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<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

Co-Presidents' Message

On November 13, the Board of Directors and a number of former Board members attended a planning retreat to review the Sunriver Angler's mission, current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the club. We also reviewed current trends in greater Sunriver communities' volunteer groups and area demographics. Jane Boubel led the group in a planning exercise to develop a group consensus on the club's focus in 2015. The results of the meeting will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at its December meeting. The Board will issue a communication to members following the board meeting.

Invitations to our Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction will be e-mailed soon. The menu is listed under [Club Meetings and Events](#).

There are two events in 2015 that are not to be missed. The Winter Fishing Seminar will be held Saturday and Sunday February 21 & 22, 2015 at the Bend River House & Convention Center. Second, the International Fly Fishing Federation (IFFF) celebrates its 50th Anniversary this summer. This landmark event concerns both the history and the future of the federation. The program will take place at the River House Convention Center in Bend on August 11-15, 2015. More information in the [Future Events](#) section.

This fall, the Central Oregon fishing community, including several SR Anglers, came together to rescue trapped fish in the Deschutes River. See Phil Fischer's article in the [Conservation](#) section.

The Sunriver Anglers are now registered with the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. By linking your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Sunriver Anglers we will start receiving donations every quarter. More information in the [Other News](#) section.

Bob and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you on December 10 at our Christmas dinner.

Co-Presidents

Jerry Hubbard & Bob Hickman

Recreation and Outings

Stay tuned for 2015 outings

Club Meetings and Events

Sunriver Anglers Board of Director meetings, first Thursday of the month, 8 am to 9:30 am.

Location varies.

NOTE: Next board meeting will be held in December 4.

Sunriver Angler Educational Meetings, third Thursday of the month, Sunriver SHARC, 6:45 to 8 pm. Members and public invited.

Nov. 20 "Report on Chub Removal on East and Diamond Lakes"

Jennifer Luke of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will present the Department's chub trapping results for East Lake. Trout fisheries at East, as well as other Central Oregon lakes, have been impacted by the illegal introduction of tui chubs. ODFW, assisted by volunteers, including the Sunriver Anglers, has been attempting to control these fish through trapping and other means. Jennifer will be joined by Brett Hodgson, ODFW District Fish Biologist, who will speak about his program to improve fishing on the Fall River.

Jennifer Luke is a natural resources management graduate from the University of Vermont. She has been with ODFW for 16 years and, among other duties, has been involved with chub trapping. The trapping program at East Lake has been in place since 2010. ODFW has also been overseeing chub trapping at Paulina and Lava Lakes and Jennifer will update club members on those efforts as well. Brett Hodgson has been with the Upper Deschutes District for the last six years. The Fall River program involves evaluating two different hatchery stocks of rainbow trout and determining if the stocks differ in their propensity to migrate out of the river. ODFW is also evaluating other trout species for the same issue, including wild rainbows, brown trout, and brook trout.

Both Angler members and non-members are welcome at this meeting which will begin at 7 pm on November 20. However, many guests arrive early, around 6:45, to swap fish stories prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Dec. 10 **Sunriver Anglers Holiday Party**



Sunriver Resort Great Hall

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

5:30 pm Reception, No Host Bar, Silent Auction

6:30 pm Dinner

Cake Dash

\$65 per person

Reservations due by December 4

Send your check and meal selection to Jack McDonald, Sunriver Anglers, PO Box 4273, Sunriver OR 97707

NOTE: If you want to pay your 2015 dues of \$30, please include with your dinner reservation.

Menu

Fresh Baby Spinach Salad
Roasted Beets, Goat Cheese and Hazelnuts
Champagne Vinaigrette
Artisan Rolls and Butter

Choice of:

Grilled Rib Eye Steak

Topped with Wild Mushroom Demi-Glace and Fresh Pickled Horseradish
Rouge Creamery Blue Cheese Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Baked Grouper

Sweet Potato Crusted and Drizzled with Andouille Honey Bourbon Cream
Nut Wild Rice Pilaf
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Stuffed Bell Pepper

With Quinoa, Spinach, Tomato, Artichoke and Feta Cheese
With a Roasted Onion Jam

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Selection of Harney Teas

NOTE: The dinner invitation and 2015 member registration will be e-mailed to members.

Jan. 2015 - Topic TBD. Beer tasting by the Sunriver Brewing Company starts at 6 pm.

For more information about club events, visit www.sunriveranglers.org

Past Meetings and Events

Highlights of the November 6, 2014 Board Meeting

Jack gave financial review. We have \$15,951 cash on hand. About normal for this time of year. Not much activity in October.

A new way of paying club dues thru Pay Pal was discussed.

A work session is planned for next week to discuss the challenges facing the clubs future.

A wide range of topics including, fundraising, activities, education, leadership development, and others will be discussed.

The nominating committee is seeking interested members for President and Vice-President as well as Board positions.

Plans for the Christmas Banquet are well underway. Menu, auction items, and other plans were discussed.

Submitted by: Dave Schmerber

Our **October membership meeting** was held at the Crosswater Club. Pat Windsor presented a show on his outdoor and underwater photography. The dinner event was attended by 39 Anglers and friends. The trout was delicious and the photos were amazing.

Future Events

❖ Winter Seminar

Saturday and Sunday February 21 & 22, 2015

Bend River House & Convention Center

The Winter Seminar is a two-day event conducted every other year and hosted alternately by COF and the Sunriver Anglers. This upcoming event will be hosted by COF and we are pleased to have world renowned angler and conservationist, Craig Mathews of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop, West Yellowstone.

Craig and his wife Jackie have won numerous conservation awards for their environmental work, including "The Protector of Yellowstone National Park Award" presented by Yellowstone National Park, both The Nature Conservancy and Greater Yellowstone Coalition's coveted conservation business of the year awards, and many more. Craig was Fly Rod and Reels "2005 World Angler of the Year," Trout Unlimited's "Stream Champion" in 2011, and honored with the Fly Tyer Magazine "Lifetime Achievement Award."

Craig has authored and co-authored 9 important books on fishing. His latest, "Simple Fly-Fishing with Tenkara," was released in April 2014 and co-authored with Patagonia Inc. founder, Yvon Chouinard.

Craig co-founded *1% for the Planet*, an alliance of businesses that donates 1% of their gross sales to researched and approved conservation causes. To date, 1% for the Planet has donated over \$135 million to conservation and environmental programs.

Craig still ties 500-750 dozen flies each year. He enjoys writing and is working on another book this winter.

Registration will begin December 10, 2014. Look for an upcoming announcement via e-mail on the 10th.

- Eric Steele, (541-549-2072 steelefly2@msn.com)

❖ IFFF 50th Anniversary Homestay Program

Bend, Oregon River House Convention Center

August 11-15, 2015

In 2015, IFFF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, a landmark event that celebrates both the history and the future of the federation. The celebration will take place in Bend, Oregon, the ideal time to welcome global affiliates to our U.S. home and to showcase our international credentials. Our IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend includes international participants at every level of the program. We want a global perspective in as many forums as we can, from fly tying to casting demonstrations and even competitions.

We are looking for members of local fly fishing clubs who would be willing to host our global members by participating in the IFFF's Homestay Program. The IFFF meeting will be held in Bend from August 11 to 15, 2015, at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

The Homestay program will involve hosting an IFFF member from a foreign country during the week of the IFFF's International Fly Fishing Fair, probably from August 10 to 16. In exchange, the host member would be able to stay as a guest in the foreign visitor's home for a week. Participation in the program would also include taking the foreign guest fishing on a local stream or lake during the week and providing transportation from the host's house to IFFF events. Presently, the IFFF is expecting about 18 people from foreign countries including Japan, England, Norway, and

Australia.

This would be a great chance to host a fellow angler, meet some interesting people, improve international (fishing) relations, and get a chance to travel to a foreign country to fish. Volunteers should contact Marv Yoshinaka at mpyosh@chamberscable.com or 541-593-5461. They can also contact Kuni Masuda, (IFFF Board of Directors) at klmasuda@yahoo.com, 360-573-3310 or 408-406-8830 cell.

Other News

Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program – The Sunriver Anglers are now registered!

Dear Non Profit Organization 87237 – Sunriver Anglers:

Congratulations on enrolling in Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program. Your supporters can link their Rewards Card to your non-profit at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You have been assigned NPO number 87237. Please refer to this number when you communicate with your supporters so they can use it to link their card to your organization.

By following this [link](#), you can download a one-page Microsoft Word document explaining the program in further detail. You can also personalize it for your non-profit and use it to promote the program to your supporters.

Thank you
The Fred Meyer Community Rewards Staff

Fly Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer

LBL – Little Black Leech



I first learned about fishing leeches in Idaho's Henry's Lake some years ago. I had just bought a brand new Bucks Bag donut float tube and I was eager to try it out. I launched it near the Staley Springs Boat launch and kicked out past the weed line and started fishing. It was a pretty warm day and fishing was slow, almost to a point where the process of casting and stripping my Halloween leech, a Henry's Lake standby, put me into a trance. After an hour of gently kicking my way over to the Stump Hole and almost napping, I was suddenly jolted awake with an aggressive strike. I lifted the rod and nothing. Wide awake now, I cast to the same general area, and the second time this fish didn't miss. After playing it to net, I lifted the fish onto the 22 inch measuring gauge on my tube and the tail flopped 2 inches past the last mark. A 24 inch Cuttbow from Henry's Lake! This was the largest fish I had ever caught in my life. And I caught it on a leech in my new float tube. That evening back at the Elk Creek Ranch I confronted the fly shop owner who sold me this float tube. In a loud voice I said, "That tube you sold me is defective". Defensively Andy said "what?" "Several other fishermen overheard the conversation and moved in closer to hear what was wrong with my new tube. I repeated, "That float tube you sold me is defective. The measurement gauge on the stripping platform only goes to 22 inches. It is not big enough!" Well Andy got a hearty laugh when he realized that meant I had caught a big fish on the maiden voyage in my new tube. Time and time again since that day on Henry's Lake I have used a favorite leech pattern as the first fly of the day.

Leeches are an important food source in many lakes, including those in Central Oregon. They swim in an undulating motion through the water. And trout love them. Most are about 1-3 inches long and the color varies from tan to olive, brown, rust and black, most often taking on the color of their environment. Leeches are good swimmers, so a moderate to fast retrieve is often the ticket. I like to take 6" strips, with pauses periodically on an intermediate line. Most of the leech patterns I tie are lightly weighted in the front of the fly to help the fly rise and fall while being stripped, imitating the snakelike swimming motion of the natural. I often put just a touch of flash in the tail that helps draw attention to the fly. Depth is usually pretty important. So a good practice is to cast, pause and count to ten to let the fly sink before stripping it back. If that doesn't draw a strike, let the fly sink deeper on the next cast with a count to fifteen. Keep adjusting until you find the preferred depth for the fish that day.

One of the patterns that I turn to regularly is the subject of this month's article, the LBL, or Little Black Leech. The LBL is simple to tie, yet effective in a wide variety of lake situations. I used a red glass bead at the head, and wrapped about 4-5 wraps of lead behind the bead to help lightly weight the fly. I also use a short shank Daiichi 1530 hook in size 10. While leeches are long and skinny while swimming, by using the shorter shank hook I have more gape to help hook fish versus a longer shank size 12 or 14. The fly ends up being about the same size as on a smaller hook, but the wider gape of a size 10 is much more effective in hooking fish. I also tie similar patterns including an Olive, Brown, and Tan Leech, and a variety of shades and colors in between to make sure I cover the spectrum of leeches encountered in our local lakes. I blend most of my own dubbing so I can come up with many different shades to match the natural as needed.

LBL – Little Black Leech Pattern Recipe:

Hook:	Daiichi 1530 size 8-12 hook
Thread:	Black Danville 70 Denier (6/0)
Bead:	7/64" Metallic Red Glass, Brass or Tungsten Bead to match desired sink rate
Tail:	Black Marabou with 3-4 strands of red Krystal Flash or similar
Body:	Black Simi-Seal (75%) blended with Red Trilobal dubbing (25%)

Tying Instructions:

1. Place the glass bead on the hook. Lock it in place at the eye of the hook with 3-4 wraps of .015 gauge lead wire.
2. Trim a clump of marabou fibers off the stem of the feather and tie in right behind the lead wire and back to the tail set position. The tail should extend about 1 ½-2 times the length of the hook.
3. Tie in 3-4 strands of red Krystal Flash to extend the length of the tail on both sides of the hook.
4. Blend the dubbing using a blade type coffee grinder to blend the fibers together. Spin a sparse amount of dubbing onto the thread leaving the fibers loose so they will flare while winding from the tail set position on the hook to the head of the fly. Use a bodkin or dubbing needle to tease a few of the fibers out of the dubbed body. Alternatively, spin the fibers into a dubbing loop and wind it forward from the tail set position to the head.
5. Whip finish and lightly glue the head.

Conservation

Deschutes River Fish Rescue

October 2014

Story and Pictures by Phil Fischer



The side channel just below Lava Island Falls on the Deschutes River is a Redband Rainbow Trout Nursery. Water from the main river flows freely in this channel throughout the summer and young trout thrive. But come fall, flows out of Wickiup Reservoir are reduced dramatically, and water ceases to flow in this side channel, stranding thousands of trout, whitefish, sculpin and other species. In 2014, the Bend Casting Club rallied support from numerous volunteers, including from the Sunriver Anglers and Central Oregon Flyfishers. ODFW and the Forest Service took the lead in shocking and netting stranded trout. The volunteers provided support in moving the stranded fish back to the river in a bucket brigade. Overall, 51 volunteers committed almost 300 hours of time to help move almost 7,000 fish.

I had the opportunity to volunteer one day and it was a very inspiring, educational and rewarding experience. From carrying buckets, to assisting in capture, to counting and releasing fish to the river, it made me proud to be a part of the fly fishing community that cares so much for protecting our resources.

After 3 days of work, the final count was 4,968 Juvenile Redband Rainbow trout, 111 Redbands between 6" and 12", 26 brown trout, 938 sculpin, 764 whitefish and 95 kokanee returned to the main river. And the volunteers and state and federal fisheries managers all had smiles on their faces from this worthwhile effort.

While rescuing fish from this side channel may not be a permanent solution to the overall health of the Deschutes River, for this year it worked. And more importantly, it has elevated the awareness to all stakeholders of the importance of river flows to the ecosystem. We hope that the stakeholders involved in managing the river and its resources can continue to work together towards longer term solutions, which hopefully will provide improved year round flows in the river.



Gabe Parr keeps tabs on the count as fish are released back to the river



ODFW Shocking and netting fish for transfer back to the main river



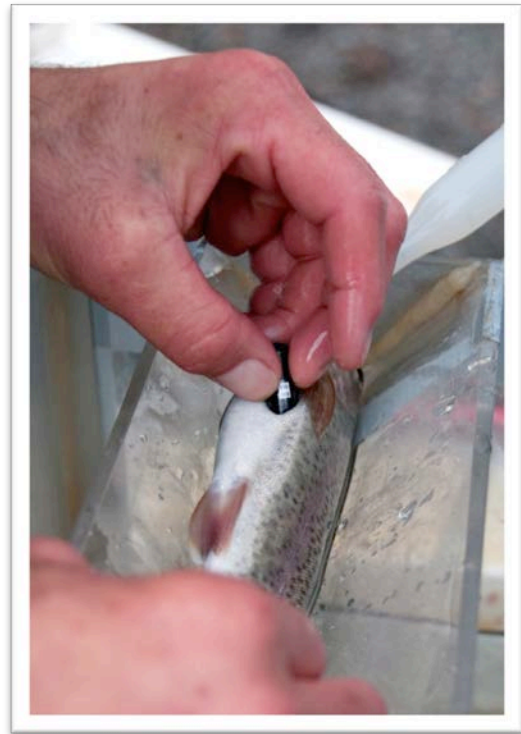
A large Brown in the net



Juvenile Redband rainbow trout being transferred from the net to a bucket



Performing surgery on a mature Redband to place a radio tag



The radio tag being inserted



Sunriver Angler Volunteers Mike and Rynie carrying a bucket of fish to the release point



Electroshocking the final pool of the day

Volunteer Activities

THANK YOU TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL FALL STREAMSIDE VOLUNTEERS

Frank Turek

We held our Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 22 through 26. We had 11 classes of 5th grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attend our sites at Sheep Bridge and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to all your help. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their

feelings. I hope you saw coverage KTVZ provided on Sept 22. I am working to get a link for the news report for our website.

There were lots of Kokanee in the streams this year and the students had a great time spotting fish in the shallows. We had a total of 23 volunteers participate. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions and very attentive. Our thanks to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank everyone who volunteered to make the Fall Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 342 hours of time and 3,907 miles.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SR Anglers who volunteered this year included Gary Gehlert and Marv Yoshinaka

KOKANEE KARNIVAL CERTIFIED ANGLING INSTRUCTOR CLASS

The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program will be offering a one day Certified Angling Instructor class in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The expected date of the class will be a Saturday in December or January. The mission of Kokanee Karnival is the education of our youth to become good fishermen and environmental stewards. The primary way we accomplish this mission is through volunteerism. Kokanee Karnival volunteers teach our Fall Streamside and Spring Angling Clinic field programs and our classroom programs including; Angler Education, Fish Dissection and Fish Eggs to Fry. The lead instructor for the classroom programs must be a Certified Angling Instructor. Kokanee Karnival has made a positive impact on thousands of children in Central Oregon since 1996 and as a result, the Kokanee Karnival has earned praise and respect in not just Central Oregon but throughout the state.

The Certified Angling Instructor class is a part of the ODFW Angler Education program. Many of you have completed the class and are Certified Instructors. We are seeking additional volunteers and are making this class available at no cost to those who are interested. We are coordinating with Mr. Shahab Farzanegan, the head of the ODFW Angler Education Program to come to Bend to teach the Certified Angling Instructor class. This is a one day class and ODFW provides all materials and lunch.

If you are interested, please contact Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us (541) 388-6366 or Frank Turek at waldo1ft@msn.com (541) 318-7507 or Dan Pebbles pebbles@tyeeinl.com (206) 618-8917. We will provide you with a Certified Angling Instructor application. When the application is returned to ODFW, the State conducts a background check of the applicant. The next step is attending the one day class. When you complete the class you will receive an ODFW Angling Education instructor hat, shirt complete with ODFW logos as well as your own name tag and ID card. With the uniform, you have instant credibility for whatever volunteer program you choose to participate.

Membership



Member-Get-A-Member

Every time you recruit a new member, you help strengthen the Sunriver Anglers. A vital and growing membership means greater recognition of the work the Anglers do, improved educational and networking opportunities for members, and the advancement of our mission and services. And, referring members has additional benefits for you and the Sunriver Anglers!

Recruiting is Easy!

Recruiting a member is easy—when you connect with fellow anglers at meetings, online, or while fishing, simply tell them how you benefit from your membership in the Sunriver Anglers and suggest that they visit www.sunriveranglers.org to learn more about the value of membership.

If they decide to join, ask them to put your name on the membership application (available on our website) so you get the credit. We keep track of your recruitment activity for you.

It's that simple. Your Reward? A Sunriver Brew Pub \$10 gift card! Sunriver Brewing Company for your support of the Sunriver Anglers!



Thank You

Resources

Fishing Reports:

ODF&W Fishing Reports: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/rr/central/>

The Hook Fly Shop: <http://www.cascadeguides.com/fishrepoets.html>

Sunriver Fly Shop: <http://www.srflyshop.blogspot.com/>

Garrison's guide service: www.garrisonguide.com

Fly Fishers Place: <http://www.flyfishersplace.com/fishing-reports>

Fly & Field Outfitters: <http://www.flyandfield.com/fishing-reports.php>

Patient Angler: <http://www.patientangler.com/fishing-reports/>

West Fly Oregon: <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/cgi-bin/fly-fishing-entry?state=OREGON>

Fishhound - real-time fishing reports from 600 guides reporting on 723 waters and 5,089 fishing spots - www.fishhound.com

Deschutes Angler - www.deschutesangler.com

Fisheye Soup Oregon - www.fisheyesoup.com

**** If you have fishing reports and/or stories of interest to members for the newsletter, please send them to Lee Haroun at Lcharoun@aol.com.

Swap Meet - For Sale and or Wanted

If you have fishing items for sale or need fishing gear, let Jerry know at jhubbard@chamberscable.com. Please provide a good description of the item(s) and contact information.

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