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Presidents Message:

Spring is finally here! The fishing is already great if you get to the right places. Two groups of anglers have already been to Monroe Reservoir, with great success; lots of fish and lots of big ones. Unfortunately, I woke up with a really bad cold at 6:30 the morning yours truly was scheduled to go there, so I am reporting only hearsay. Since all the reports I received were from fishermen, you have to take them with the usual grain of 

Kokanee Karnival at Shevlin Park was again a smashing success. The event was spread over 7 days, and involved 13 classes of school kids. Our club serves the lunches and 34 volunteers served up 700 hot dogs and all the traditional fixings. Thanks to all of you who turned out, and a very, very special thanks to Jack and Donna McDonnell, who organized everything for us again, and worked all 7 days.

The first outing at the Metolious is on June 4, 5 & 6. Plan on going at least one of those days. Contact either Steve Ashton or Chuck Devine, the outing chairs for this first one. The Diamond Lake trip will be on June 18-20. Don't miss that one either. The Board authorized Alan Stout, our overall outings chair, to purchase rod, reel and line combos for members use, so not having the best gear in the world is no excuse. We'll provide it for you. Just show up, catch fish, mingle, and have fun.

Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 9th at Caldera Springs. Gary Gehlert is again our leader on that effort. We'll be looking for volunteers at the monthly meeting on May 17. Please sign up to help if at all possible.

Speaking of the May meeting, our program will be Fred Foisset talking about steelhead on the Trinity River, and an exciting new opportunity he is offering right here in our back yard. Mark your calendars; you do not want to miss this one! Fred will also give us some information about the Fly Fishing Festival he is in the process of organizing right here in Sunriver. It will be on Saturday, September 29, and should be a lot of fun, and very educational. I expect The Anglers will be involved.

The annual Fish Fry is coming up on Saturday, July 21, at Fort Rock Park. Ticket packages will be going out soon. Lots of workers are needed for that one, as you all well know, and we'll begin signing up folks in May on that as well.

The ODFW Tui Chub grant application has been approved by the Restoration and Enhancement Board, and now goes the Fish and Wildlife Commission for final approval. The grant will provide funds to hire OSU Cascades interns to work the traps at Paulina, East and Big Lava Lakes, so it looks like we won't have to use our own aging backs to do that this year.

Remember, the fish won't come to you!

Mal



Finally!

Who We Are:



The Sunriver Anglers Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, education and promotion of responsible angling in the high desert region of Central Oregon. More information can be obtained by writing to P. O. Box 4273, Sunriver, OR 97707 or looking at our website. <http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

SRA's May Board Meeting Highlights:

The Minutes of the April 5, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The storage locker in the Business Park is now in our name only. Rent is \$75.00 a month.

Fly Fishing Festival: Fred Foisset is planning a one day event including activities in the mall and on the river on Sept. 29.

Purchase of Rod, Reel, and Line Packages for Outings: Dave Long moved that we approve an amount not to exceed \$1000 for this purchase. Dave Schmerber seconded. Motion carried.

Kokanee Karnival Shevlin Park: This event is spread over 7 days and included 13 classes. Our club provides lunch for the participants. Thirty-four volunteers served 700 hot dogs to the participants. The kids are always appreciative. Thanks to Jack and Donna McDonnell for all of their hard work.

Free Fishing Day: June 9, 2012. Planning is going as scheduled. Volunteers are still needed. Please help if at all possible.

Fish Fry Status: Two large deck chairs from Lee Ann Ross have been donated for the auction. Dave Long will store them. Fort Rock Park has been reserved. Assignments are out to members. Quincy Street will provide entertainment for the event.

ODFW Tui Chubb Grant Application: The Grant has been approved by the Recreational Enhancement Board and now is in front of ODFW. The grant will provide funds for OSU Cascades students to trap Chubb in East, Paulina, and Big Lava Lakes.

Old Business:

Donation to Sunriver Music Festival: It was decided to provide them two Christmas Dinner tickets for their Festival Faire auction.

Format Changes for Christmas Dinner: A variety of changes are being considered. Further discussion will take place at a future Board Meeting.

Fly Tying 101: Phil Fischer has agreed to do some fly tying instructing prior to the Diamond Lake Outing. Class will probably be limited to a maximum of eight.

It was agreed that we would get Marv Yoshinaka's input before selecting our Fred Baker Scholarship award winners.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday June 7, 2012, Sunriver Lodge, 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

SRA May Meeting: Steelheading the Trinity River



An average day for many Central Oregon Steelhead fishermen is probably experiencing a tug or two, maybe even a take-down, and in a few cases actually fighting and landing a fish. Well the May Sunriver Anglers' presentation will feature Fred Foisset, owner of the Hook Fly Shop in the Village sharing his exploits on the Trinity River in Northern California which will include documented stories of Kim C lark hooking/landing over sixty (60) fish in two days. Sound impossible? Come and listen to Fred's presentation on Thursday May 17, 7 pm at the Sunriver Fire Station meeting room.

The Trinity River is a small river commonly flowing between 325 and 425 cfs during the months of December to February when steelhead are targeted. Imagine a river twice the width of the Crooked and flowing through picturesque mountain canyons with an abundance of fish as over 30,000 steelhead return each year. These are quality steelhead averaging in size between four and eight pounds with the exception being up to 12 pounds. Below Lewiston Hatchery and dam, the river is protected from large fluctuations and color changes as few feeder streams enter the river in the first two miles below the dam.

No need to be a great caster as most casts are less than 30 feet and normally all roll casts. A 14 solid floor raft is Fred's watercraft of choice as it is easily maneuvered and can be rowed back upriver to fish good holding water. Nymphing is standby method to hook fish and traditional swinging can be done on selected pools. It is also great for anglers with bad knees who find wading difficult as most fish can be landed from the raft or you can choose to wade fish as well .

The gear of choice is a six to eight weight switch rod with floating line. All equipment is provided including waders if you desire. These are "dark to dark" trips as Fred describes them or you can shorten the day and plan for an earlier take-out. Many time fish are visually located and the challenge is on to place a fly exactly in that little slick next to a rock and watch the take, exciting!

With seven years of experience on the Trinity Fred has many Sunriver Anglers who will share their stories, although Fred indicated an average day will be between six and nine hook-ups per day. Rumor has it that Marv Yoshinaka and a friend hooked 28 and landed 19. Sounds like Alaska. Then there are additional stories floating around from Terry Dahlquist, Mark Baldwin, Mike Bender, and even Brooke Snavely. Next time to you these club members check out their stories.

The Sunriver Anglers Club invites members and guests (both fly fishermen and fly fisher ladies are welcome) to its monthly meetings.

For information and current club newsletter, visit www.sunriveranglers.com. Direct questions about the club to president Mal Murphy at 541-593-2641

SRA's First 2012 Outing: Metolius River

Our first outing for 2012 will be June 4th, 5th and 6th at Smiling River Campground on the beautiful Metolius River. This campground is right on the river and is near Camp Sherman. You can reserve a campsite through Reserve America at www.recreation.gov or 888.448.1474. If you have a Golden Age Pass, have your pass number ready to get one-half off the price.

We hope to have a steak dinner get-together the second night (June 5th). This dinner is still in the planning stages by our group leaders. The campsite could fill up as this is a popular area in the summer. Hopefully the fishing, insects and weather will cooperate but even if they don't, it is still a great place to be.

Possible flies to consider bringing are golden stone flies, PMDs (pale morning duns—both dries and nymphs, sz. 16), green drake mayflies, green rock worm (caddis), lightening bugs, pheasant tail nymphs, salmonflies, elk hair caddis or x-caddis and big streamers if you want to search for bull trout. Use long 12-15' leaders down to 6x size unless you're trying for bull trout. If you use fluorocarbon leader, then you can move up the size to 5x or 4x.

Please contact our group leaders: Steve Ashton at steve@leanpower.com or 541.593.7656 or Chuck Devine at cedevine@chamberscable.com or 541.593.1539 to advise them of your attendance.

By: Alan Stout, Outings Director

Fly of the Month: Green Drake Emerger and Dun

Tied & written by Alan Stout



The Metolius River is well known for its green drake mayfly hatch in late May and June, which is when we will have our first outing on June 4th, 5th, and 6th. This pattern is based on a fly from *Fly Patterns of Yellowstone* written by Craig Matthews and John Juracek. Craig Matthews owns and operates the premier fly shop in the Yellowstone area, Blue Ribbon Flies. He kindly permitted me to use fly patterns from his books.

Hook: Mustad 94831 in sizes 10 or 12, or Orvis 1526 3 x long size 14, or TMC 5212 sizes 12 or 10.

Thread: Olive.

Tail: Moose body hair 6 or 7 fibers half the length of the body.

Abdomen: Dub olive-brown poly-blend or dub olive fur or olive superfine.

Ribbing: Yellow polyester thread.

Hackle: Tie in grizzly saddle or grizzly neck dyed yellow-olive ahead of abdomen but do not wrap hackle turns yet.

Wing: Dyed gray (medium dun) coastal deer hair. Next tie in the deer hair wing. After wing is added, then wrap hackle 1 or 2 turns behind hair wing and 2 or 3 turns in front of wing.

See you on the Metolius!

Note: Craig Matthews' pattern does not include the deer hair wing and he ties the hackle swept back so it is characteristic of an emerger which would float low in the water. Some other patterns cock the hair wing forward at a 45° angle to imitate the emerger. Try the fly both ways with or without the deer hair wing.

Make your reservations today for the Smiling River Campground (Metolius River Outing) for June 4, 5 & 6. 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov or www.hoodoo.com. Better do it today.

SRA Upcoming Events:

May 17	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 Pm Sunriver Fire hall. Speaker, Fred Foisset on Trinity River steel-head and a "classical" fishing opportunity on the Upper Deschutes.
June 4, 5 & 6	Metolius outing, Chuck Devine and Steve Ashton, leaders.
June 7	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge
June 9	Free Fishing Day, Caldera Springs
June 21	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC - <u>Note change in location!</u> Phil Fisher will provide the program.
June 18-20	Diamond Lake Outing, Gary Gehlert, Dave Schmerber and Alan Stout, leaders.
July 5	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge
July 9	Big Lava Lake Outing, Dave Long and Mark Baldwin, leaders.
July 21	Fish Fry, Fort Rock Park
August 2	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge
August 16	Anglers Picnic, Fall River Hatchery
August 28	East Lake Outing, Mal Murphy, Pete Gustavson and Curtis Sexton, leaders.
December 12	Christmas Banquet, Great Hall

Remembering the Captain: By Gordon Chandler



A few days ago I heard the sad news that Bob Mullong passed away. Also known as "Bob the Fish Guy", "Captain Caddis", or just "The Captain", he was a key member of COF for many years and would appear prominently in any "History of COF" that could be compiled. His importance to the club is a story that should be told, but instead I would like to take a few paragraphs to recount some personal memories and to tell a little about who he was, rather than focus on the many things he did for the club.

He was one of the most memorable individuals I have ever met. Although he was not among the best fly fishers I have known, he was at the top of the list of people I most enjoyed going fishing with. A Bob Mullong camping trip was something not to be missed, even if he did have an uncanny knack for picking the most mosquito-infested camp spots in Central Oregon.

I met "The Captain" shortly after I joined COF. It was early in the club's history. COF was meeting then at the old fish hatchery building that once stood next to the pond in Shevlin park, but that structure burned down many years ago and was eventually replaced with Aspen Hall. The old hatchery building was drafty and cold in the winter, but it had a large stone fireplace that helped a little. It was rustic, small, and unpretentious. Bob Mullong fit right in there.

I had joined COF because I was just beginning to get serious about fly fishing and wanted to receive the club newsletter, attend some programs, and meet some people to go fly fishing with. At my first COF meeting I noticed Bob sitting at one of the tables trying to tie flies and not doing very well at it. He was a short guy with a long white beard in a road-weary flannel shirt. He looked a little like some aging hippy. Later I found out that his favorite fly fishing book was "The Curtis Creek Manifesto". Very appropriate.

I think I appeared vividly on The Captain's radar when I was taken to a fishing spot on the upper Crooked River that Bob considered to be his. Thom Porterfield had taken me to a small section of river upstream from Prineville Reservoir to fly fish for bass. The Captain had shown Thom the location a week or so prior. When he heard about my trip with Thom I think The Captain regarded me with some suspicion as a kind of interloper, but that soon passed as we became friends.

Remembering the Captain: Continued

I really got to know The Captain much better when I became president of COF. This was decades ago and I was still relatively new to fly fishing, plus I had never held any sort of leadership position. I felt a little out of my comfort zone. The Captain more than anyone else made me feel right for the responsibility. The Captain was the club treasurer at the time, and was the guy that picked up the club mail from our post office box. He would notify me of new members and other club business. He was very supportive and full of ideas for the club. He had been involved in habitat projects on Tumalo Creek (one of his favorite fishing destinations) and had been involved in some hatch-boxes that the club operated. This was before the youth program that The Captain was instrumental in starting, the program that eventually became Kokanee Karnival.

For a while The Captain was also on the board of the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He was on the S.T.E.P Steering Committee. He was on the Restoration and Enhancement Board and eventually became the board's chairperson. He participated in the Angler Education program, contributing over 1,700 hours as a volunteer instructor beginning in 1993. As "Bob the Fish Guy", He was the face of COF to countless school kids when we started doing classroom incubators. There are undoubtedly many other things that I am leaving out of this piece but as I said in the beginning I really just wanted to share a few memories.

I went on numerous fishing trips with The Captain. Actually I should probably refer to them as camping trips rather than fishing trips. The Captain always did more camping than fishing. He would usually show up driving an aging van (he owned two well-traveled vans during the time I knew him). The van was always stocked to the gills with an assortment of fishing gear (not all of it fly fishing), camping gear, and other essential provisions. Tackle boxes piled upon plastic tubs piled upon boxes filled the back of the van. How he could keep track of everything in there is a mystery to me, but he seemed to have an accurate mental inventory of everything.

These camping trips were occasions for enjoying friendships and the outdoors. Fishing was often just the excuse for a pleasant day near a river or lake with friends. His wife Betsy frequently accompanied him. Other club members and people from outside the club often showed up. Many of the people who I have come to consider my friends I met directly or indirectly through The Captain.

There was the time in 1991 that I got a call from The Captain about a new member with an unusual name - Raven Wing. He thought I should investigate. Raven and I eventually became fishing partners and are best friends to this day. A couple years later I got another call from The Captain about another new member - Bob Griffin. The Captain said Griffin was new to town and new to the club and was interested in going fishing with a club member on the Crooked River - BELOW the reservoir. Bob Griffin and I have subsequently become good friends and frequent fishing partners.

I remember an occasion as COF President when I was having a hard time getting a guest speaker for the club's monthly meeting. It was during the summer and The Captain suggested that instead of having a speaker we should have a club picnic for the monthly club meeting. It sounded like a good idea to me and so the tradition of the COF Annual Picnic began.

In recent years The Captain rarely attended monthly meetings despite his continued involvement in the club. He remained active in our youth program, and organized an outing to Prineville Reservoir to fly fish for crappie. Despite being absent at monthly meetings for the past few years, The Captain was almost always at the annual picnic.