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Greetings Fellow Anglers! I hope you are enjoying your summer! Mike and I just had some house guests and we had a wonderful time introducing them to fly fishing at Crane Prairie. Okay, actually we booked a trip so we could fish while the guides could teach our friends how to catch fish on a fly.

It was a great experience to watch our friends go from watching the indicators go a foot deep and then pop back up without a fish (before they remembered to set the hook), to watching our friends hook and bring in fish after fish including this 23 inch Cranebow! It was also refreshing to watch great guides at work. What patience and knowledge it must take to get a newbie to roll cast, keep their eyes on an indicator, and then talk them into getting a fish all the way into the boat. (And all the while remaining calm and congenial!) Just an awesome experience. If you have good friends or a spouse that you want to share a great experience with, let me suggest booking a trip with one of our local guides.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [rynieSRA@gmail.com](mailto:rynieSRA@gmail.com) Thanks! rynie

PS: If you were not at the last meeting, you may not know that long time SRA member Rod Juranek is moving to Idaho. He was presented with a cake, a "roast" courtesy of Doug V, a gift card and a lifetime membership to the Sunriver Anglers. We will need many volunteers to fill his shoes. Please let me know if you're up to the challenge (like Rod says, you don't have to do it all, just sign up to do a little), and to Rod, thank you so much for all you've done for the club. You will be missed!!



**August Picnic** – Fall River Hatchery 5 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per person, please bring a check or exact change. RSVP to JerryHubbard1943@gmail.com

**September speaker- Brian Chou.** (by Greg Cotton)



On Thursday, September 21, the Sunriver Anglers would like to invite everyone to their monthly meeting held at the SHARC at 7:00 pm. This month's speaker will be Brian Chou, an enthusiastic angler from the Portland area. His presentation is titled, "How to apply and utilize the two handed Spey casting approach in fishing." The two-handed Spey technique allows more powerful casts and avoids obstacles on the shore by keeping most of the line in front of

the angler. This type of casting is often used for fishing large rivers for steelhead and salmon.

An avid chaser of the elusive steelhead, Brian is a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor who excels in the two handed Spey fly rod techniques. Chou will be outside of the SHARC at 6:00 pm demonstrating and teaching this two handed fly fishing style. Everyone is welcome, meet our members in the amphitheater before the meeting inside.

He began as a guide but now finds himself instructing, photographing, writing, fly tying and working alongside fly fishing companies to develop products that help anglers enjoy their time on the water. He now spends a lot of time as an ambassador and mentor for Soul River Runs Deep, a non-profit engaging inner city youth and US veterans to find peace and direction through fly fishing. Brian is passionate about teaching and spreading the love of outdoors through fly fishing. Standing in the water working hard to get that strike can be great therapy. He finds himself more as a mentor, teaching the application of tactics of understanding what your quarry wants.

Chou grew up in the Tri-Cities area, learning to fish on the lower Yakima River going after bass. Now residing in the Portland area, his home waters are the Clackamas and Sandy rivers, but he can also be found on the many great steelhead rivers of Northern Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Brian is a professional fly tier as well. He brings unique facets of creativity, strategy, and ingenuity to his fly tying. Traditional or unconventional? Both of these are incorporated into his flies. For him, fly fishing is a constantly evolving sport. A little experimentation is fun. Are his fly patterns a piece of art, are they functional, are they based on science or some combinations of all above. He takes all of these factors, plus thousands of hours on the water to create a fly that will work. Being a basketball fan, and a resident of Portland, he has created a fly that fish love. The fly's name, the Rip City.

He works with many fly fishing companies product testing and consulting on their fly rods and lines. Brian has had many articles and pictures published in Steelheader's Journal, the Salmon and Steelhead Journal, as well as other flying fishing magazines. With his science background, he has written on the use of the different types of lines and shooting heads. Putting the fly in the right place, at the right time is important. That may be getting the fly two feet under the surface, when the current is strong. Knowing what lines and heads are available can make this task a lot easier. Come ready to ask questions on what can make this happen.

A final quote from Brian Chou, "These three goals (Effective, Efficient, Effortless) are what I strive to achieve when I approach the water. We all work way too hard for our free time as it is. No need for fishing to add to everyday exhaustion and stress, right?"

**October meeting-** **Mary Ann and Dave Dozer** will be talking about bamboo rods. Anyone with questions or a bamboo rod they have questions about are welcome to come at 6:30 for a little social time before the main presentation. You may also want to arrive early because Sunriver Brewery will be holding a beer tasting at 6:30!

### **Club Events- 2017**

Here are the programs we have for the remainder of the year- Please consider volunteering for one or more!

Club Picnic- Chris Breault

Fall River Kokanee Karnival- Usually September contact-Jim Adams

Three Rivers Eggs to Fry program- Doug Vakoc

Holiday Party- Contact Rynie or Chris

## Club Outings

### **Sunriver Anglers - ProngHorn Lake Ranch Fishing Trip**



Fred Foisset and the ProngHorn Lake Ranch have put together for the Sunriver Anglers a three day, two night private fishing trip to the ProngHorn Ranch.

The secluded 150 acre lake, located 40 miles east of Klamath Falls in the beautiful Langell Valley (about a 3 hour drive).

Check out the Lake at [www.pronghornlakeranch.com](http://www.pronghornlakeranch.com)

#### **Details:**

Date: October 10, 11 and 12, 2017 (Tuesday – Thursday). The lake closes July one and reopens Oct. 10 so the fish should be hungry!

Cost: \$300 est. Lodging: two cabins with kitchens, TV, bunk beds, hide a bed. One cabin sleeps 5 and the other three. Bring your own towels, bedding, pillows, etc.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtFyKmo1Fxk>

More at <http://www.youtube.com/embed/rYEeGXxmMnY>

Reservations: contact Jerry Hubbard at [jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com) to register.

**South Twin Outing-** TBD Trophy Trout stocking after Labor Day. Any volunteers to lead the flotilla?

**Crane Prairie Luau-** Stay tuned.

**Hosmer Lake End of the Season Outing-** Date TBD

### **Sunriver Anglers – A Community Service**

#### **Sunriver's Interpretive Signs a Community Effort**

By Wes Perrin

SUNRIVER – If you've ever wondered who is responsible for those colorful interpretive signs seen along Sunriver's pathways, the answer may come as a surprise. They are not the result of work by the resort, or by some government wildlife agency, or even by an anonymous philanthropist. Instead they owe their

existence to a community-wide effort initiated and underwritten more than a dozen years ago by the Sunriver Anglers Club

There are 20 signs in all, covering a wide variety of interests pertaining to Mother Nature and local history. Topics include wildflowers and fish to Lake Aspen, the Newberry volcano, Camp Abbot and Sunriver Lodge

Memories are now foggy as exactly how the idea took form, but it is generally agreed that two angler club members played key roles in getting the ball rolling in 2003. Rod Juranek and Sean Cracraft recall kicking the idea around at club board meetings and the concept quickly caught fire. Fueling interest in the project was an earlier signage success for the club at the Fall River Fish Hatchery. There, a large introduction display, and several smaller interpretive signs, had been created and installed by club members

Even though the idea was enthusiastically endorsed by club members, it was soon recognized that putting up signs in Sunriver doesn't happen like a walk in the park. Approvals had to be obtained from Sunriver Owners Association committees including public works, environment and design. Informational meetings needed to be held with Sunriver Resort, Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory, the Deschutes County Planning Department and Wild & Scenic Rivers supporters.

Once the club pinned down the approvals and compiled a list of subjects, three dedicated anglers – Doug Vakoc, Tom Kelly and Jack McDonnell – stepped up to lead critical components of the effort. Vakoc took on the assignment of finding knowledgeable authors to write intelligent and interesting text. Initially, the job called for material for 14 signs but soon expanded and increased to 20 units.

“It really was a total community commitment,” said Vakoc. “We discovered we had a number of Sunriver residents who were not only well informed, but eager to participate in our project.”

For example, Mary J. Woolley, a prominent landscape designer, not only wrote material, but also provided illustrations for several of the signs covering flora and fauna. John Gilsdorf did the lodge sign and some of the history topics. Vakoc himself ended up covering several subjects including the story for the Lost Wagon Train. Additional writers included Jay Bowerman, Mark Hanschka, Kelly Walker, Nancy Henrichsen, Bruce and Pam Morris-Stendal. Eric Selberg assisted with editing, and in the final stages retired adman Wes Perrin helped with text polishing and headline writing.

Appealing graphic design was critical to the success of the project, and the club had an ace in the hole with Tom Kelly, the club’s vice president. Kelly was an award-winning

advertising art director who spent decades working on major national brands. He had previously created the club's stylish logo and had designed the popular informational signs at Fall River Fish Hatchery.

Kelly was faced with a daunting task. He had to take the text provided by the various authors and determine what visual elements would accurately portray the information. Utilizing a wide variety of sources, some illustrations were provided by local photographers and from club members. Kelly also reached out nationally and obtained fish illustrations from notable wildlife artists Joseph Tomelleri and Susan Bankey Yoder. Bend's Mike Houska donated work as did Mary J. Woolley. The Cornell University School of Ornithology provided photos of raptors and other birds. Computer technician Dave Caplan chipped in his services.

Not only did Kelly need to take care of all visual elements, he had to pick an appealing font and calculate the proper space and size for the text. "All in all, I probably spent about 300 hours on the project," said Kelly.

The final critical link called for the manufacture and installation of the signs. The chore fell into the hands of Jack McDonnell. A retired aeronautical engineer at McDonnell-Douglas, he was ideal for examining and evaluating potential sign makers.

McDonnell began by first visiting existing informational signs at the High Desert Museum and on Bend's Pilot Butte. "After that, I surfed the internet and probably looked at 10 different sign firms in locations from Oregon to Texas," he said. "I took into consideration not only appearance and cost, but also longevity, company reputation and guarantee of quality." After reviewing specification details and seeing samples, the clear best choice was the KVO company in Santa Rosa, California. McDonnell also solved the challenge of how to mount the signs by designing a metal stand that could be easily manufactured. Volunteers at the Fall River Fish Hatchery, Don Hermansen and Rex Riggs, offered to fabricate all 20 stands at no charge if the material was furnished. Club members Ron Angell and Dennis Miller took charge of the actual in-ground installation.

As the sign project entered its final stages, the idea of adding small personalized memorial or commemorative plaques was discussed and accepted as interest ballooned. Soon plaques were purchased for all 20 signs.

Installation of the first 10 signs was in September 2005. The next batch of six were set up in 2006, and the final four in June 2008. Only three signs have required extensive maintenance. One was scratched, one was apparently shot with a pellet gun, and the third was probably exposed to a caustic liquid.

A pretty remarkable record in this unforgiving climate," said McDonnell. "Proof that this is one project able to stand the test of time."

Residents and visitors interested in knowing more about the signs can print an easy-to-follow map of sign locations from the Sunriver Anglers Club website at [www.sunriveranglers.org](http://www.sunriveranglers.org)

### **Other News-**

#### **Warm Water and Trout (by Jeff Wieland)**

Crane Prairie (and likely Wickiup) has reached critical temperatures for successful release of trout. I haven't killed a wild Cranebow in 2 or 3 years that I know of, but we had two confirmed last week.

The top 6-9' of water is a measured 69-77 degrees and so oxygen poor that hooked fish dig to stay out of it as long as they can. When they're tired and can't avoid it, they roll on their sides and come easily to the net, but they are not well at that point. This condition will get worse as lake levels drop with irrigation releases. Large, wild Cranebows are the most vulnerable because of how hard they fight. Enjoy the jumps and break them off if necessary.

So, what can we do to prevent losing 1,000s of Cranebows:

1. Fish 3X or heavier tippets and horse them to the net. When they start to tire, get them to the boat ASAP.
2. Netting and removing them from the water further stresses them to the point that revival is iffy. Release them in the water.
3. Use barbless or micro-barb hooks only for quick releases.
4. Holding them out of the water for "fish and grin" photos is worse, so take "bent rod" pics instead.
5. Have Ketchum Releases or Hemostats handy (not in your vest or bag) to unbutton the fish quickly.
6. Do not try to revive fish by moving them back and forth in the top 2-3' of water. It's hot and oxygen poor and they'll suffocate.
5. Only use long-handled, fish friendly nets so that if necessary, you can move them back and forth in the colder water below 'til they are upright and swim out on their own.

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Leave them in the water and be quick about releases. Crane is a special place, and we need to respect these wild fish if we expect today's 14-20 inchers to grow to 10+ pounders in our lifetime. Article from a retired guide and SRA member Jeff Wieland.

#### **More on Cranebows-**

Huge Cranebow - Is this what we'll have in Crane Prairie??? New world record if allowed. 48+ pounds.



**From member Bob Maina:**

"Below is a picture of a 22 lb. Nile Perch that I caught yesterday on the Ugandan side of Lake Victoria. This fish attacks its prey by first bashing into it with its side in order to stun the prey. Then it circles around and returns to swallow it. If the angler responds instinctively and sets the hook as soon as they feel the fish, it has the effect of pulling the lure away from the vision of the attacking fish. That makes it a tricky fish to catch."



**Reservoir Levels and Upper Deschutes Flows:** for current reservoir fill levels and streamflows, go to the "US Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region Major Storage Reservoirs in the Deschutes River Basin, <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>

### **Deschutes River Conservancy**

July 24 at 8:27am ·

"The impact of warm water is that we tend to lose species,"  
Ryan Houston, [Upper Deschutes Watershed Council](#) click on link:

<https://www.facebook.com/deschutesriver/posts/10155604366173140>





Central Oregon is blessed with beautiful pine tree forests as far as the eye can see. This ecosystem supports a lot of different bugs, including ants, hoppers and beetles. This knowledge is important to the fly fisher, as during summer, terrestrials become active and are an important food source for hungry trout. This food source is happenstance. Terrestrials by nature don't live in water. They live in fallen timber and other detritus on the forest floor; often near our lakes and rivers. Many beetles fly, but not always very accurately. A gust of wind at the wrong time will send a big beetle plopping into the water. That "plop" provokes an opportunistic trout to take these beetles on the surface with reckless abandon.

Beetles come in many different sizes, shapes and colors. For this month's pattern, I tied a Black EZ Foam Beetle. This pattern, as its name suggests, is easy to tie and is a very effective pattern on many of our local lakes and rivers. I tied this fly on a size 10, standard dry fly hook. You can vary this from size 6, to as small as size 14's and 16's, as there is a lot of variability in the size of beetles in our area. I use peacock tail feathers for the underside of the abdomen and thorax of the beetle, which gives it a very buggy color. The foam on top floats the fly effectively. The wing is tan elk, and a

tag of orange poly yarn makes this fly easy to see. Lastly, the legs on this pattern are flex floss, which vibrates, and that movement drives trout crazy.

Fish this pattern by cruising the edges of lakes and casting close to the shore. Alternatively, fish the grassy banks along our local rivers. Delicate dry fly casting is not necessary with this fly; in fact, the opposite is preferred. Plop this fly down heavily on the surface of the water. Trout will react to the “plop” and take the fly with a reaction strike. There is something heart-stopping about seeing a big head of a nice East Lake rainbow or brown trout coming up aggressively to take this fly. Fishing these big easy-to-see flies is something I look forward to every summer.

### **EZ Foam Beetle Materials List:**

**Hook:** Tiemco 100 or Daiichi 1180, Size 10 -12

**Thread:** 210 Denier Black Thread

**Abdomen and Thorax:** Peacock Barbs off a Tail Feather

**Foam:** Black 2MM Closed Cell Foam

**Wing:** Blond Elk

**Legs:** Flex Floss - Black

**Tag:** Poly Yarn in Orange or Chartreuse

Tying instructions and steps are being published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers web page at <http://www.sunriveranglers.org/fly-tying-corner>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/IHOhLkq-Nqo>.

Learn to tie this fly pattern and fish it in rivers or lakes to imitate the beetles which are common in Central Oregon. If you have questions or would like additional information about the EZ Foam Beetle, 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 <mailto:philfischer@sbcglobal.net>.

### **Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program**

To sign up for the rewards program please go to the end of the e news for instructions and Marv's offer to help you register!

### **Facebook**

The Sunriver Anglers has a Facebook page which members and anglers can post items of interest. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>

## **Member-Get-A-Member**

Every time you recruit a new member, you help strengthen the Sunriver Anglers.

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. It's that simple. You're Reward?



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**Resources – check our web site at [www.SunriverAnglers.org](http://www.SunriverAnglers.org) for a list of resources.**

## **Swap Meet - For Sale and or Wanted**



\$325.00 for both.

They are raw wood and ready to be finished or painted. The 'tail' where one would rest their feet, is not attached to the body of the chair, and is movable.

My home number is [541-388-3641](tel:541-388-3641) and my cell (for texting) is [541-350-6212](tel:541-350-6212). They can ask for either Pete or Kelly.

[peteandkelly@bendbroadband.com](mailto:peteandkelly@bendbroadband.com)

If you have fishing items for sale or need fishing gear, please contact Jerry Hubbard at [jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com)

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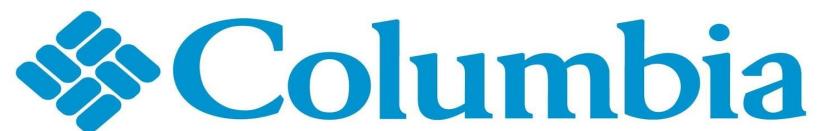
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The Sunriver Anglers will be credited with a reward from your purchases. Money from the Community Rewards Program will be added to support our club projects.

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3. Click on "Sign In" if you are already registered with the Fred Meyer rewards program. If not, then click on "Register" and fill in the registration information.
4. "Find Your Organization" should appear on the next screen.
5. Enter following number in the box to link your card to the Anglers: 87237 and click on "Search."
6. Sunriver Anglers should appear below "Organization Name." Click on the circle to the left of Sunriver Anglers and then click on "Enroll" You are now done. Please contact Mary Yoshinaka (541-593-5461) if you need any help in getting registered with the Community Rewards Program.

