



SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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September 2020

September Meeting is Cancelled Remote Meetings to Begin in October

We are happy to announce that our monthly presentations will resume online with a Zoom format starting with our October 8th general meeting.

The Zoom presentation will be open to the first 100 club members who sign in.

Don't worry, this will all be explained in the October newsletter.

I am hoping you are all safe and have been able to get some real fishing in while we wait this out.

Our club outings are still viable so get out and enjoy one of those if you can since it is a perfect time to interact with our local trout.

See you in October.

George Hingston

Program Coordinator

Board Meeting

September 14

Via Zoom

General Meeting

Cancelled

Fly Tying Group

Cancelled

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Welcome New Members in August

Bennie Ellis, Woodburn

Brad McKinney, Dallas

Anthony Hinkle, Salem

Kevin Finkenbiner, Corvallis



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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 Scott Vaslev

Wasn't able to make it to the fly casting clinic but heard it went well. Could have used a few pointers myself. I define my fly casting ability about the same as my golf game: A "journeyman hack."



Fished the Willamette River on the 8th of August with our group. Was a great day of catching smallmouth bass. Started off slow but then got extremely hot. I don't think I caught anything under 12". Didn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to where I caught fish; middle of the river, next to shore, upstream or downstream, the only constant was my fly. Used a helmet headed sculpin pattern: tied with marabou and long rabbit strip tail, fished on a sinking line. The last fish of the day was a 19 1/2" smallie. Was using a 5 wt. rod and that fish towed me around for 10 minutes. Didn't get a picture but did have a witness: Bob L.

Been fishing the N. Santiam regularly with the "boyz." Lately, have had success swinging soft hackles both on land and while floating. Been using a fly called a "holy grail," tied on a Hanak H 300 BL #12, with a 3.3 mm tungsten bead, in tandem with another unweighted soft hackle above. Three different times I had a double hook up. Haven't caught anything big with this set up but is pretty steady. Bill has been killing it using a renegade fly pattern. Using a medium sink line with both a dry renegade and a beadhead version.

I will be attending the Hosmer trip later this month. Hopefully, the kayakers and paddle boarders will be long gone. I can remember fishing the lake years ago when the only people there were fly fishermen. I now estimate that over half of the campsites are used by these people. Now, it's a constant parade of traffic of every floating device imaginable. Last time I was there, there was a group of marathon swimmers who swam from the south lake to the north lake. Two gals swam right by my pontoon. OK, I'll stop my rant here, just saying. I will be camping down at Mallard Marsh. Hope you can make it.

Willamette River Outing Report

By Ken Karnosh

We had a pleasant float on August 8, with mild temperatures, partial overcast, and a mild breeze, on the Willamette River from Keizer Rapids to Wheatland Ferry. The smallmouth bass were also relatively cooperative, especially for some of us!

Catch rates varied from a handful to several handfuls of bass, dependent upon either your skill or plain old luck. Bob had great success with Euro-nymphing techniques, which obviously gets the fly down to the fish feeding on the bottom. Most of us just used a weighted fly to get it near the bottom. President Scott used his presidential privilege to catch the biggest fish just above the ferry, 19", although we caught several others up to 16".

A comment made many times during the trip was how strong these fish are and how powerful that they fight. If you've never caught one, you're missing out on a fun thing!

During the afternoon, as we neared the Ferry, the river came alive with kayaks, rafters, etc., but they mostly stayed clear of us and quickly cleared the boat ramp as they took out.

This truly is a pleasant fishing trip for a summer day.

2020 Willamette River Pictures
Courtesy Dennis Burnett and Ken Karnosh



South Santiam River Outing

On August 22, 2020 eleven members of the club fished the South Santiam river from Sweet Home to Waterloo. The total drift is just under 10 miles of great trout water. The river is home to Rainbow, Cutthroat and a few Whitefish. Yes, it also has Salmon and Steelhead at different times, but this trip was about targeting trout. The river provides the angler opportunities to fish different methods such as Dries, Indicator Nymphing, Euro Nymphing and Swinging Wet Flies. The average fish is about 8-12 inches with a few ranging from 16-18 inches.



If you would like the opportunity to catch large numbers of fish, this would be a great outing for you to attend. Several members went 30+ in the fish-landed department. This time of year, the river is at summer flows which make it easier to drift in a pontoon boat or raft, and the water temperature is at a cool 58 degrees.



All day the members leap-frogged each other to new water. Given the abundance of fishing opportunities, members had fishable water all day. Several of the members on the outing got out at the midway point to call it a day. If you are an Oregon Fishing Club member you

have an option of put in or take out at their property at Bates Bridge. It is very easy to get caught on the upper part due to great fishing and then have to row the four miles to the take-out, just ask Beth! For those that fished the bottom half the fishing was just as good as the top half.



Hope to see you on this outing next year.

Kent Toomb

Kent.toomb@gmail.com



September 12 Hosmer Lake Outing



We will fish Hosmer Lake on September 12. Hopefully, we will catch some nice trout and we will definitely enjoy some great scenery.

To get to Hosmer, you can drive Highway 22 over to Bend and then to Hosmer on the Cascade Lakes Highway. A faster drive probably is to drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn left onto the Crescent Cutoff (USFS Road 61) for about 3 miles, turn left onto USFS Road 46, and drive about 35 miles to the Hosmer Lake Road on the east side of Road 46.

You will need a floating device to fish Hosmer. Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with floating and/or intermediate line. Flies include damselfly, woolly buggers (including white), callibaetis, and soft hackles. Bring some chironomids or balanced leeches in case you tire of casting. There may also be some surface action on travelling sedges as well as some caddis in the evening.

Most fishing is in the main lake, but you can also fish the channel and upper lake. The canoers and paddleboarders probably will be out and will affect fishing in the channel, but there is adequate area to fish in the main lake.

Ricky Love is the outing sponsor, so e-mail him at rickylove20@aol.com if you have a question. He will also have evening campfires at his campsite.

The club will not provide a meal, due to COVID-19, so bring enough food and beverages.

September 19 Diamond Lake Outing



On September 19, we will fish Diamond Lake and will camp at the south end of Diamond Lake Campground, preferably near site G-23 or M-17.

To get there, drive I-5 south past Eugene, exit onto Highway 58 and drive over the Willamette Pass, turn south onto Highway 97 for about 18 miles, turn right (west) onto Highway 138 for about 22 miles, and turn left into Diamond Lake campground.

Either a boat or pontoon boat is best to fish Diamond, but a float tube will also work for fishing from camp or the south boat ramp. Suggested equipment is 5-6 weight rods with floating and intermediate or Type 3 lines. Flies include Rickards Stillwater Nymph or Diamond Lake Special plus woolly buggers/leeches, Carey Specials, callibaetis, and chironomids and balanced leeches. There may also be some dry fly action.

The club will not provide a meal, so bring your own food and maybe some firewood.

Ken Karnosh is outing sponsor, so e-mail him at kenkarnosh@gmail.com if you have a question.



Fly of the Month

Damsel Adult Dry Fly Pattern By Robert LeClerc



At Gold Lake, we observed in the afternoon, rainbow trout taking Adult Damsel flies off the surface and leaping in the air to take them in flight. Floating a damsel dry fly resulted in landing several large trout plus donating a few flies to the trout due to the hard strikes. This pattern worked well, actually used up my entire supply of the flies while other fishermen were watching trout ignore other damsel dry patterns.

Materials:

Hook: TMC 100, size 12, standard dry fly hook.

Thread: Blue, 6/0

Abdomen: Damsel bodies, blue. Looks like blue braided mono with black bands.

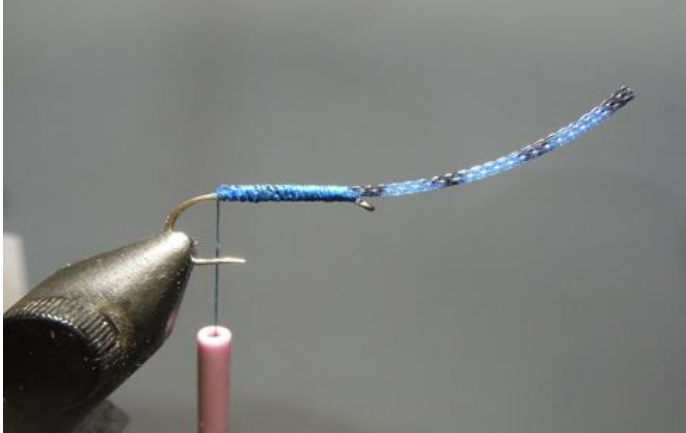
Thorax: 2mm blue foam

Wings: Light Blue Dun Saddle Hackles

Note: This pattern is tied in reverse on the hook. Also, tying in the body and foam in along the entire shank of the hook, with super glue at each step stops the fly from rotating on the hook when completed.

Tying Directions

1. Debarb the hook, tie on a thread base to the eye of the hook, then run the thread to the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in the damsel body, about 1 ½ inches long, with the body extending over the eye of the hook. To keep the body from turning on the hook when completed, apply superglue to the body. Run the thread to the bend of the hook.



3. Cut the blue foam to a width that matches the hook gap, trim a small taper on one end. Tie the tapered end at the bend and securely wrap the foam down, work the thread to the eye of the hook. Super Glue the foam base.



4. Tie in the hackle at the eye of the hook, run the thread to the bend of the hook. Wrap the hackle to the bend of the hook and tie down.



5. Pull the foam body to the bend of the hook and tie down and whip finish. Apply head cement to the thread wraps. Trim the excess foam to create the head.



6. Trim the hackle on the bottom of the fly flat so fly lays flat on the water. Trim the body to length, about 3/4 to 1 inch long.



**Grant me the SERENITY to Accept the Size of the Fish I Catch,
The COURAGE Not To Lie About It,
And the WISDOM To Know
That None of My Fishing Buddies Would Believe Me Anyway . . .**



Santiam Flycasters

2020 Membership Form

The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in fly fishing 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 -- \$300 Regular -- \$30 Family -- \$35

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