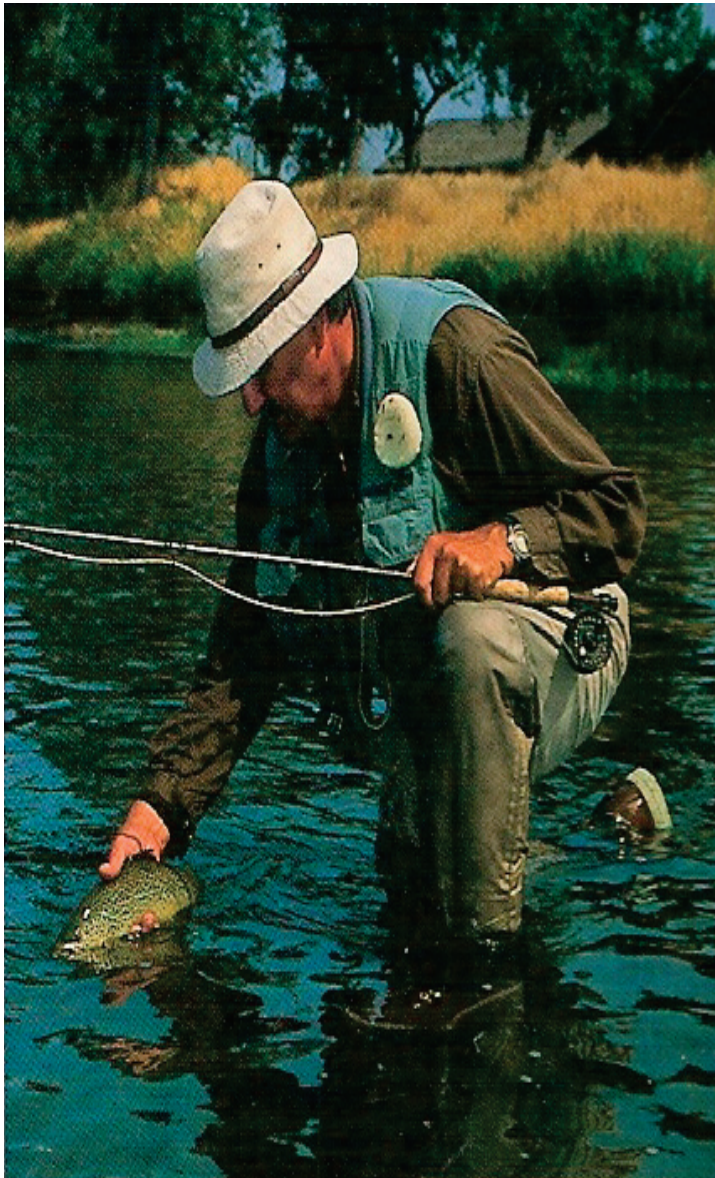


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Schollmeyer and a product of his Western hatches research.

Chasing Hatches with Schollmeyer

Santiam Flycasters club member Jim Schollmeyer is well-known as an author, photographer, fly tier and fly fisher.

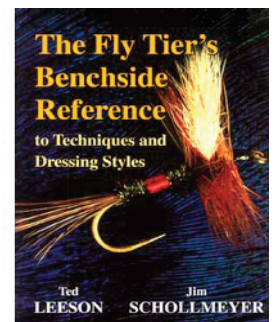
This month Jim will be presenting his program entitled “Chasing Hatches” at the general meeting.

Jim has traveled throughout the West in search of the insect hatches we, as anglers, like to fish over. The program will highlight the most important mayfly, caddis, stonefly and other hatches he has discovered, along with information on hatch timing and patterns to best match naturals.

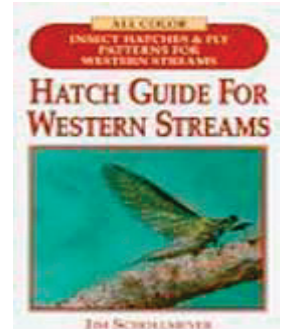
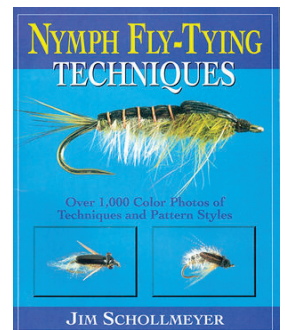
A resident of Keizer, Oregon, Jim has spent the past 25 years photographing the art of fly fishing. He has penned numerous books on fly tying and fly fishing. His “Hatch Guide” series should be required reading for any Western fly angler. He also co-authored “The Fly Tier’s Benchside Reference” with

Ted Leeson, one of the best books ever published on fly tying. In addition, Jim is the staff photographer for Amato’s “Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Journal” magazine.

Don’t miss the chance to question one of the experts on fly tying and insect hatches during the monthly meeting Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. in Pringle Hall.



Just a few of Schollmeyer’s many books on tying.



Congratulations to the Newlyweds



Santiam members and officers Hillary Votaw and Keith Burkhart joined hands in marriage during a small ceremony in their home December 26, 2005.

Santiam Flycasters wishes them great joy in the days to come and trust that we will see them on the river sharing many moments of fishing bliss.

Sunken treasure rescued, bounty donated to the club

When Ron Henderson rescued a rod from the depths, he did not think it would become a Christmas gift.

Henderson recently sold the rod to Mike Miller as a Christmas gift for Mike's son CJ, then donated the proceeds to the Santiam Flycasters.

The donation is greatly appreciated and we expect to see CJ on the water with his new rod in one hand and a fish in the other.

The Fly Potluck Raffle

Tier's cast your efforts to the raffle.

Bring that special pattern that you're developing to the general meeting and trade it for a ticket to a tier's only raffle.

Each fly grants you a ticket and each night's winner will get to work your fly over on the water for some field testing.

It's the perfect way to find out if your in tying the next big thing.

Where to be in January

The general meeting at Pringle Park Community Center located at 606 Church St. Salem, January 12th, at 7 p.m., for "Chasing Hatches," by Jim Schollmeyer.

On the water for this month's club outing to Red Hills Lake on January 14th. More details will be provided at the general meeting.

The Month Ahead

The general meeting at Pringle Park Community Center, February 12th at 7 p.m. On the water for the month's club outing to Iverson Lake on February 11th.



Batman pattern

With the Metolius about the only option for the trout bum this month (and that's one cold option), you might try the Batman fished deep behind a heavy dropper according to Westfly.com.

Good luck, finding details on this local pattern, but the guy can be bought from The Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters, Oregon.

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To begin the year with new leadership: A message from the President

Dear Santiam Flycasters members;

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am a teacher in the Salem-Keizer School District. I grew up in Klamath Falls, Oregon and have lived in the Salem area for 12 years.

I started fly-fishing about six years ago, have been a club member for four years and became a board member in December of 2004. While on the board I served as the Conservation Officer and also the Newsletter Editor and Web Master.

As the new president, I hope to continue the growth and changes that Craig Knoll created during his tenure.

There are many exciting changes that I have worked on with Craig and the board. We are working to expand the annual auction, with concerns to the items donated. We have worked toward finding items that will appeal to everyone - not just fly-fishermen.

In April, we will also host the Fly Fair at Pringle Hall. As president, I want to maintain and expand the conservation and education events that the club sponsors and provides for the members. Just one of the new conservation projects that we are looking forward to is working on the restoration of fish habit on Lake Creek, a tributary of the Metolius.

Please join me, the board and other members as we move into the new year excited about the direction that the club is headed in and looking forward to a year of great outings, programs and projects.

Thank you,

Dan Shimek
President

A tale from the riverbend John's five-weight Trout Stew

By Tim Akimoff

John focused on the only thing he loved more than his 5 wt. - the Dutch oven he inherited from his mom.

Setting a tripod over a pit where coals from his morning fire still glowed, John retrieved one small red onion, two garlic cloves, one green pepper, one medium tomato, four medium potatoes, two celery stocks, one can of tomato juice and a Bridgeport IPA out of the ice chest.

A quick turn with his clip knife produced half-inch vegetable chunks and two crushed garlic cloves. He poured a quarter cup of olive oil in the pot and watched the liquid move like mercury to the center, before he tossed in the garlic and some red pepper flakes. Then he threw in the vegetables and tomato juice, stirring so they mingled with the garlic and oil. He filled another pot with a gallon of cold water and set it near the flames.

When the water boiled, he poured it over the vegetables and breathed in the heavy-scented air, while throwing in a teaspoon each of salt and pepper and a bay leaf.

The smell wafted to where Bill and Mark were making their way from a stretch of river that produced six respectable rainbows between them. Broad smiles greeted John as they entered camp. A few of their catches were quickly cleaned and chopped into six equal one-inch pieces including heads and tails. John mixed them all into the pot and gave it one more stir.

After 25 minutes of sharing wisdom gleaned from a day on the river, John dished out the stew with some thick-crust bread. The three drank Black Butte Porters which stood up well to the tomato broth in the stew, and a dram of Oban Scotch with three Drew Estate cigars enhanced the rich tapestry of stew, beer and bread that swirled around with thoughts of an early morning on the trout stream.

Bill and Mark had the same thought as they turned in that night. "Damn, I'm glad I invited John."

