day activity is sleeping in front of a warm fire. At least she is "*self-basting*" and will roll over periodically just to ensure that she stays warm all over.

Years ago, a friend offered to take me Winter Steelhead fishing on the upper Siletz River, near the mouth of Sunshine Creek. To make a very long story short, it was the most miserable day that I have ever spent on the water. The rain did not fall. It was moved into the next county by a driving wind before it could hit the ground, and my body was chilled to the bone. I went with him one other time after that on a clear January morning that promised to at least provide some sunshine. I spent most of the morning breaking ice from the guides on my rod. Now, I readily admit that I am not the quickest learner on the block, but those two times convinced me that Winter Steelhead fishing sucked and that my time could be better spent in front of a warm fire with a good book on "*How to catch Winter Steelhead*" while sipping a glass of good scotch.

My father was an avid Steelhead guy, who spent much of his free time pursuing these famed fishes. But alas, he did so without yours truly tagging along, and I guess I just never learned to appreciate the finer points of practicing to be miserable. In the mean time, Miss Chi-Chi has taught me that laying in the sun can go a long way to make life pleasurable. It also gives one the time to peruse the newspaper ads to find which one of the local markets has the best price on Steelhead filets.

Perhaps this Steelhead fishing thing isn't all that bad if you listen to your dog.

Tight Lines,  
Howard



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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 for new members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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.

X

Signature

Print Name

Date