

Santiam **Flycasters**

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Angling illustrator Gene Trump visits with the Flycasters to share the secrets of the Umpqua River Shad

Fly master and sketch genius, Gene Trump will be visiting with the Flycasters Thursday, June 7th to present his Shad on the Umpqua River program.

Trump is a part-time outdoor writer, photographer, illustrator and cartoonist making his living with his wife, Virginia, in Corvallis, Oregon.

His cartoons, articles and illustrations appear monthly in magazines such as *Fly Fisherman*, *Field & Stream*, *Northwest Fly Fishing*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, in addition to other worldwide publications and web sites.

His Shad program is a slide presentation that deals primarily with fly fishing for Shad on the Umpqua River.

While Shad fishing with fly gear may be considered “other” in Oregon by some, it can be great fun with continual reel-peeling action and heavy bends put to any 8-weight rod.



“Let’s jump a few times
just to drive the fly fishers crazy!”

The program includes patterns and techniques that will help you catch Shad with fly gear.

Trump is active in various conservation issues including river right and the protection of “Fly Fishing Only Waters” like Davis Lake.

He fishes throughout the West, including yearly trips to the waters of the Greater Yellowstone area.

Trump is a past recipient of the Oregon Fly Tyeer of the Year Award and is known for his various bass bug patterns.

And his *Fly Fishing Only*, a collection of more than 100 of Trump’s pen and ink cartoons, is a much sought after piece of sporting humor.

Join Trump and the Flycasters as he shares his knowledge of Umpqua Shad June 7th at Pringle Community Center at 7 p.m.

4-H Sports Fishing judges needed

The 4-H are looking for a few Flycaster's to judge sports fishing exhibits at the 2006 Oregon State Fair.

The exhibit features poles, flies, lures, common knots and education displays that are prepared by youths.

Judges need to be able to work with, review and encourage the work of children. Score and comment sheets will be provided for every exhibit.

The Oregon State Fair takes place at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, the judges will be needed Tuesday, August 22th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Judges will receive \$50, plus mileage to Salem and back at \$.45 per mile.

Make a difference with the Flycasters

The Santiam Flycasters are looking for a few good members.

The Flycasters are currently looking for members who would be interested in becoming board members.

These board members will shape the future of the club; helping to organize club programs, planning new and exciting monthly outings and directing conversation and education projects to further the legacy of both the Santiam Flycasters and fly fishing.

Please contact Dan Shimek at any general meeting, or at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com.



The Fly Potluck Raffle

Tyer's cast your patterns to the raffle.

Bring that special pattern that you're developing to the general meeting and trade it for a ticket to a tyer'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 true field testing.

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

Where to be in June

This months general meeting at Pringle Park Community Center located at 606 Church St. Salem, June 8th, beginning at 7 p.m.

On the water for this month's club outing to East Lake June 16th and 17th. For details attend the general meeting for more information.

The Month Ahead

There is no general meeting for July, but be on the water, or the park, for the club's outing to Fisherman's Bend State Park for the SFC picnic on July 15th. And don't forget on roadside clean-up before on picnic.

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like minded organizations.

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Help get rid of the Bass in Davis Lake and win some valuable prizes!

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife needs specific information regarding the population of bass in Davis Lake. In order to do so, they need 300 specimens captured and put into holding pens. The ODFW has considered allowing a gear fishing group to take care of this need. Davis Lake is a fly-fishing only lake, so all fly fishermen need to step up and help put 300 or more bass into the holding pens. If the fly fishers are successful, the gear fishing event will be cancelled.

This is your opportunity to help save Davis Lake!

Each fish safely put into the pens will gain you a raffle ticket that may reward you with a quality rod, reel, line, fine artwork, or maybe even a guided fishing trip!

Saturday & Sunday June 10th & 11th

Lava Flow Campground

Potluck Dinner Saturday Night!

For more information, please contact Mark Benke at mark.benke@bendcable.com

Special thanks to the generous sponsors of this event, including the following:



Steele paves the road to better casting with P's

By Stan Steele

I have been Fly Fishing for many years, and as I look back at my progress in technique and casting ability, I realize that the road to get where I am now has been long and sometimes bumpy. Were it not for the help I got along the way, I might have given up long ago.

Instead, I believe there is still much to learn. Fly casting, to me, is a never ending journey. Although one can learn to cast, cast well enough to catch some fish, the road to fly casting excellence will seem to go on forever.

If you are like me, you want to continue to get better. Why just cast well enough to get by? Over the past several years I've discovered the three P's in Fly Casting; they are PRACTICE, PERSEVERANCE, and PATIENCE. First of all, if you really want to get better, you need to PRACTICE on a regular basis. Your practice routine should be well thought out and have specific objectives in mind.

In other words, practice to increase DISTANCE should be different than that of correcting a FAULT. Make sure that your practice goals are clear. Don't try to overcome the next hurdle until you've cleared the last one.

The second and third P is, PERSEVERANCE and PATIENCE, are the ones that will require some time. As you continue to practice, the skill required to reach the next level will become increasingly more difficult to achieve.

This is where PERSEVERANCE comes into play. In order to get where you want to be, "you must stay the course". Don't give up! No one said it was going to be easy.

Now that you are practicing on a regular basis and you're bound and determined to improve, we come to last P, PATIENCE. This might very well be the most important of all. One needs to be patient. The process you will be going through will take some time. Remember, if you will, that learning is not straight-line growth, but rather a series of plateaus.

Please be aware that you will stumble from time to time. The only real way to overcome this and become a better fly caster is to employ the three P's, PRACTICE regularly with specific goals in mind; PERSEVERE, don't give up and finally, have lots of PATIENCE.

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