

Santiam **Flycasters**

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In Search of the Golden Ghost

Time to explore those muddy looking Willamette sloughs and country ponds for the next great sport fish – carp, the bone fish of the Northwest. Join the Santiam Flycaster's and Andy Pibal, May 11th at 7 p.m. at Pringle Park Community Center, as he uncovers this forgotten fish.

Pibal has proven to be one of the sports most influential, knowledgeable and dedicated angler of this increasingly popular activity.

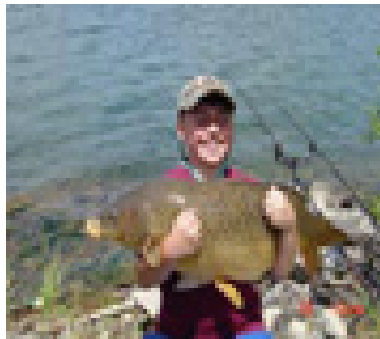
"Much has recently been suggested about carp on the fly, yet little is actually known," says Pibal, president of the Oregon chapter of the Carp Anglers Group.

Carp Anglers Group is an international consortium of dedicated anglers that promote fishing for carp.

These fish can grow to the excess of 50 pounds and have been know to take unsuspecting bass and trout anglers well into their backing.

Pibal's presentation will explore the flies that actually work, fly rods he has designed specifically for carp, and do his best to instill a contagious enthusiasm for the fish.

Carp water abounds everywhere. Even in our cool, clear running Northwest streams carp will be near. Back eddies and "frog water" on the lower Willamette can hold carp up to 25 pounds. These fish can be fought nearly anywhere in Oregon.



Could this be the next great sport fish?

What about the species bad reputation as a trash fish? "The bottom line is this: Carp are not responsible for their documented bad reputation as a 'Trash Fish' and slack water roughians. Human development is!

It is a testament to their hardiness and adaptability that these fish can survive in waters that no other fish can," Pibal said.

Is carp on the fly an easy pursuit?

"Oh, good grief no, but it's absolutely possible and exceptionally fun," says Pibal.

Pibal adds that most dedicated Steelhead anglers usually end up being the most ardent Carp anglers because of the fact that these fish do not give themselves up easily to the fly. According to Pibal they fight like tigers, put up long fights, break wills and fly rods.

"Any fish caught on a fly is fun. Any big fish caught on a fly is really fun. Any big, strong, spooky fish caught on a fly is really, really fun," says Pibal.

Pibal's carp presentation is Thursday, May 11th at 7 p.m., at Pringle Park Community Center located at 606 Church St. Salem.

For more information about Andy Pibal and Carp Anglers Group, visit www.oregoncarp.com.

Flycasters set to participate in the 4th Annual Youth Day

The 4th Annual Youth Day is rapidly approaching and a total of 310 participants have already signed-up. The Santiam Flycasters need volunteers to teach fly casting and tying at the event, Saturday, June 3, 2006 at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Refuge Area.

Flycasters will be joining forces with many organizations to host educational, recreational, and safety workshops for youth and parents to participate in.

Activities such as Sporting Clays, Archery clinics, Predator and waterfowl calling, no-trace camping, and a fishing derby will be hosted by a range of organizations.

These events are provided as a way to bring the youth of Oregon together to learn about conservation, hunting, fishing, and the great outdoors.

Please join Santiam Flycasters as we create a spectacular day of conservation, recreation, and education.

Contact Dan Shimek at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com to volunteer or more information.

If you would like to participate in the event, the cost is \$5 per person and early registration is recommended, as the event is limited to 600 youths. This is a sell-out event and registration closes May 25th.

Fee includes all sessions, lunch, and youths receive a t-shirt, raffle prize and goody-bag

E.E. Wilson Wildlife Refuge Area is located between Corvallis and Monmouth on Hwy. 99W.

Visit www.ducks.org to register, or for more information.

Renewals. May 12th is the last chance for membership renewals. Please contact Dan Shimek at [www.santiamflycasters@yahoo.com](mailto:santiamflycasters@yahoo.com) before May 12th to avoid being removed from the 2006 master roster.

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 May

This months general meeting at Pringle Park Community Center located at 606 Church St. Salem, May 11th, beginning at 7 p.m.

On the water for this month's club outing to the Metolius on May 19, 20 and 21st and the roadside clean-up of the SFC adopted section of Hwy 22 is Sunday the 21th. For details attend the general meeting for more information.

The Month Ahead

The general meeting at Pringle Park Community Center, June 13th at 7 p.m.

On the water for the club's outing to East Lake on June 17th. And again, at Fisherman's Bend State Park for the SFC picnic on June 22nd.

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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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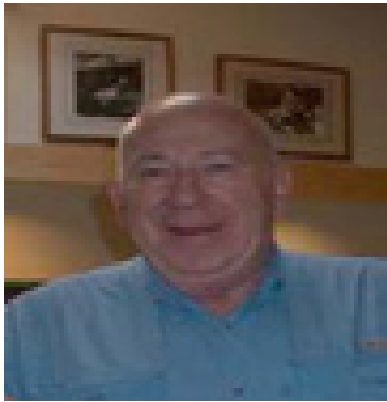
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John Daniel Callaghan

October 4, 1931 - April 13, 2006

By Keith Burkhart

One of the founding members of the Santiam Flycasters passed away on Thursday, April 13th. John Daniel Callaghan, better known as Dan Callaghan was instrumental in the founding of the Santiam Flycasters back in 1976.

An attorney by trade, Dan was an avid flyfisher and photographer and is best known for his beautiful photographs of the North Umpqua River. A series of Dan's photos of the North Umpqua capture the spirit of the river and it's steelhead like no others were featured in the Volume 1 Issue 4 and Volume 2 Issue 1, 2 & 3 of the "Art of Angling Journal".

Dan was very active in fisheries protection as one of the founders of the Steamboaters, the flyfishing and conservation club located on the North Umpqua and The North Umpqua Foundation. Dan was also legal counsel for the Federation of Fly Fishers for many years.

In 2003 as chair of the FFF Awards Committee, I was honored to present Dan with the Charles Brooks Memorial Life Membership. This award is presented to individuals who have shown a deep affection for the outdoors, and innovative fly tying, a background in publishing and serving the FFF. Dan took the photographs for Charlie Brooks' book "Yellowstone Country". Dan was the originator of the "Green Butt Skunk" one of the most popular steelhead flies in use today. Although not known as a writer, Dan's eulogy for longtime fishing buddy, Jack Hemingway was very moving. In the words of Peter Tronquet, then president of the Steamboaters, "it told the story of a great friendship, born of fly fishing adventure and reminding us to reflect on our friendship because the last cast in so far away".

It was during Dan's tenure as a commissioner of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission that the "Wild Trout Program" was established in Oregon. Dan was also awarded a "Wild Trout Award" by Oregon Trout.

Dan will be missed but his legacy of protection of our wild rivers and their fish, his beautiful photographs and memories of his friendship will live on forever.

The Woodstock of Spey casting events

Rub elbows with the best Spey casters and steelheaders in the world at the 2006 Sandy River Spey Clave, Saturday, May 14th and 15th at Oxbow Park on the Sandy River.

The Sandy River Spey Clave is a gathering of anglers interested in two-hand fly rod fishing with the purpose of exchanging casting and fishing information.

Sage, Rio, G. Loomis, Winston and Scientific Angler are just a few of the many outfitters who have sponsored demonstrations at the event.

Northwest and European fly fishing legends such as Steve Rajeff, Mark Bachmann, Ed Ward, George Cook, Englishman Simon Gawesworth, and Scot Andy Murray will provide a number of on-the-water presentations on techniques and innovations throughout the event.

The event is free to attend and a free lunch will be served in the middle of each day; however, Oxbow Park is a fee site and a charge of \$4 per vehicle is required at the gate. Camping is available at a first come, first served basis for \$15 a day. No dogs are allowed in the park.

The International Spey Page and Discussion Group inspired the Sandy River Spey Clave. For more information on the Sandy River Spey Clave visit, www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm.



The **April Fly Fair** was the delight of children and adults alike.

The event gained several new Santiam members and brought many old members together for some much needed conversing.

Attendees enjoyed casting demonstrations, fly tying clinics and some tasty treats that the ladies in the deli fixed.

The biggest hit of the day was the kids tying booth. Children loved tying woolly buggers. Many thanks to Steve Mock and Steve John for their patience and enthusiasm in pointing these youngsters in the right direction.

