



# The Sunriver Angler

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## 2014 Club Officers:

### **President:**

Jerry Hubbard

### **VP: (Co-President):**

Bob Hickman

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Dave Schmerber

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Jim Adams

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Lee Haroun

## Co-Presidents' Message

On November 13 the Sunriver Anglers (SRA) Board of Directors met with past SRA presidents, club members, and community leaders to more effectively align our programs and activities with our mission and resources. The outcome of the meeting was a three-part recommendation, which was subsequently approved by the SRA Board of Directors effective January 1, 2015, and is summarized as follows:

1. **Fishing Outings and Information:** Fishing outings and information are the core of our mission. Therefore, the SRA Board is committed to improving the quality, affordability, and number of our 2015 fishing outings. Additionally, we are committed to providing monthly meetings and newsletters that provide useful information and access to social opportunities to network with other people interested in fishing.

2. **Free Fishing Day:** The club remains committed to hosting the annual Kids Free Fishing Day at Caldera Springs, providing youth with access to fun-filled fishing and educational experiences.

3. **Special Projects:** We encourage members to bring other fishery proposals that they are willing champion and coordinate to the SRA Board for club sponsorship and financial assistance; examples include chub removal, 2015 Holiday Dinner, Kokanee Karnival, Fish Fry, and environmental projects.

By focusing on a limited number of SRA activities and offerings, the Board of Directors is committed to improving the quality of our fishing outings and information, while minimizing fund-raising work and activities.

The Sunriver Anglers Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation 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 by looking at our website:

<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

Bottom line: *We want our members to spend more time fishing, creating lasting memories with family and friends!*

In closing, Bob and I wish you the Happiest of Holidays and look forward to seeing you at our December 10 Christmas dinner.

All the best,

Bob Hickman and Jerry Hubbard, Co-Presidents

## **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 early January.

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

Dec. 10 **Christmas Banquet**, Sunriver Resort's Great Hall

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](http://www.sunriveranglers.org)

## **Past Meetings and Events**

### **Highlights of the December 4, 2014 Board Meeting**

Present: Jerry Hubbard, Bob Hickman, Gary Gehlert, Jack McDonnell, Jim Adams, Dave Schmerber, Bruce Cockrell

Absent: Dan Arnold, Phil Fischer, Michael Moore

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by President Jerry

The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report: As of 12/1/2014 we had \$ 15,314.23 on hand. This compares with \$18,214.45 at the same time last year. Depending on the success of the Christmas Dinner as a fundraiser, we may have to limit some discretionary spending in 2015.

Rod Juranek made a request for \$200 to fund a new incubator and aquarium for Three Rivers School. Dave Schmerber moved and Jim Adams seconded the motion to approve the request. Motion carried.

Christmas Dinner: All Auction items need to be turned into Doug Vakoc immediately. Deadline for dinner notification is the 5<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Last call to members will go out on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We need to make sure that there are a few spare menu items available for arrivals that night.

Results of the Planning Retreat of Nov. 13, 2014: We will focus our club's activities on outings and youth activities. Some of our past activities may be dropped in the coming years. We need to encourage members to volunteer to lead activities that they are interested in.

We need to increase the number of outings and member meetings we conduct. Outings need to be scheduled and announced as early as possible. We still are in need of a person(s) to schedule meetings and outings and arrange for speakers and leaders.

Jan. mtg: COF will talk about our joint Feb. seminar. We will also ask selected club members to teach knot tying. The meeting will be held at SHARC on the third Thurs. of Dec. Beer will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

## Conservation

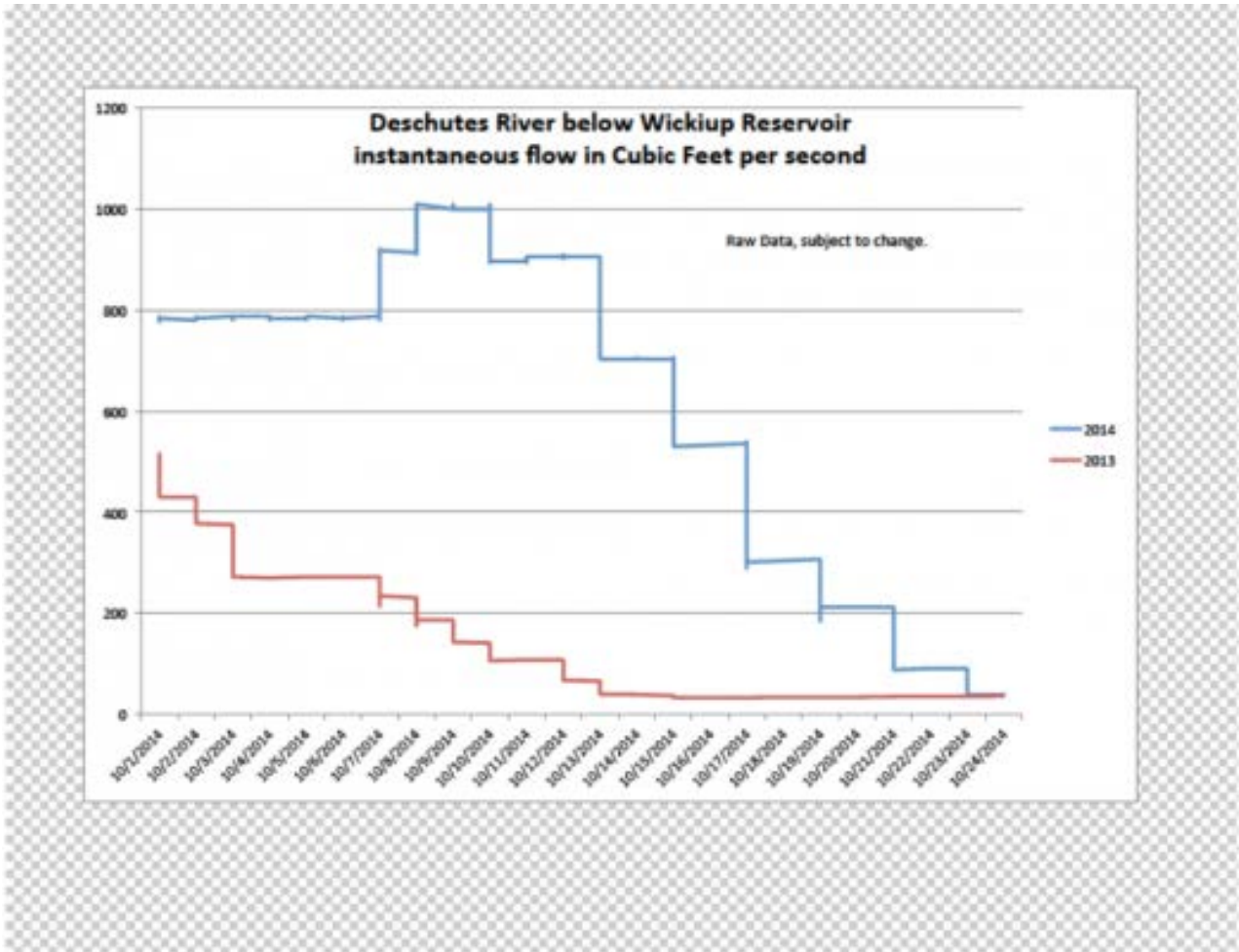
### **Ramp-down Experiment & Fish Rescue**

The story starts one year ago, when social media led to widespread publicity over a fish kill in the side channel of Lava Island on the Deschutes River just upstream from Bend. The opinions and conjecture over the significance of this event were surprisingly divergent. Although conjecture was that this could happen in any low water year, the only well documented stranding occurred in 1996. Clearly more information was needed.

The Deschutes Chapter met with multiple involved agencies and NGOs during the winter to review the event and discuss possible interventions this fall; it was evident last winter that we would face another low water year. By late August a plan had developed. Trout Unlimited in partnership with the Upper Deschutes River Coalition worked with the Oregon Water Resource Department, the North Unit Irrigation District, and the Central Oregon Irrigation District to develop an experimental modified ramp down of Wickiup releases at the end of irrigation season. This change in water management, enabled by the irrigation districts, was a first in the 65 year history of Wickiup Dam.

The goals were to first allow planned and careful evaluation of the flow into and through the Lava Island side channel as Deschutes flows dropped. This was viewed as an investigational strategy that might facilitate fish salvage this year, but that would also provide valuable information for future planning.

Secondly, Forest Service personnel had identified the modified ramp down as a useful tool for habitat evaluation in the upper Deschutes; the FS has an active role in managing the upper D through the Wild and Scenic River Management Act of 1996. The irrigation districts accommodated the Forest Service flow schedule requests, releasing an extra 2100 acre-feet of water to shape the ramp down.



Graph courtesy of OWRD

The actual salvage of fish followed under ODFW's supervision on October 24th, 26th and 27th. The Bend Casting Club, a TU program, marshaled a cadre of volunteers and almost 7000 fish were salvaged in spite of the slow reduction in channel flows. The number of fish was surprising, given the stranding of 2013. That the channel could be repopulated in one spring-summer cycle is a testament to the value of this habitat for the Deschutes fishery.



This year's investigational efforts are to be applauded for the cooperative plan development and execution involving diverse members of our community. Other organizations and individuals including the Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers, and Deschutes River Conservancy helped in many ways.

While there is consensus that periodic fish salvage is not a long-term solution for this reach of river, valuable information has been gathered, information that should help guide restoration and management of the Upper Deschutes.

Projects will be complex and will take years. Constructive collaboration between organizations, agencies, and community members will be required for success. The Lava Island project is a step towards building the community needed to accomplish these goals.

Michael Tripp, Conservation Chair Deschutes Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Education

### **KNIFE SKILLS**

The most important skill in the kitchen before heading to the stove-it will change your life! Learn to slice and dice like a pro as you create special garnishes to add flare to your food. Find out which knives you need, how to hold a knife properly, and how to maintain and sharpen your knives. Bring an apron, a chef knife, and a paring knife to class. Instructor: Michael Mackie

Saturday, January 24      9:00 am - noon

Bend, COCC Cascade Culinary Room 117

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### **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 Sun River Anglers. This coming event will be hosted by COF and we are pleased to have world renowned angler & 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 such as "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 nine 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 donate 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 email on the 10th.

- Eric Steele, (541-549-2072 [steelefly2@msn.com](mailto:steelefly2@msn.com))

### **IFFF 50<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:mpyosh@chamberscable.com) or 541-



593-5461. They can also contact Kuni Masuda, (IFFF Board of Directors) at klmassuda@yahoo.com or 360-573-3310 or 408-406-8830 cell.

## Fly Tying Corner

### Quigley Cripple - Blue Wing Olive

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*By: Phil Fischer*



I met Bob Quigley many years ago at his shop in Johnson Park, California. He was a fly tying icon, creating many innovative patterns to fool wary trout on the difficult stretches of Hat Creek and Fall River. These large spring creeks in Northern California are bug factories, and they served as Bob's laboratory. One of the lessons I have always remembered from Bob was his attention to detail and ensuring his patterns had an element of "life" to imitate an insect. By life, he meant something to trigger a wary trout to choose your pattern as the real thing, such as color, or shape or texture. He developed the Quigley Cripple in 1978 as one of those patterns that helped solve the challenges mayfly hatches often present to the fly fisher. Often as not, trout will take a cripple,

while passing on a fully emerged adult. Trout have learned not to waste energy on food sources that are difficult to feed upon. A cripple, or emerging mayfly won't fly away when the trout tries to take it off the surface. A cripple imitation provides a key element of life to trigger the trout's feeding by sporting a trailing shuck, just like the natural and a burst of color in the thorax to imitate the natural just beginning to emerge as an adult. The Quigley Cripple is one of the original and still one of the best patterns to imitate this stage of mayfly emergence.

Over Bob's fly tying career, he never stopped fiddling with his patterns and continued to adapt and change them using newer materials that became available. The original Quigley Cripple used wound marabou or ostrich to form the tail and abdomen. He often ribbed this material with fine wire to make it more durable and help the rear of the fly sink into the surface film. In this month's pattern, I have taken his classic Quigley Cripple pattern and given it a couple of my own updates. I substituted antron to imitate the trailing shuck. And I used a dyed turkey biot ribbed with very fine bronze wire for the abdomen. In Bob's original pattern, he tied the thorax of the insect with brighter colors to show a "burst" of color, or life, to imitate the insect emerging from the shuck. I used a newer material by blending olive dubbing with UV Olive Dubbing to create that same burst of color.

The cool moist early winter days are prime time for Blue Wing Olive Hatches on the Fall River, Crooked River and the Metolius. Give the Quigley Cripple Blue Wing Olive a try. I think you'll like it.

**Pattern Recipe:**

**Hook:** Tiemco 100 or Daiichi 1180, size 18

**Thread:** Olive 6/0 - 8/0

**Trailing Shuck:** Dark Zelon

**Abdomen:** Blend of Olive Antron dubbing (75%) and Olive UV Dubbing (25%)

**Rib:** Fine bronze wire

**Wing:** Dyed dark dun Elk

**Hackle:** Whiting Dark Dun Dry Fly Saddle

## Tying Instructions:

1. Tie on the thread at the 2/3's point of the hook (wing-set position). Tie in a sparse clump of Zelon back to the tail-set position. Trim the Zelon to a length about equal to the length of the Abdomen of the fly.
2. Tie in a biot. Tie in the bronze wire. Wind the biot forward through the wing set position and tie off. Wind the wire ribbing following each wind of the biot to create segmentation on the fly.
3. Blend the olive dubbing with the UV dubbing by felting it between your fingers repeatedly until it is fully blended. Alternatively, use a spinning blade type coffee grinder. Dub the thorax with this mixture to form a "bump" for the thorax.
4. Select a sparse clump of elk hair. Take particular care to clean out all the underfur from the hair. Place the cleaned hair tip down in a hair stacker tool and gently tap the tips of the hair even. Remove from the stacker and tie on just in front of the bump, with the tips forming the wing, and the butts extending back and over the top of the thorax. Trim the butts to the length of the back of the thorax. The tie in wraps should extend about 1/16 inch over the elk and will form a platform for the hackle.
5. Prepare the saddle hackle by stripping about an eighth inch of the barbs off the stem at the base of the feather. Tie in on the platform of thread wraps over the elk at about a 45 degree angle on the opposite side of the hook from the tier. The shiny side of the hackle should face towards the rear of the fly and the dull side towards the front (dry fly style).
6. Wind the saddle hackle 3-4 wraps and tie off in at the head of the fly, trim the excess, whip finish and lightly glue the head.

If you have questions or would like additional information about this pattern, please don't hesitate to email me. Or if you have suggestions on future patterns to feature in this column, I welcome your input. I can be reached at [Philfischer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Philfischer@sbcglobal.net).

## Other News

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

Information from Fred Meyer:

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](http://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

## 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](http://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!



Thank You Sunriver Brewing Company for your support of the Sunriver Anglers!

## **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](http://www.garrisonguide.com)

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

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

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

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\*\*\*\* 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](mailto: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](mailto:jhubbard@chamberscable.com). Please provide a good description of the item(s) and contact information.

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