



# SANTIAM FLYCASTERS

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**May Meeting** (Presented online, NOT in person. See the article on using Zoom on page 2.)

## **The Salmon Fly Hatch and Its Not So Subtle Nuances** **With Josh Linn**



This month we welcome back Josh Linn from Royal Treatment Fly Fishing in West Linn who will speak to us about one of the most spectacular insect hatches of the year that is of particular interest to the fly fisher, the salmonfly hatch of late spring. Josh is going to talk to us about his experiences guiding the salmonfly hatch for the past 20 years and the tips and trips that have helped him to be successful at it.

Josh is a native Oregonian, who has been flyfishing for most of his life and over the years has been mentored by many gifted anglers and Jeff has returned the favor as a respected guide and casting instructor. He has fished all over the world but his first love is chasing steelhead around the Pacific Northwest and locally, the Sandy and the Deschutes rivers are his main steelhead stomping grounds.

Over the past decade Josh has worked with major manufacturers, such as Rio and G Loomis developing flyfishing tackle and recently held a position with G Loomis as their National Flyfishing Sales Manager. He now has a managerial position with Royal Treatment Fly Fishing and tonight we will be getting his insights into the world of the largest stonefly that inhabits our local rivers. Big insects attract the biggest fish and Josh will be with us to explain it all.



### **Board Meeting**

May 10

Via Zoom

### **General Meeting**

May 13

"Zoom Meeting"

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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.

## **Casting Clinics for Santiam Flycaster Members**

Fine tune your fly presentation skills each Saturday

Wallace Marine Park

Spey casting at 9:30 a.m. on the gravel bar

Single hand casting at 1:00 p.m. on the soccer field (gravel parking area)

No charge-A benefit of your Santiam Flycaster membership

Contact Klem at 503-302-9484

## **Using "Zoom" To View The SFC Meeting**

Due to the pandemic for the foreseeable future club meetings will be held using the Zoom videoconferencing service. Santiam Flycasters members will receive a link to join the Zoom Meeting one week, one day and one hour before the start of scheduled meetings. To join a meeting, simply click on the "Join the Meeting" link in one of the emails you receive. You can join the meeting early, but you will be placed into a Zoom waiting room until you are admitted into the meeting at around 7:00 PM.

There are several options for joining the meeting. You can join with a computer, a smart device, or a regular telephone. If you join with your computer, you will need to have a speaker(s) connected to the computer so that you can hear the presentation. It helps to have downloaded the Zoom Client for Meetings onto your computer beforehand. We recommend doing that prior to joining the meeting. You will be given that option in the email you receive with the "Join Meeting" link. You do not need a camera or a microphone on your computer, but that is an option if you wish to be seen and heard during the meeting. You will have the option to turn off your camera and microphone anytime during the meeting.

If you are joining the meeting with a smart phone or tablet, it may be best to first download the Zoom Cloud Meeting app. With the "Zoom Cloud Meetings" app installed, after you click on the "Join Meeting" link in your email, you will be given the option to open the "Zoom Cloud Meeting" app.

You can also join the meeting on your landline phone. You simply call the phone number provided in the email you receive. When prompted, you will enter the meeting ID followed by the # key. You will be able to listen to the presentation but will not be able to see the presentation or be seen by others.

Note: You will be provided with a Meeting ID but there is no password for joining this Zoom Meeting. Make sure to select the "Call using Internet" option if prompted.

A YouTube tutorial on joining a Zoom Meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tr-JHfEas8k>

If you have questions, contact Tim Johnson at [tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com](mailto:tim.the.fisherman@gmail.com), or call 503-507-8552. He is particularly interested in hearing from any member who wishes to take advantage of closed captioning option for the meetings.

## McKenzie River Outing Report

Eleven of us floated and fished the McKenzie on a sunny, warm April 17. Of course, some other fishermen had the same idea plus a few others who just floated the river in the afternoon, but there was space for all.

The three of us who Euro-nymphed probably had the best success, but those of us who swung flies or used other techniques also got into fish. Everyone at least got to hook and lose one anyway!

Most fish were beautiful cutthroats, but I also heard of a nice redband rainbow and a whitefish being caught.

This, like many other stream locations, is a wonderful place to float and fish, with no challenging water but some nice fish to be caught.

## May 12 Silverton Reservoir Outing

On May 12 (Wednesday), we will fish Silverton Reservoir. A pontoon boat or float tube work very well to fish this lake. We will get on the water between 8 and 9 a.m.

To get there, go east on Highway 213 from Salem, turn left onto West C street at the first traffic signal in Silverton, turn right (east) onto Water Street (turns into Highway 214) for a couple of miles, and turn right into the Silverton Reservoir access road. Be prepared to pay a \$5 parking fee by credit card only.

Suggested gear is a 4 or 5 weight rod with intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. Flies include the normal stillwater selection of woolly buggers, leeches, soft hackles, AP emergers, etc. There may be a hatch of Callibaetis around mid-day.

According to ODFW, they will have stocked some "legals" by this outing. I have also heard that some larger trout were planted earlier.

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

Ken Karnosh is the outing sponsor. E-mail him at [kenkarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:kenkarnosh@gmail.com) if you have a question.



## May 22 Foster Reservoir Outing

On May 22, we will fish Foster Reservoir at the Sunnyside Park boat ramp. We will fish the Quartzville Creek arm, which is sheltered from most of potential wind, so pontoon boats and float tubes work well. We plan to be on the water by 9:00.

To get there, drive Highway 20 through Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Foster, turn left at the Foster/Green Peter sign a few miles above Foster for a mile or so, and turn right into Sunnyside Park. There does not appear to be a parking fee.

Suggested gear is a 4 or 5 weight rod with intermediate or Type 3 sinking line. Flies include the normal stillwater selection of woolly buggers, leeches, soft hackles, etc. Although ODFW has only stocked "legal" trout, there may be some holdovers as well as smallmouth bass, Kokanee, and yellow perch.

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

Ken Karnosh is the outing sponsor. E-mail him at [kenkarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:kenkarnosh@gmail.com) if you have a question.

### Upcoming Summer Club Outings

June 12	North Santiam (Stayton-Shelburn)
June 26	East Lake
July 10	South Santiam
July 14/15 (Wed/Thur)	Gold Lake
July 28 (Wed.)	Three Creek Lake
August 14	Willamette (Keizer Rapids-Wheatland)
August 21	Klamath Lake (Rocky Point)

## ***Pyramid Lake Update***

***By Beth Jappay***

Well, this article is an update on the one I wrote for last month's newsletter. For those of you who didn't read it here is a [link](#).

My first week at Pyramid was pure vacation, but I decided to further investigate this fishery to better understand it. I also wanted to work on finding a better balance between work and fishing. So instead of driving my RV home after my first week of fishing I instead drove to the Reno airport and put my RV in long-term parking and flew home. I worked in the office for a week, then flew back to Reno and retrieved my RV from airport parking and drove back to Pyramid lake. Observing the lake as I arrived, I once again saw many people fishing at Pelican Beach, so this is once again where I set up camp, dragging My Fancy Ladder down to the beach to an open spot in the line of fishermen.

Being now the first week of April I found the weather to be much more tolerable--in the 45-60-degree range instead of the 34-45 degree range. The fishing was better as well and instead of 2-10 fish per day I caught 5-20 fish per day. After trying multiple different flies and techniques I reaffirmed the importance of starting fishing an hour before sunrise and discovered that at this time now a size #14 black midge larva with copper and gold ribbing worked best. During the day the popcorn beetle on a fast-sinking line was once again the winner.

Pyramid Lake was once again hard on my rods. On my first trip, fishing my 7 weight with a heavy sink tip and casting into the wind I had twice hit my rod with my line or flies, and then ended up breaking the end of my rod on a fish. This trip I resorted for one of my lines to using my 9' 6" 6 weight, then snapped the tip of the rod when it hung up getting it out of my RV. I converted it into a 9' rod with wire cutters and continued to fish with it.

I once again had a great time socializing with my neighbors, having new people to share my funny stories with. Benson was there again and stopped by to say hi after recognizing my rig. I met 2 people living at Lake Almanor, a place I had lived as a teen. I met a retired dentist named Mhing and shared my story about meeting Benson at Klamath lake, only to

learn that Benson was the godfather to Mhing's children. What a small world!

For this trip I purchased a Verizon Hotspot and brought my laptop. I fished from 5am to 11am, then went back to my RV and worked ~4 hours telecommuting, then went back and fished the evening bite. That worked out surprisingly well and I have decided to try in the future to make this work in other places as well.

Pelican Beach is ¼ mile long, and on this trip I set up my campsite in the middle of the campground instead of the far (left) end. Doing so I made a new observation--the ladder spots on the far right of the line (now visible to me) were definitely catching both more fish and bigger fish than the ones in the middle of the line or on the far left. I made a new goal to fish those spots. Each day I would set my alarm 30 min earlier, only to discover the best spots already taken, even at 4:30am! By my last day I was determined to spend one day in the prime spots, and set my alarm for 3am, finally finding myself finally first on the water. I put my ladder in my chosen spot, hiked back to my RV and had breakfast, returning to start fishing an hour before sunrise. It definitely paid off, as I hooked and landed (with my broken 6 weight!) my biggest fish to date--16 lbs!



At the end of the week I drove home, already planning on returning in October to fish the first week after opening day. I've heard that the biggest fish are caught in October and November. I will be bringing my pontoon for that trip, as it's my understanding that the fishing at that time of the year is streamers at 30-40' of depth.

To be continued...

## May 2021 Fly of the Month

### EC Cutter Caddis

By Kent Toomb

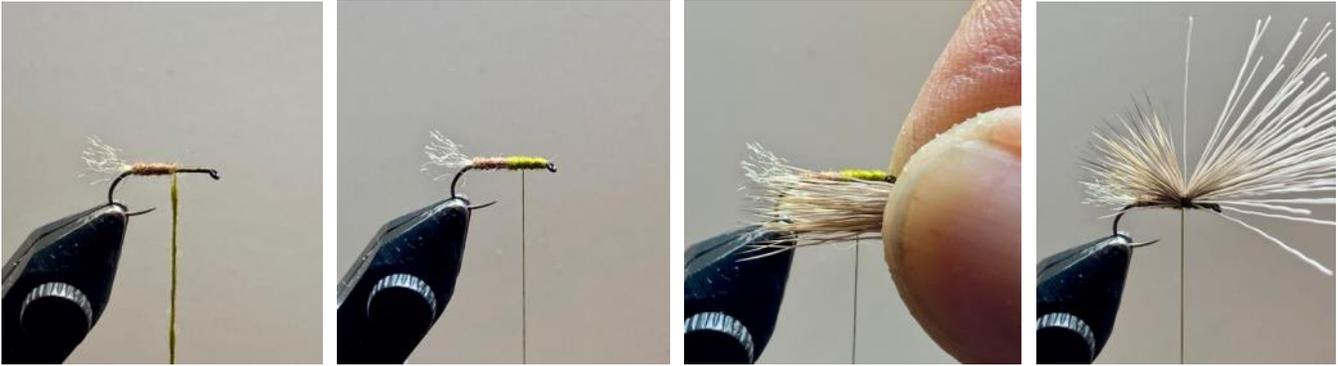


#### Recipe:

Hook	Dry Fly #14-18
Thread	Olive
Shuck	Ginger Zelon
Hackle	Dun
Wing	Natural Elk
Abdomen	Brown Superfine Dubbing
Thorax	Olive Superfine Dubbing



Start your thread just behind the eye and make touching wraps to the hook point. Tie in the zelon tail and wrap rearward to where the barb of the hook would be. Trim the waste from the tail. Then trim the tail to the length of the hook shank. Form a small dubbing noodle of the brown superfine dubbing and wrap forward to the half-way point.



Make a small dubbing noodle with the olive superfine and wrap forward to the eye and then move your thread to the 1/3 mark behind the eye to tie the wing in. Cut a small hank of elk hair about the thickness of the hook gape. After stacking the hair, position it so the tips extend about half the tail and secure it to the hook.



Pulling the wing up will make it easier to tie in the hackle and wrap it. Attach the hackle in front of the wing just like you would a parachute pattern. Once attached and the stem trimmed, wrap the hackle 3 to 4 times and tie off. Pull the hackle and wing back from the eye and whip finish. Now trim the butt ends of the wing the same as you would an Elk Hair Caddis wing. I like to add a drop of superglue to the space between the wing and to the whip finish for added durability.



I started fishing this pattern many years ago and it has become my go to caddis pattern. It covers many of the life stages of a caddis, floats well and is visible. It's not the easiest fly to tie but the fish love it so it's always in my box. Go Fish.

Kent Toomb



# Santiam Flycasters

## 2021 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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