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February 2018

2018 Annual Auction Thursday, February 8

Come enjoy the Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction. Bring your significant other or a friend who may be interested in fly fishing, and enjoy a scrumptious meal. Suggested donation for the dinner is \$6.00 per plate. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at around 6:30 pm.



The auction will have around 100 items just waiting for your bid(s), including lots of fly fishing items (fly rods, reels, waders, boots, etc.), camping gear, clothing, fly tying tools and materials, fly fishing books and DVDs. Hand-tied flies by club members will be available for bidding and many other great items.

We will have several special items in our usual bucket raffle, so you can buy raffle tickets at our regular prices of \$1 and throw them into the bucket(s) of your choice. Our live auction will start after dinner, at around 7:45 pm.



As usual, we have many premium items for the live auction, including access to a couple of the Oregon Fishing Club lakes, a beautiful intarsia-style wood sculpture created by Bob Karau, and the grand prize – an expertly prepared dinner for 10 by

renowned chef Steve Morton.



The Annual Auction is our major fundraiser of the year. Come and enjoy this fun event while you support the club by bidding high and often on many of the fabulous auction items.

Board Meeting

Monday February 5

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

Annual Auction

Thursday February 8

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday February 14

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

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Board Members Wanted

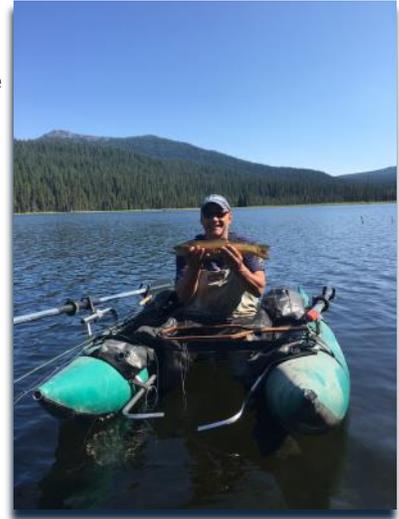
The Santiam Flycasters want you! We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or, if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings or want to share your opinion; please join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

President's Corner
By Ricky Love

Despite less than optimal weather, we had a great turnout for the club meeting last month and were informed about the declining condition of the lower Deschutes River. The Deschutes River and the future plans for Detroit Lake will certainly be topics of discussion in future meetings.

I want to thank all the members who volunteered to help with the Club Annual Auction this month and the NW Fly Tyer & Fishing Expo in March. We have all the volunteers we need for the Expo but can always use more help with the Auction on February 8. For those that were unable to make the meeting last month, I'll reiterate some of the great benefits of the Club's Annual Auction. First, it's a great opportunity for seasoned members to donate a variety of items for the auction that they no longer use or perhaps they've upgraded their equipment. Secondly, these donated items provide our members that are new to fly fishing or are just looking for more equipment, an opportunity to purchase gear at a reasonable price. Lastly, the money from the auction helps fund many of the club's activities throughout the year. Our goal this year is \$3500.

Some members have emailed me and provided great recommendations for activities during future club monthly meetings that focus on teaching various skills to our inexperienced members. I'd encourage you to continue to provide input by sending board members an email, a phone call, or talk to us during meetings or outings. Your input will help shape the activities of our future club monthly meetings. We hope to see you at the Club Auction and the Detroit Lake outing this month. If you plan on attending the Detroit Lake outing and would like a sponsor to assist you during the outing, let a board member know. Our goal is to make the outing a rewarding experience for all. We can't always guarantee you will catch fish but we will guarantee you will learn important information that will make you a better fly fisher.



Special Note: The Wi-Ne-Ma Lake outing has been rescheduled for Saturday February 3. See the article in the January newsletter for more information about this outing or contact Leroy Shepherd lshepherd@winema.org.

March 9 - 10, 2018
Albany, Oregon
Linn County Expo Center

www.nwexpo.com

Fly Fishing Tips, Tricks, and Techniques

From "50 Experts Share their 3 Best Fly Fishing Tips"

<http://www.epicwilderness.com/fly-fishing-tips-expert-roundup/>

It's not about the fly — I recall being nearly paralyzed by the list of variables that I thought required attention when I started out. The biggest offender, by far, was (and in many ways still is) the infinite number of flies to choose from. How are you supposed to know which one's "right"? You can't, and at this stage it's less important than you might think. Limit yourself to a couple of dries (perhaps an elk hair caddis and a parachute adams), a couple of nymphs (maybe a pheasant tail and a hare's ear) and a utility bug, like a woolly bugger. Then you can take the attention and energy you would have spent on fly selection and direct it at broader categories such as are the fish eating on top or below the water? Big things or small things?

It is about the fish — It's really hard to catch fish where they aren't. The learning curve for fly-fishing is infinite. That's one big reason so many of us love it. It's also a real hurdle to most newcomers. Of all the lessons you have ahead of you, focus first on learning to read water and determine where the fish likely to be. Being in the right stretch of water is more than half of the battle.

Ask dumb questions — Newcomers to fly fishing face a real language barrier and an unfamiliar culture that can seem more insular and intimidating than it should. If you're respectful of people's time and space, you'll find that most are more than willing to share a little valuable info. Where are the fish biting? What bugs are hot right now down at the pond? Why do I keep getting these damn knots in my leader? Don't be afraid of revealing your ignorance. I've found that asking dumb questions remains the best way of dispelling it.

Matthew Copelland

[Stalking the Seam](#)

February 2018 Outing—Detroit Lake Saturday February 10



On February 10, weather permitting, we will fish Detroit Lake. A floating device will definitely be the best option to fish it.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east and turn off at Mongold Boat Ramp a few miles above Detroit Dam. You can probably launch either at the old launch to the left or the new ramp to the right. Unless you have a 2018 annual State Parks pass,

be prepared to pay the \$5 daily use fee.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or sinking line. Suggested fly patterns are the normal stillwater selection including woolly buggers, leeches, and other attractor patterns.



The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch.

Ken Karnosh is the outing leader so, if you have any questions, contact him by e-mail at KenKarnosh@gmail.com or visit with him at our club auction on February 8.



It's Time to Renew Your Santiam Flycasters Membership

Don't get left out of the campfire circle of any of the upcoming Santiam Flycasters fishing trips. There's a seat waiting for you.

If you haven't done so already, it's high time you renewed your Santiam Flycasters membership for 2018. Membership expired on December 31. Dues for 2018 remain the same low price of \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. Use the form on the back of the newsletter to renew your membership, or download the form from the Santiam Flycasters website (www.santiamflycasters.com). You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the upcoming auction meeting on Thursday, February 8, or mail it to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.



Note: this year we have a new membership option. You can become a life member for \$250. As a life member, we will never have to remember to renew your membership again, or miss out on some great fishing.

Welcome

New Members in January

**Shawn Rakes,
Bridgeville, DE**

**Larry Fox,
Salem, OR**

**Ken Smith,
Salem, OR**



Fly Tying Group Wednesday February 14

We will meet on the Wednesday after our February club meeting at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem February 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing. Enjoy some tasty food or a beverage, if you wish, as well.

We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie, if you wish, or each person can tie a pattern of their choice. It's very laid back and it is for all levels of tying ability.

If you have questions, contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone at (541) 990-3964. Hope to see you there.

Fly of the Month Black Midge

By Kent Toomb



I was given this fly on a river in Eastern Oregon one spring. I came across another fisherman and we started talking about the river which turned into "what are you having success with?" We exchanged fly patterns and this is what he gave me. This midge pattern has accounted for a lot of fish brought to net and has become my go to pattern when midges are on the menu.

- Hook: Daiichi 1110 - size 20-26
- Thread: Veevus 16/0 - Black
- Tail: Darlon Pearl #2 - ¼ strand
- Body: Hends Patina Tinsel – Black
- Thorax: Superfine Dubbing - Black



Start your thread about an eye length behind the eye and make wraps rearward to about the half way point. Snip off the tag end. Take about a ¼ shank from the darlon and tie the tail in wrapping rearward to the hook barb and then advance your thread forward.



Tie in the Hends tinsel and wrap rearward to the start of the tail and then advance your thread to the original tie in point. At this point I like to coat the body with head cement. This will make the fly a lot more durable. Wrap the tinsel forward making touching wraps to just behind the eye and then tie it off and trim it.



Make a small dubbing noodle and then build a small ball just behind the eye of the hook then whip finish.

Set up your Fishing Schedule for the New Year

2018 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 3—Wi-Ne-Ma Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 11 — Willamette River (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 10 — Detroit Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 25 — Little Nestucca River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar. 24 — Deschutes River (Pinetree to Beavertail) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 8 — Hosmer Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr. 21 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 15 — Umpqua River (Elkton) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 — Haystack Reservoir | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep. 29 — Owyhee River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 — Davis Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 13 — Crooked River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 9 — Metolius River | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 27 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 30 — East Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 10 — Detroit Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 14 — Willamette River (Marshall Island to Harrisburg) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 17 — Devil's Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul. 25 — Three Creek Lake | |



Santiam Flycasters

2018 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in flyfishing and have joined together to share their experiences and knowledge of the sport since 1975. The club was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit organization in March of 1977. The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is affiliated with the Fly Fishers International.

The mission of the Santiam Flycasters is to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of every generation now and into the future. Through fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, the Santiam Flycasters can succeed in this mission.

We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)
at the Pringle Park Community Building
606 Church Street at 7:00 pm.
www.santiamflycasters.com

Mail the completed signed form to: *The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308*, or drop it off in person at our next meeting. *Memberships are from January 1st through December 31st. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1st. There is no midyear discount for Life Membership.

Life membership -- \$250 Regular -- \$25 Family -- \$30 Youth--\$10

NAME: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE : _____

EMAIL: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

Are you an FFF Member? Yes No

Are you interested in obtaining an SFC Name Tag? Yes No

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 waving 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