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June Tie-In and Swap Meet—June 14



At our June 14 club meeting, we will have several activities for you to participate in and enjoy. Those activities include casting, fly tying demonstrations and basic knowledge/instruction, a book sale, and a swap meet.

Starting at 6:00, Keith Burkhart and Ron Hublitz will demonstrate some casting on the lawn, but will mostly help anyone with their casting, including beginners. Bring your own rod or you can probably borrow one to use.

By 7:00, we will have the fly tying activities, swap meet, and book sale going inside the building. For fly tying, we will have several experienced tiers tying a pattern of their choice. This is an opportunity to learn to tie a new pattern, maybe pick up some tips on tying, or to learn about a different fishing destination. For beginning or newer tiers, we will also have a couple of people who can explain the basic tying equipment, materials, and processes and will help you tie a woolly bugger or other basic fly pattern.

For the swap meet, members may bring items, from fly fishing or other outside activities, to sell. We will have tables available in the side room. Mark the price and seller's name on each item for sale. Buyers will deal directly with the seller. We just suggest that the seller donate about 10% of the sale price to the club.

Tim will also have some of the books from our club library for sale at a reasonable price so you can improve your knowledge about all aspects of fishing.

We hope that you will come and enjoy this great opportunity to improve your casting, visit with friends, maybe learn a new fly pattern or destination, and acquire something new (to you) to enjoy and use.



Board Meeting

Monday June 11

7:00 pm

Garibaldi Family Restaurant

General Meeting

Thursday June 14—7:00 pm

Pringle Community Center

Fly Tying Group

Wednesday June 20

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

Detroit Dam Project Update

On May 16 I attended the North Santiam Basin Summit and the afternoon session focused on "preparing for drought conditions" in the event the Detroit Dam Project (300 ft tower that will cause warmer water for spawning downstream) proceeds.

Although the Army Corps of Engineers attended the Summit, they did not discuss any details of the project. Many of the City Managers and select staff attended and discussed methods for mitigating the impacts of the drought to include what other water sources they can use to supply to the City of Salem. If the project proceeds it will begin in the 2021-2022 timeframe according to many in attendance.



The Oregon Department of Transportation attended and relayed their concern about drawing down the lake and the negative impacts it could have on Highway 22. The section of highway by Detroit Lake is in a historical slide area and this concerns ODOT. The Army Corps of Engineers noted this concern.

Another big impact discussed during this summit was the impact on the agriculture industry below the dam. If the dam is drained for 2-3 years, some believe the agriculture production below the river will never recover as companies will go elsewhere to fill their agriculture needs. Although no details were discussed about the construction, it is encouraging that many cities are planning and preparing for negative impacts of drought conditions. There are many pros and cons for the Detroit Dam project and the final decision whether to proceed will be a contested over the next several months.

Fly Tying Group — Wednesday June 20 6:00-8:00 pm

We meet on the Wednesday after the SFC Club meeting at Garibaldi's Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem.

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, or, each person can tie a pattern of their choice. It is very laid back and for all levels of tying ability.



For questions and more information, contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone (541) 990-3964.

WELCOME

New Members in May

Bryan & Amber
Sundquist, Salem

Devon Broome, Salem

Eric Arndt & Katherine
Nordholm, Salem

Spenser Hayes, Keizer

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.

Olalla Lake Outing Report By Leroy Shepherd



A person couldn't ask for a nicer day to discover this little gem hidden a few miles from Toledo, just west of Newport. The road dead ends at the lake and offers bank fishing as well as several arms to explore with your pontoon boat or float tube. Several got right into fish as they launched from the south end and worked the west side. It took me a couple hours

until noon to get my first one to hang on long enough to say, "I got one." Once I started stripping in a Spruce Fly on an intermediate line or trolling, the hits started coming.

Others found success with black wooly buggers and soft hackles. I understand everyone caught some, and, of course some caught more than others. I experimented with a device called the "iBobber," a device that works like a fish finder but it syncs via Bluetooth with your iPhone. It also gives depth readings. Finally got one where the fish showed up on screen, then in a few seconds I got it hooked.



Olalla Lake makes a nice day trip (plan on spending the day). Just don't get so caught up fishing that you don't leave before they close the gate!



Davis Lake Outing Report

By Steve Reynolds



Some say the Metolius will send the weak angler home with his flyrod between his legs, but I say Davis Lake is equally as challenging and will chew up and spit out those anglers that think they will just show up and conquer this body of water without leaving everything on the table. This was a three-day chess match between the Santiam Flycasters and the Davis Lake Inhabitants. Who would win this battle of wills, this strategic match of minds...Nine of us would try.

The Flycasters made camp Thursday night, the lake looked inviting but had that wind you know you cannot overcome. The whitecaps showed themselves until dusk, at last the lake finally rolled over and allowed the first advances into the game. We fished, we changed setups, we fished again, we fished until darkness made it impossible

to continue, and what did we show for it...nothing. The Davis Lake Inhabitants scored their first victory in this battle and they did it in a convincing fashion.

The next Friday morning, we split up and went after the lake from both ends. On one end, success!! two fish were taken, Larry scored, but where were the lunkers? On the other end of the lake, I witnessed the pure craftiness of the Davis Lake Inhabitants, large 5, 6, 7, and 8 pounders rising out of the water, yet there was not a single fly that would attract these sly fish devils. They scoffed at Adams, soft hackles, streamers, leeches, buggers, you name it, they just laughed at every presentation. At this point the wind monster returned and left us sitting on shore wondering what the next move would be. More Santiam Flycasters started to arrive, more players to add to the match. Finally, as the wind broke, we were ready to continue the challenge and it happened slightly before dusk, the big ones started hitting; Larry hooked up, Ken landed the first mega mouth, a five-pound behemoth, then Tim hit with a 20-inch, 8 pounder that made every fiber in his Sage strain, but he landed it. Finally, the Santiam Flycasters scored their first major victories.



Optimism was high the following Saturday morning, the Santiam Flycasters would not be denied. The Davis Lake Inhabitants started their same routine as the day before, rising to the hatch, but which hatch? There was a caddis hatch, a mayfly hatch, chironomids everywhere and some type of snail floating on the surface which was just strange, which one were they going after? I recognized these fish tactics from the day before, no way was I going to let the Davis Lake inhabitants suck me in again and make me chase them with an enticing floating line and dry fly, I would not bite on THEIR presentation only to have them laugh at me. Most of the Santiam Flycasters went after those rising, allusive creatures, I could not blame them the sheer size of these monsters coming out of the deep was far too inviting, and like my experience the day before, they failed to entice them with ANY presentation. I decided to go in a different direction and stay deep on the bottom, it took an additional hour to reach that new part of the lake, that part no one had tried. Then began the methodical covering of this new area, taking passes, side to side, back and forth. The time passed, and I started feeling that this was going to be one of those times, those times when your mind goes into that same feeling as in poker called "Tilt". Then it happened, a very easy troll through some rather shallow weed beds and BOOM!!!! The rod bent like it was caught in car door and your friend was driving away, the reel started to sing. The adrenaline rush was massive, the thoughts; will the rod hold, would the line hold? It

was a battle that lasted an eternity. Finally, after what seemed like hours, my Davis Lake Inhabitant that had taunted me for three days, finally landed in my net, it was victory and checkmate.

We celebrated on Saturday, the event both the highs and lows. Tri-Tip was served with all the fixings along with some cool camp fire stories, a fun time for all. Davis is not the typical "put and take" lake, it does not give up its secrets easily but when it does, watch out. It reminds us of that line in *Jaws*, "I think you're going to need a bigger boat."

Metolius River Outing



On June 16, we will be on the Metolius River, fishing from Smiling River campground downstream.

To get to Smiling River Campground, drive Highway 22 east over the Santiam Pass, turn left about 10 miles past the summit onto the Metolius/Camp Sherman USFS Road 14, in 3 miles turn right at the Y toward the Campgrounds, and follow it about 3 miles to the turnoff to Smiling River Campground on the left.

Apparently, all reservations for Smiling River are full, but you have an opportunity to get a campsite at either Smiling River or Allen Springs campgrounds for the first come, first served campsites.

Due to the camping issue, the club will not host a meal, contrary to what we have previously said.

For fishing, a 4-6 weight rod with floating line is suggested. We suggest that you access a recent fishing report (such as from the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters) for what flies and methods have been successful. The Green Drakes should be out at that time. Some fly fishers, like former member John Kreft who fishes it frequently, likes to only fish dry flies such as Comparaduns. Others like to fish nymphs, including zebra midges and others, along the bottom.

We hope to see you there. Howard Palmer is the outing sponsor, so contact him at hpalmer176@gmail.com if you have a question.

East Lake Outing



We will fish East Lake on June 30. This lake harbors a good population of browns, kokanee, and rainbows, including some nice ones of the Blackwater strain.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east to Bend, drive Highway 97 south to the East/Paulina/Newberry Crater turnoff just north of LaPine, turn left (east) onto USFS Road 21 and follow it to Cinder Hill Campground at East Lake. Remember that the lake is at elevation 6,500' and it can get cold.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating and intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. In past years, dry flies such as Adams, Comparadun, or Elk Hair Caddis have been quite successful. If they aren't working, use the sinking line with woolly buggers and callibaetis nymphs, pheasant tails, Teeny Nymphs, etc. Chironomids can also be successful. One can wade and fish from shore, but it is best to use a boat, pontoon boat, or float tube.

The club will provide an entrée for a Saturday afternoon meal, so bring a small side dish to share if you wish, plus your chair and beverage. The meal will probably take place at campsite 22.

Tim Johnson is the outing sponsor, so contact him at tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com if you have a question.

Catch and Release

It sure feels good, when the weather is warm, to get out on the water, enjoy the environment, and hopefully catch a few fish. If we plan to release the fish, though, we should take extra care in doing that to help assure the fish's survival.

Warmer water is not good for fish, especially trout, and we can put them in a deadly situation even if we plan to release them. In a lake, the surface water is warmer than that nearer the bottom. Here are a few things to remember when fishing in warm weather:

1. Try to fish in the cooler parts of the day, early morning and toward evening.
2. Before you start fishing, get your net and forceps ready to land and release a fish.
3. When fishing lakes, remember that the water is warmer nearer the surface. Use a heavier tippet to be able to fight the fish deep and bring it quickly to the surface to release it.
4. When landing a fish, leave enough leader outside your rod tip to be able to hold the rod up so you can slide the net under the fish.
5. Use a net to land the fish. Always keep the fish in the water. Bend down to unhook the fish so you keep it in the water!
6. If you want to take a picture of the fish, leave the fish in the water in the net. Do not try to take it out of the water.
7. In summary-keep the landing time to a minimum, keep the fish in the water, and remove the hook and release the fish quickly. Help the fish get going again if needed.

Unfortunately, I have been as guilty as any about proper catch and release protocol. I have to remind myself that the fish cannot fare any better out of water than I could if I held my head underwater even if I had not just finished some strenuous exercise like it had!

Thank you for striving to give each fish its best chance to strike and fight again!



"Spit him out, Dewey -- you'll get busted!
This lake is catch-and-release only!"

Plan Your Fishing, Fish Your Plan 2018 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

- Jun. 16 — Metolius River (Note change)
- Jun. 30 — East Lake
- Jul. 14 — Willamette River (Marshall Island to Harrisburg)
- Jul. 25 — Three Creek Lake
- Aug. 11 — Willamette River (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry)
- Aug. 25 — Little Nestucca River
- Sep. 8 — Hosmer Lake
- Sep. 15 — Umpqua River (Elkton)
- Sep. 29 — Owyhee River
- Oct. 13 — Crooked River
- Oct. 27 — McKenzie River (Hendricks to Hayden)
- Nov. 10 — Detroit Lake
- Nov. 17 — Devil's Lake

UV Orange Perdigon By Kent Toomb



This fly has become a staple in my fly box. I was introduced to this fly by Devin Olsen of Tactical Fly Fisher. I use this fly as the anchor fly in a two fly set up. These things sink like a rock so if you are trying to get down this style will help. I have had a lot of success on our local waters with this one.

Recipe:

Hook: Hanak 450BL Jig Hook size 10-16
 Bead: Silver Disco Slotted Bead sized to hook
 Thread: Veevus Iris FL. Orange
 Hot Spot: Glo-Brite Orange
 Weight: Lead wire sized to hook
 Tail: Coq de Leon Medium Pardo
 Wing Case: Black nail polish
 Coating: UV Resin

This fly was tied on a Hanak 450 BL size 12 with a 4.0 Silver Disco Slotted Bead



Place the bead on the hook and secure it in the vise. Then wrap 5 wraps of lead wire and push it up into the bead. Start the Iris thread behind the lead and build a small dam locking the lead in place. Make a few wraps up to the bead and then back towards the rear of the hook. The Iris thread is really thick so be careful to not make the fly too bulky. Measure the tail to about a hook shank in length. Tie in the tail and advance the thread to just behind the bead building a slight taper, once again be careful about the bulk.



With the Iris thread at the bead start the Glow-Brite behind the bead and then tie off the Iris thread. This method will create less bulk than a whip finish. Build a hot spot with the Glo-Brite behind the bead and then whip finish. Now apply a coat of UV Resin and set it with a UV light. Now take the nail polish and paint a small wing case on the top of the fly. Coating the fly with Hard as Hull will keep the fly from turning opaque over time and make the wing case more durable.



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