



Flycasters

Nymph Class

Chip O'Brien has graciously offered to teach a nymph fishing class to interested club members. The class will be held on the North Santiam River, in the Minto Creek area above Idanha (about a mile and a half before the Marion Forks restaurant), on Saturday, October 14th, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

The instruction will consist of roughly two hours of lecture/demonstration time, followed by a couple hours of research and development (fishing), with a half-hour break in between for a complimentary lunch.

We will meet for a carpool at the Sportsman's Warehouse parking lot at 7:00 am and plan on stopping for breakfast in Detroit around 8:15 am.

Here's a quote from Chip, which gives a broad overview of what to expect:

"We probably won't use floating strike indicators at all. We won't need them for short line and high stick nymphing. Best water is where you can wade within about 15 feet of the fish. The flows should be at least 3-4 feet deep. The best water is moving at a slightly fast walking pace. (It also helps if there happen to be a lot of fish around, just in case...)"

Here are some gear guidelines for the newer folks: Rods: 8-9 feet for a 3-6 weight line; floating line with a 9-foot leader tapered to 4-5X; a spool of 4-5X tippet material; lots of BB-sized split shot; nail clippers or nippers; and either some Pheasant Tail, Prince, Hare's Ear, or Brown Birds Nest Nymphs (preferably bead heads) in sizes #14, #16, & #18 (three of each size - I like the Flashback Bead-head Pheasant Tail).

You should also bring: waders, wading boots, rain jacket, polarized sunglasses, layered clothing (suitable for cold rainy weather), water & snacks.

Chip has both guided and taught fly-fishing for many years, so this is a great learning opportunity (especially for those of us who are new at it). Class size will be limited to 12 people,



therefore it would be wise to reserve yourself a spot sooner rather than later.

If you are interested, we would like to request you bring your fly-reel (loaded with a floating line) to the October meeting so Chip can attach a 12-14" red Amnesia butt section to your fly line. This will save time on the day of the class. This is an integral part of the nymphing method Chip will be teaching and it will not adversely affect your line, so you can just leave it on there permanently. For those of you who can't make the meeting (or forget to bring your reel), the club will also provide a few "loaner" reels that are already set up.

Please contact Terry Lawrence to RSVP (or if you have any questions) at: tlawrence7587@comcast.net; home phone: (503) 463-1814; cell: (503) 428-2148

Board Member 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 outing please join us. Just want to find out what goes on during the board meeting, or just want to share your opinion join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

Algebra On A Trout Stream

By Mike Laskowski – Taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club Newsletter

With all the new, super strong leaders and leader material on the market, some people are having trouble using the right tippet for the size fly they are fishing, and blaming it on the new fangled leaders.

Some of the old leaders and leader material still on the market are 2 lb. test with a 4x tippet size. The newer materials are 2lb. test with a 7x tippet size. A 4x tippet will cast a size 12 fly, but a 7x tippet will cause all kinds of problems. Yet they are both 2 lb. test!

Choosing the right tippet for your fly shouldn't be determined by lb. test. It is best determined by the diameter of the tippet. You don't have to carry a pocket calculator with you to figure out which size tippet to use, if you follow a few simple rules.

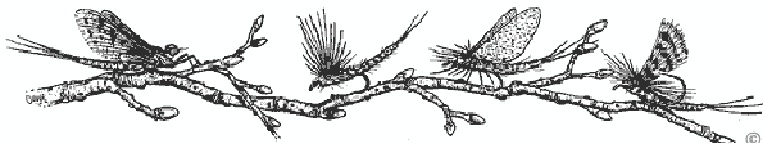
Let's start with leader basics. The tippet is the business end of the leader. This is the end you attach your fly to. A tippet is given an "X" number which is determined by its diameter, such as 1X, 2X, 3X, etc. This number, which is in thousandths, is easy to decipher using a simple formula: $11 - X = \text{DIAMETER}$.

Take for instance a 5X tippet. Using the formula, $11 - 5 = 6$. That means the 5X tippet is .006 in diameter.

The tippet must be attached to the fly you are using. There is a formula for this too. Divide the hook size you are using by 3. For example, if you are using a size 12 fly: $12 \div 3 = 4$, so you would use a 4X tippet.

There is some leeway due to different types of flies, wind, and water conditions. If you are using a sparsely tied spinner in a flat calm, you could easily go 1X size lighter.

Signs of using too light of a tippet are the fly spinning and twisting your leader, breaking off flies while casting, and poor turnover of the leader. If any of these are happening to you, go to the next size heavier tippet.



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It's That Time of Year!

The Annual Fish Fling is here, October 7, 2006. We will meet to carpool at the



south end (highway side) of the parking lot of Sportsman's Warehouse at 8:30. There will be hot coffee for those that need a pick-me-up. We are leaving the parking lot at 8:45 to drive up to the Marion Forks Fish Hatchery. Remember to wear cloths you don't mind getting very fishy smell.

After the fish fling we will be having hamburgers and hotdogs at the hatchery. We are going to do the road side clean up on our way back to Sportsman's Warehouse.

Up Coming Events

October

General Meeting

Presenter: Damien -Lower Deschutes Steelhead
When: October 12, 2006 @ 7:00 pm
Where: Pringle Community Building

Outing: Deschutes River (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)

When: October 21, 2006
Where: Camping at Trout Creek
Dinner will be Barbequed Chicken

November

General Meeting

Outing: Miami River

When: November 12, 2006
Where: Miami River
Lunch at Red Ford Ranger

For Sale

Pontoon Boat	\$300	
Float Tube	\$30	
12 x 10 Wall Tent w/ Stone		\$800
Pack Frame	\$60	

Call Bob Gabler 541-327-3941

"Rod & Reel Combo" 9' 10wt St Croix Legend Ultra 3 piece , Teton Trinity Reel to match, Rio 10wt multi-tip fly line \$475.00

Pontoon Boat (fully equipped) JW Outfitters Renegade 8' Includes fins, 2 anchors (10 & 15#), spare rod holder and pump \$350.00

Call Stan Steele—503-559-8081

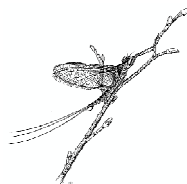
October Presentation-Damien Nurre

Lower Deschutes Steelhead



Damen Nurre has lived in Bend Oregon for the past 8 years, spending as much time as possible on the mighty Deschutes, chasing Redsides and summer steelhead. He is the head guide and our main Deschutes

River guide at Fly & Field Outfitters. He will touch on the fish as he see them, put ins, take outs, rapids, spey techniques, nymph fishing techniques, flies, and some of his own personal opinions about fishing on the Lower Deschutes based on his experiences.



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Membership Application

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$20 Family \$27.50 Youth \$5

Name _____

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Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) 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.

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