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We fish, therefore, we lie

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.

October Outing- Deschutes River

October Program- Trapper Badovinac

Our speaker in October will be Trapper Badovinac of Helena Montana. Trapper is a fly fishing guide photographer and author who has written a book called "Fly Fishing Montana's Missouri River". His program will cover fly fishing opportunities on the Smith, Blackfoot (home river of Norman Maclean's "A River Runs Through It") and the blue ribbon stretch of the Missouri River. It promises to be a program not to be missed. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 13th.



The outing this month will be on the Deschutes River. We will be drifting from Warm Springs to Trout Creek on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Many members will be camping at Trout Creek a BLM campground for the weekend. We will be having a Potluck on Saturday night after the drift. The club will provide Barbequed Chicken. Because there is a campfire ban on the Deschutes until Oct. 16th, the outing is a week later than it originally stated in the January newsletter. As cold as it can be on the Deschutes, camping is just not camping without a campfire. Right Craig!!



If you plan on attending this outing don't forget your Deschutes River Pass, the BLM Boaters Pass web site is back up and running. For a link to the web site please visit our web site www.santiamflycasters.com Also don't forget your Tribal Pass is you want to fish the reservation side of the river. We will be leaving Trout Creek at 8:00 am Saturday morning if you want to carpool and will be pushing off from the boat ramp at Warm Springs and 9:00 am.



This Month's Activities:

Board Meeting:

Monday, Oct. 10th 7:00 p.m.
At The Valley Flyfisher

General Meeting:

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005
7:00 p.m. At Pringle Hall. 606
Church ST. in Salem.

Outing:

Where: Deschutes River
When: October 22nd
Notes: camping at Trout Creek

Great Time to Join the FFF

The Federation of Fly Fishers is starting a new membership drive and now is a great time to join. Every new member who signs up for a regular adult membership will receive a fresh water or salt water "Grab Bag" of Scientific Angler products, approximately a \$50 value. You will become part of the only organized advocate for fly fishers on the national and regional level, you will belong to the Oregon Council, one of the strongest councils in the nation and you will receive the Fly Fisher Magazine four times a year. A membership in the FFF helps conserve, restore and educate and that means rewards for fly fishers in the future. If you'd like to sign up, you can pick up a brochure at the SFC monthly meetings or at the Valley Fly Fisher. You can also contact the OR Council VP of Membership at hjv122@comcast.net.

Fly Tyers' Bench

October Caddis



Materials

HOOK: Tiemco 200R #8-#12.

THREAD: Black 6/0.

BODY: Blended orange ; white rabbit, orange Antron.

LEGS: Dark mottled hen saddle.

Hosmer Lake outing

Despite the snow on the ground Saturday morning and the rain that pounded my tent Friday night, the outing at Hosmer Lake was an enjoyable time. The fish were a little harder to bring to the boat this year, but everyone managed to land a few. I can say that I finally landed one of those big Brook Trout, you see swimming around in the canals. Other good news to share is Bill Allen, found his missing Force Fin that he lost early this summer at Hosmer. Only having one fin would explain why Bill seemed to be fishing in circles early in the day.



For Sale

For Sale: Sage DS2 5 weight, 2 piece, 9 foot rod. This is a great starter rod or young flyfishers rod. If you have graduated to an expensive rod, this is still a great second rod to have in your arsenal and is a perfect trout size. It's light enough for nice dry fly action but with enough backbone to toss buggers or stonefly nymphs.

The cost is \$125., about 1/2 of new price AND 100% of the sale of this rod goes to the Santiam Flycasters. Contact me @ WFM@adweb.net or (503)743-4282

Members Photo Area

A new feature on the Santiam Flycasters web site for this year is a members photo gallery, This is a place for you to share your fly fishing adventures, with all. You can submit photos to santiamflycasters@yahoo.com or bring them to the general meeting and the pictures can be scanned and placed on the web site. Please include a return address with your pictures if you bring them to a general meeting, so they can returned. This new feature, will only work if you the members submit photos and stories about your fly fishing adventures.

FIREWORKS AND CUTTHROATS

Over the Fourth of July weekend my aunt invited the family to her place in Post Falls, Idaho for a reunion, by coincidence I had scheduled a week of vacation on the same weekend. So as soon as I heard of the reunion I started looking at maps of the area for places to fish.

I looked at the map and found that Coeur d'Alene Lake was a bit overwhelmingly large so fishing it was pretty much out of the question. I had heard that there were some lakes in the area that had some pike in them, so I ask my dad, who had arrived earlier to do some research on the subject. He found out that Killarney Lake was supposed to have musky and/or pike.

Well as reunions go it was a good time. I got to see some relatives I had not seen in several years and met some new folks that are part of the extended family. We had a dinner at a nice restaurant on Houser Lake on Sunday the 3rd and a BBQ on the Fourth. Well after some good eats and some drinks we started to debate where we should view some fireworks. As it turned out no one could come to a decision as to where and how so we missed out on the major firework display put on by the resort Coeur D'Alene. Everyone started to turn in but my uncle suggested that we go to a local bar. Hey! I was on vacation so I tagged along. It was then that I discovered that Idaho has very loose laws regarding the use of fireworks, cool!

The locals were having a small firework show outside the bar, so we got our drinks and sat outside to watch. After that we went to another bar so my uncle could visit some old acquaintances. Okay, I have seen some pretty good firework displays, but the community of Stateline gets pretty wild on the Fourth. I felt like I was driving down the main drag in Baghdad. I had rockets flying over my Jeep, skipping across the road, and major air bursts for a couple of miles. Apparently, there is only one Sheriff for Stateline and he just drives through to make sure no one gets blown up. From what I gathered from the locals this display is an annual occurrence.

There are three major firework stands in a mile so they get to light off their remaining stock, not to mention if you have the money, you can pretty much buy any kind of firework you want on the local Indian reservation. From the looks of things, some people have a lot of money to blow up. We got to the bar at ten PM left at midnight and the show was still going strong.

Now for the fishing in the area, I did not get to fish for pike but I know where the two lake are that are supposed to



hold pike and musky. They are both part of the Chain Lakes area, as I mentioned before one is Killarney Lake the other is Rose Lake. Both easy to get to from I-90.

Earlier in the year I questioned Jim Scholmeyer about the St. Joe River which feeds Coeur D'Alene Lake. Jim told me that the best way to get there was to take I-90 to St. Regis, Montana and cut back over the Bitterroots mountains to the St. Joe drainage. I should have taken his advice, but I just had to take the long way. Coeur D'Alene Lake is really, really big and it takes a long time to get to St. Mary's and even longer to get from St. Mary's to the wild trout waters of the St. Joe River.

The St. Joe is a wide but shallow river in the wild trout reaches. It is crystal clear and is pocket water heaven. The first night I fished it just out from the campground I was staying at I hooked several fish, one that I was not able to land, was pretty big, easily over 15 inches. I was fishing my 2 weight so every fish I hooked was a fighter. I did take some heavier rods that I prefer to nymph with but did not once assemble them. The St. Joe, at least in July, is dry fly fishing central. On almost every cast I had a fish at least strike at my flies, in fact I only used three flies the whole time I fished, a yellow humpy, stimulator, and elk hair caddis. Not every fish I hooked or landed was a trophy but there were a loath of them and they were all wild cutthroat the largest I landed was around 18 inches.

The river is very accessible as the road follows it all the way to the last campground which is called Spruce Tree, I stayed at Fly Flats. I think you could stop anywhere along the river and find fish. But if you walk up from Spruce Tree along a well marked trail the fish seem to be larger and just a plentiful.

From my experience, the St Joe is worth the drive, but take Jim Scholmeyer's advice and go through St. Regis. On my way back to Post Falls I traveled that route and pretty much knocked off 3 hours of driving. I did stop in Kellogg, Idaho to see if the tram to the top of the mountain was running, it was. I hopped into one of the gondolas and took a leisurely 20 minute ride to the top of Kellogg mountain. From the tram you get a great view of the Northwest's largest Dodge dealership, that alone made the \$13.00 ticket worth it! I do know that the next time I am in the area I will be taking my mountain bike. There is an extensive trail network and you don't have to ride up the mountain!

I ended my trip on the Metolius, no big surprise there. But I definitely will be returning to the St. Joe



Harry in his new waders.. Now we hope to see you out fishing, so you can try them out.

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Next Month Meeting and Events:

General Meeting: Thursday, November 10th
 7:00 p.m. At Pringle Hall. 606 Church ST. in Salem
 Presenter: Richard Twarog- San Juan River in New Mexico

Outing: November 12th, Miami River for Chum Salmon

Membership Application

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Type of Membership (check box)

- Regular.....\$20.00
- Junior.....\$5.00
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