February Meeting: 2019 Annual Auction
Thursday, February 14

Come enjoy the Santiam Flycasters Annual Auction. Bring your significant other for this special Valentine’s Day event and enjoy a fabulous meal. Suggested donation for the dinner is $6.00 per plate. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at around 6:30 pm.

The auction will have around 100 items just waiting for your bid(s), including lots of fly fishing items (fly rods, reels, waders, boots, etc.), camping gear, clothing, fly tying tools and materials, fly fishing books and DVDs. Hand-tied flies by club members will be available for bidding and many other great items.

We will have several special items in our usual bucket raffle, so you can buy raffle tickets at our regular prices of $1 and throw them into the bucket(s) of your choice. Our live auction will start after dinner, at around 7:45 pm.

As usual, we have many premium items for the live auction, including: 2-night stay at a cabin on the Williamson River, a float-trip on the McKenzie River, an opportunity to fish one of the Oregon Fishing Club finest lakes, and a Redington switch rod and reel, donated by 2 Rivers Fly Shop.

The Annual Auction is our major fundraiser of the year. Come and enjoy this fun event while you support the club by bidding high and often on many of the great auction items.
President’s Corner
By Ricky Love

I hope you and your families are enjoying the New Year. The weather has actually been very nice and allowed us to get some fishing in. We enjoyed our first outing on January 26 at Lake Winema and the weather was great (see outing report). Ken Karnosh was able to get out to Detroit Lake to test the waters prior to our outing on February 9. He did fairly well netting 6 fish and hooking several others. There are definitely opportunities for fishing right now so take advantage of them.

Our biggest event of the year is just around the corner – Our Annual Fundraiser on February 14. Although the meeting is on Valentines Day, it’s the perfect place to bring your loved ones, friends, etc. and enjoy a great night with our club, bid on awesome items, enjoy a great meal, and raise lots of money for our club. We hope to see you all there.

Lastly, I really want to encourage you to attend the fishing outings if you can. If you lack fishing equipment or floating devices, it is no problem – we have you covered. If you are new or inexperienced, we will assign a trip mentor for you to assist in your success. During the last outing we had members attend who didn’t own floating devices – we provided pontoon boats for them. We also had our first trip where an inexperienced member requested a mentor and we provided a great mentor and one of our most experienced anglers – Beth. If you are getting to the age where you can no longer carry your floating device and all the gear, do not let that keep you from the outings. There are a few of us that own drift boats that will gladly row you around in our boats and assist you getting in and out of the boat, help set up your gear, etc. All you have to do is ask!

It’s Time to Renew Your Santiam Flycasters Membership

Don’t get left out of the campfire circle of any of the upcoming Santiam Flycasters fishing trips. There’s a seat waiting for you.

If you haven’t done so already, it’s high time you renewed your Santiam Flycasters membership for 2019. Membership expired on December 31. Dues for 2019 remain the same low price of $25 for individuals and $30 for families. Use the form on the back of the newsletter to renew your membership, or download the form from the Santiam Flycasters website (www.santiamflycasters.com). You can drop off the signed membership renewal form and payment at the upcoming auction meeting on Thursday, February 14, or mail it to: Santiam Flycasters, PO Box 691, Salem, OR 97308.

Note: This year we have a new membership option. You can become a life member for $250. As a life member, you will never have to remember to renew your membership again, or miss out on some great fishing.
SFC-Fish Electronic Message Board

One of the benefits of being a Santiam Flycasters member is having access to the SFC-FISH electronic message board. The message board gives members the opportunity to communicate with other about fly fishing and related topics. Once subscribed, you can post messages to SFC-FISH by sending an email to

sfc-fish@googlegroups.com

You will receive messages posted by other members via your email account. It’s as easy as that. To subscribe to SFC-FISH, simply send an email request to

santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

and we will subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board. Note: your SFC membership must be current to be a subscriber of SFC-FISH.

Detroit Lake Outing - February 9

On February 9, weather permitting, we will fish Detroit Lake. A floating device will definitely be the best option to fish it.

To get there, drive Highway 22 east and turn off at Mongold Boat Ramp a few miles above Detroit Dam. You can probably launch either at the old launch to the left or the new ramp to the right. Unless you have a 2019 annual State Parks pass, be prepared to pay the $5 daily use fee.

Suggested gear is 4-6 weight rods with intermediate or sinking line. Suggested fly patterns are the normal stillwater selection including woolly buggers, leeches, and other attractor patterns.

The club will not provide a meal, so remember your lunch.

Ken Karnosh is the outing leader so, if you have any questions, contact him by e-mail at KenKarnosh@gmail.com.

Fly Expo Silent Auction

Remember the Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo on March 8 and 9 at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany!

At the Expo, our club will again be running the silent auction and we need volunteers to staff that activity. If you can help for a shift (9:00-11:30, 11:30-2:00, and 2:00-4:30 each day), send Ken an e-mail at kenkarnosh@gmail.com. You will get free admission.

Mark your calendar for this event! Also, check out the class schedule on the Expo website and sign up to learn something new.
Welcome New Members in January

Chris Dudley, Salem, OR
David Frisendahl, Salem, OR
David Howard, Salem, OR
Larry Hughes, Salem, OR
Mark Rettmann, Scio, OR
Uriel Santana, Silverton, OR
Carmen Scherich, Crater Lake, OR
Lupe Vargas, Aumsville, OR
Kent Weber, Jefferson, OR

Fly Tying Group
We will meet on Wednesday, February 20 at Garibaldi’s Family Mexican Restaurant in West Salem from 6:00-8:00 pm.
Come, join us to tie, learn, or just visit about fishing.
We try to demonstrate a pattern to tie. Each person could also tie a pattern of their choice.
It is very laid back and is for all levels of tying ability.

Wi-Ne-Ma Lake Outing Report
By Leroy Shepherd

About 21 Santiam Flycasters escaped the cold and the fog of the Willamette Valley on Saturday January 26 to enjoy a balmy, clear day at Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp, soaking up sunshine on the lake. For the Oregon coast, it was difficult to realize that winter is still here. But for one day, for a few hours Wi-Ne-Ma Lake was still—except for the splash of flippers and oars and the occasional shout of “fish on!”

There were at least five folk for whom this was their first SFC Outing. Of those, this was also their first time stillwater fishing with a fly rod. I did hear that two of these also caught their first fish using fly equipment on a lake.

Other reports came in of one person who caught upwards of 15 of the native cutthroat. Of all catch reports, most were in the 8”-10” category, however Ken Karnosh netted a nice 14” fish — the biggest of the day.

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy warmed us as we gathered for lunch at the Dining Hall. Thanks to Jean and Jesse Shepherd for preparing the meal.

Thank you also to those who helped provide equipment, advice, and encouragement throughout the day. A good start to the new year.

If you have questions, contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or by phone at (541) 990-3964
Set Up Your Fishing Schedule for the New Year
2019 Fishing Opportunities with Santiam Flycasters

- Jan. 26 Winema Lake
- Feb. 9 Detroit Lake
- Mar. 23 Deschutes River* (Pine Tree to Beavertail)
- Apr. 27 McKenzie River (Hayden to Armitage Park)
- May 11 Olalla Reservoir
- May 18 Crane Prairie Reservoir
- Jun. 8 North Santiam River (Stayton to Shelburn)
- Jun. 29 East Lake*
- Jul. 13 Gold Lake*
- Jul. 17 Three Creek Lake**
- Jul. 27 Hosmer Lake*
- Aug. 10 Willamette River (Keizer Rapids to Wheatland)
- Aug. 24 South Santiam River (Pleasant Valley to Waterloo)
- Sep. 7 Umpqua River
- Sep. 14 Little Nestucca River
- Sep. 28 Diamond Lake*
- Oct. 5 Crooked River*
- Oct. 19 Deschutes River* (Warm Springs to Trout Creek)
- Nov. 2 Detroit Lake

*Denotes Meal Involved
** Wednesday (all other outings are on Saturdays)

Improve Your Fly Casting Skills

Saturdays—9:30 AM
Wallace Marine Park

Dwight Klemin, Casting Chair for the Club, announces your opportunity to improve your fly casting skills. Each Saturday at 9:30am at Wallace Marine Park on the Gravel Bar will be a session on the new Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skill Challenge: Bronze, Silver, Gold. This workshop will provide club members the needed information and skill to successfully complete the casting skills challenge.

Requirements for the Bronze Skill Challenge are:

- 40' Pick-up/Lay-Down (PULD) with two false casts
- Vertical to Horizontal cast at 40'
- Accuracy at 20' 30' 40'
- Distance of 50'
- Roll Cast 40'
- Non-dominant hand roll cast 40'
- Shoot 5' of line

The objective is to reward your casting skill and improve efficiency on the water. The Challenge verifies your skills as a fly caster and give you recognition of those skills.

Call or text for more information Dwight Klemin 503.302.9484

Last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

ODFW Headquarters

Santiam Flycasters started its partnership with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) back in 2009. For those of you that are not familiar with the program, PHWFF is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

The last Tuesday of each month, we meet at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife HQ. Our program teaches participants to tie flies from beginning through advanced skill level. In addition to tying we provide fishing education, build fly rods, teach casting and go on outings.

If you would like to learn more about the program feel free to come to our monthly meeting. You can also contact Kent Toomb at kent.toomb@gmail.com or call 541-990-3964.

ODFW HQ
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Salem, OR 97302
**Fly Of The Month**

**PERDIGON NYMPH**

*By Jim Ferguson*

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**Hook:** Jig hook, #14 -16 (#14 used in article)

**Bead:** Silver (or black) tungsten sized to match the hook (3.3 -2.5 mm)

**Thread:** Any color

**Tail:** 8-10 Coq de Leon Pardo fibers

**Body:** Rainbow Nymph-it thread or similar (flashabou)

**Collar:** Hot orange thread

**Body Coating:** UV-cure resin – an easy flow version

**Wing Case:** Black nail varnish

**Final body coat:** Clear nail varnish (Hard as Nails)

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The pattern above is from the winter 2016 edition of the “Fly Dresser: The Journal of the Fly Dresser’s Guild”, printed in England. That article, “Perdigon Nymph”, was written by Richard Ellis. He gives the Spanish definition of the word ‘Perdigon’ as being a pellet and refers to the perdigon flies being developed in the 1980’s in France. The Spanish anglers used them in competition to fish fast skinny water. The Coq de Leon feather used for the tail is a feather dating back to 1640. The Pardo variety has brown feathers with speckling. These feathers are very stiff and have a glassy appearance. Ellis states, “This pattern work(s) well either on the point or as a dropper fly…”

Charlie Craven wrote an article, “Perdigon Nymph”, for his Fly Tier’s Bench contribution to the Feb-Mar 2019 Fly Fisherman magazine. The main difference in pattern recipe is in Charlie’s choice of a #18 Firehole 317 hook which is more of a scud shape than jig style. Body material differs as well. Either version should fish well, especially in the cold winter or cooler spring waters.
**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Place the bead on the hook, and mount the hook in the vise (Fig. 1). Make a few wraps of lead free wire around the shank, and slide the bead and lead wire to the rear as in Fig. 2. Attach the tying thread behind the eye and lay a few layers of thread base in the front section of the hook as shown. Whip finish or half hitch the tying thread and cut the thread free from the hook.

2. Slide the bead forward. Slide and compress the lead-free wire into the space behind the bead as in Fig 3. This should help add weight as well as center the bead around the shank material. Attach the tying thread behind the bead and make several wraps to trap the wire in the hole at the rear of the bead. Wrap a thread base down the shank of the hook as in Fig.4. Head cement could be applied to these wraps at this time.

3. Select a Coq de Leon Pardo feather (Fig. 5). Pull the hackle fibers close to 90 ° to even up the tips and cut 8 – 10 fibers from the stem for the tail. Mount the tail fibers as in Fig. 6. By adding a turn of thread under the fibers and gently pulling the thread towards the eye you can get the tail fibers to splay out a little. Bind the hackle fibers down as you take the thread up to behind the bead.
4. At this point you can build the body up into a tapered carrot shape with the tying thread, or, you can attach some underbody (Uni-stretch underbody) material and build up the body shape more quickly as in Fig. 7. Charlie Craven used Veevus 140 fire orange tying thread from the start and used it to build up the underbody without having to change thread. Tie on the body flash material and wrap the material down on the shank to the rear (Fig. 8).

5. Take the tying thread to the front. Wrap a carrot shaped body using the flash material. Tie off the flash material and trim the waste as in Fig. 9. Use a whip finish or half hitch to secure the thread and trip off the tying thread. Attach the collar tying thread as in Fig. 10.

6. Using the hot orange collar thread, form the collar as in Fig. 11. Make a whip finish with the orange thread and trim the waste. Coat the body, collar, and joint between collar and bead with UV-cured resin. Cure the resin with the appropriate wavelength of UV light as in Fig. 12. Be sure to rotate the fly during this procedure to keep a bulge from forming.

7. Add a wing case by placing a spot of black nail varnish at the head as in Fig. 13. Here is where you have to be careful. Be sure the nail varnish and head cement or final coat varnish are compatible. Make sure the black nail
Varnish is dry before the next procedure. Cover the fly body, collar, and wing case with clear varnish. I used Hard as Nails on one version and Hard as Nails Topcoat on another. Both worked. Fig. 14 shows a top view. The black should be darker.

Fig. 13

Fig. 14

Fig. 15 below is an attempt to let you see the effect of the UV light on the hot orange collar and the iridescent foil used for the body. The coating on the body often enhances the light effect on the holographic tinsels.

Fig. 15

A couple more pictures from the Wi-Ne-Ma Lake Outing.

See you at the Auction!
The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is a group of men, women, and youths in the Salem area who have a common interest in fly fishing and have joined together to share their experiences and knowledge of the sport since 1975. The club was incorporated as an Oregon non-profit organization in March of 1977. The Santiam Flycasters, Inc. is affiliated with the Fly Fishers International.

The mission of the Santiam Flycasters is to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of every generation now and into the future. Through fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, the Santiam Flycasters can succeed in this mission.

We meet in Salem the second Thursday of each month (no meeting in July)
at the Pringle Park Community Building
606 Church Street at 7:00 pm.
www.santiamflycasters.com

Mail the completed signed form to: The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308, or drop it off in person at our next meeting. "Memberships are from January 1st through December 31st. For new members, there is a 50% reduction after July 1st. There is no midyear discount for Life Membership.

Life membership -- $250   Regular -- $25   Family -- $30   Youth--$10

NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: ______________________________________________________________________

PHONE: _______________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: _______________________________________________________________________________________  

FAMILY MEMBERS: ____________________________________________________________

Are you an FFF Member?   Yes   No

Are you interested in obtaining an SFC Name Tag?   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 waiving 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.

X ___________________________ ___________________________ __________________________________________
Signature                        Print Name                  Date