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## FUN TIMES AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to everyone who made it out to the Holiday Party at the Great Hall. We had some wonderful food thanks to the Sunriver Resort, and great entertainment from the Three Rivers School Choir. Much thanks go to the party committee of Chris Breault,



Jerry Hubbard and Gary Farnam with Doug and Jane Vakoc and Greg and Nancy Cotton being instrumental in keeping registration and the auctions going smoothly. Early reports are 89 people in attendance and good numbers from the auctions.....And kudos to all the other volunteers, auction donors and buyers for supporting the club. (Don't forget to send in or pay your 2019 dues online). Have a great Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year.



# January 17th Meeting

## Russ Scott with

### Direct Adventures Guide Service

On January 17, the Sunriver Anglers Club would like to invite everyone to their monthly club meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the SHARC. Our speaker for the month will be long time Central Oregon resident Russ Scott who is the owner operator of Direct Adventures guide service. Russ runs drift boat and jet boat trips on the lower Deschutes, mainly targeting steelhead, but will go after trout also. He owns Lake in the Dunes private fishing lakes and leases the fishing rights to Grindstone Lakes.

The angling club has made several trips to the Lake in the Dunes, located near Summer Lake. This private fishing lake destination consists of five, three to five-acre artisan spring fed lakes. You can fish these lakes from shore or from a float tube or pontoon boat. With many twenty inch plus fish, you would think that it is easy fishing, but it is not. These crystal-clear waters produce some great aquatic hatches, causing the trout to be particular about what they eat. Choosing the right fly is important.



One of the Grindstone lakes

The second set of private lakes that Russ operates are Grindstone Lakes, one hundred miles east of Bend. These man-made reservoirs along with Lake in the Dunes were developed thirty-five years ago. Russ's dad, who built Lake in the Dunes, and the owners of Grindstone at that time, worked together in creating two of the best groups of private fishing lake in Oregon. At Grindstone, the five lakes range from twenty to eighty acres, fished from non-motorized boats and pontoon boats. With bigger water, the fish range from two to ten pounds with most in the two to four-pound size.

Come and meet Russ and learn a lot more about the history of these two angling locations and the fishing opportunities that his guiding service provides.

## Mark Your Calendars-

### FLY FISHING WINTER SEMINAR

#### COMING TO BEND

#### FEBRUARY 8th and 9th

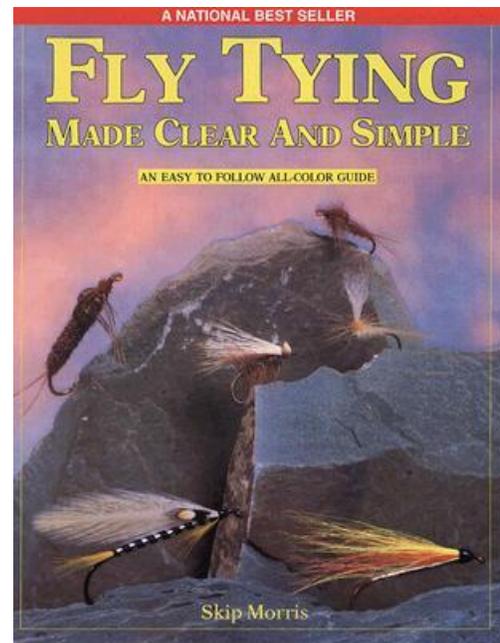
Every two years, the Sunriver Anglers Club or the Central Oregon Flyfishers Club (COF) alternate in hosting a winter seminar on fly fishing. This year it is COF's honor to host Skip and Carol Morris on February 8th and 9th at the Bend Unitarian Universalist Church.

Skip is a down-to-earth author of eighteen books on tying flies and fly fishing - including his bestselling book, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*. Carol is a professional photographer, whose artful photography and watercolors have been published in major fly-fishing magazines.

They each bring a wealth of knowledge about fishing the Northwest waters. Skip has written 18 books on fly fishing and fly tying, along with 300 magazine articles covering the same. He's served as one of the hosts of a national fly-fishing television show, featured on several instructional DVDs, and was recently announced by Fly Tyer Magazine as the winner of their lifetime achievement award!

Carol has also received acclaim as a presenter and photographer. She has provided the photographs in Skip's work and all the illustrations. She will be providing important insights about the bugs trout eat: Fly Fishing Entomology 101; Lessons from the Water; and tips, tricks, techniques, and strategy for finding and hooking fish!

More details and information coming soon from COF (Central Oregon Flyfishers) in Bend, via their website: [www.coflyfishers.org](http://www.coflyfishers.org)



Do you have this book?



A Beautiful Cutthroat river in Idaho.

By: Phil Fischer

## Complex Twist Bugger



It is that time of year when I look outside my fly-tying studio and see snow on the ground. Not quite enough for the great skiing to come, but too much to be thinking of fly fishing our local lakes. I'm sure most of them are iced over by now. So rather than moping around being bored, it is a great time to sit down and tie flies for next season. In that spirit, I have been busy. For this month's column, I decided to feature a pattern that I recently learned; the Complex Twist

Bugger. It is a pattern I have high hopes for next season but have not yet tried on the water. I know it will work, as it is close enough to other successful patterns I've tied and fished in this area, like Olive Wooly Buggers.

Thanks to Clark Piece, of the Fly Shop Fly Fish Food in Orem Utah, for the inspiration for this fly. The complex twist bugger is something he shared recently. This month's pattern follows most of his tying technique, but as usual, I have adapted Clark's original pattern with some twists of my own and my own blend of materials.

I really think the profile of this pattern will move a lot of water when fished. And I know some of those large Brown Trout in East Lake, Paulina and Wickiup will be impressed with this fly. It imitates chubs on several of our area lakes, or, tied in a smaller size, large dragonfly nymphs that large brown trout feast upon, or perhaps immature smallmouth bass in Lake Billy Chinook that capture the attention of those big bull trout.. However, the snow outside makes field testing this a bit challenging right now. If only I could get someone to cut a long hole in the ice, I think I could cast and strip this pattern with good results! I know, a bit delusional. But trout season is a long way off. So, I'll have to rest on my experience and convictions that the Complex Twist Bugger is the next big thing.

This pattern is not your usual wooly bugger. I tie it with a conehead and numerous wraps of lead to get the fly to sink quickly. It offers a two-toned marabou tail, with fiery brown topped with olive marabou and framed with some Krystal Flash. The body is tied with three materials: medium olive chenille, UV Polar Flash in dark olive, and a grizzly dyed olive Schlappen feather. Schlappen is a feather of the saddle of a rooster that is not quite saddle hackle, and not quite tail, but is something in between. It features long webby fibers that are perfect for wooly buggers, or complex twist buggers. These three materials are tied on together and then wound to create the complex twist. I take a dubbing brush to brush out everything to create the buggy profile of this pattern. Lastly, it features a collar of a Whiting Coq De Leon cape hen

feather in speckled brown. This collar gives the fly character and substance. The collar is a departure from Clark's original pattern.

Try tying this pattern on your vice and fish it during the upcoming season on your favorite Central Oregon Stillwater. I think you'll like it. One of the cool things about this fly, is you can experiment and adapt the materials and colors to invent your own version of the Complex Twist Bugger.

Complex Twist Bugger Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi 1710, size 6-10

Thread: Ultra 210 Denier in Black or Olive

Weight: 3/16's Gold Conehead and 10 wraps 0.25 Lead Wire

Tail: Marabou in Fiery Brown topped by Medium Olive

Flash: 5-6 Strand Olive Krystal Flash

## *Help the Sunriver Anglers by Shopping at Fred Meyer!*

Have you signed up for the community rewards program at Fred Meyer's? It's easy to do and The Sunriver Anglers can be credited with a reward from each of your purchases. Money from the Community Rewards Program will be added to support our club projects.

*How to participate:*

Link your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Anglers at: [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)

Scroll down and click on "Link your rewards card now"

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.

"Find Your Organization" should appear on the next screen.

Enter following number in the box to link your card to the Anglers: 87237 and click on "Search."

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 sign up today!



Body: Medium Olive Chenille, UV Polar Flash – Dark Olive and Whiting Grizzly Dyed Olive Schlappen tied in a complex twist

Collar: Whiting Coq de Leon Hen Cape in Speckled Brown or Natural Pardo

Tying instructions and steps are being published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/9RHX0TxMf-k>.

Learn to tie this fly pattern and fish it throughout the season as an alternative to your usual woolly bugger pattern. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Complex Twist Bugger fly 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).

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*If one of your New Year's Resolution is cleaning out your garage, don't forget about the Sunriver Anglers Club. If you have some fishing gear in good condition that you no longer are using, consider donating to the club. Sunriver Anglers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, where donated items and contributions are tax-deductible. Items that we have received from kind donors in the past include fishing rods, reels, fly tying tools and materials, float tubes, canoes, and even boats on trailers. They all go to support our mission of furthering the sport of fishing, and our efforts involving local conservation and education. If you would like to make a donation or contribution, or have any questions, please email us at [donations@sunriveranglers.org](mailto:donations@sunriveranglers.org)*

## Upcoming Events

**January-** weekly "Lying and Tying" nights at the Hook. Time and dates TBD  
January 17- General meeting featuring Russ Scott, owner of Lake in the Dunes and Grindstone Lakes  
Jan/Feb- Eggs to Fry program at Three Rivers School. Volunteers needed!  
February 8&9- COF Winter Seminar featuring Skip and Carol Morris  
February 21- General meeting- Tie and Pie social meeting featuring pie for all and special guest fly tyers. Tyers needed!  
Feb/Mar- KK Angling education at Three Rivers School. Volunteers needed!  
March 8&9- Northwest Fly Tyer's and Fishermen's Expo in Albany  
March 21- General meeting- How to Czech Nymph, featuring Mary Ann Dozer  
Late March- weather cooperating- outing to Czech Nymph either Fall or Crooked River  
April 22,23, 25,26, 29,30 Kokanee Karnival at Shevlin Park. Volunteers needed!  
April 29-May 1- Lake in the Dunes outing  
May 16- Fly fishing 101 and how to fish the Crooked River  
May TBD- Fly fishing for beginners and others at the Crooked River  
June 13- East Lake Outing  
June 20- The Utah Cutthroat Grandslam- Gary Lewis

# CONSERVATION NEWS

## Elk River anglers: radio-tagged fish must be released unharmed

A wild Elk River fall chinook is outfitted with a radio tag. Austin Huff photo.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

GOLD BEACH, Ore – Elk River anglers are reminded to release unharmed any radio-tagged fall chinook salmon caught. ODFW is conducting a research project tagging up to 100 hatchery and wild fall chinook below Elk River Hatchery.



Radio tags can often be mistaken for leaders as only the antenna is visible protruding from the fish's mouth. ODFW encourages anglers to check carefully as it is illegal to harvest these fish.

This telemetry study will help determine the spawning migration pattern of returning Elk River fall chinook. Researchers want to establish whether hatchery origin fish return to the hatchery and fall back before spawning or spawn selectively below the hatchery.

Research leader Shannon Richardson says this is important to better understand potential interactions on spawning grounds between hatchery origin and wild fish.

“The wild Elk River fall chinook were identified in our Coastal Multispecies Management Plan as a population of concern,” Richardson said. “We need to attract hatchery fish that escape the fishery back to the hatchery to reduce the amount of interaction they may have with wild chinook.”

Anglers may encounter radio-tagged fall chinook into February. Staff installed fixed-station receivers to track the fish weekly and will conduct spawning ground surveys to recover tags.

This study is part of a larger effort ODFW is engaged in with partners including the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, Oregon State University, University of Washington, and the U.S. Geological Survey. Contact:

>Shannon Richardson 541-757-5121

Steve Mazur, 541-247-7605



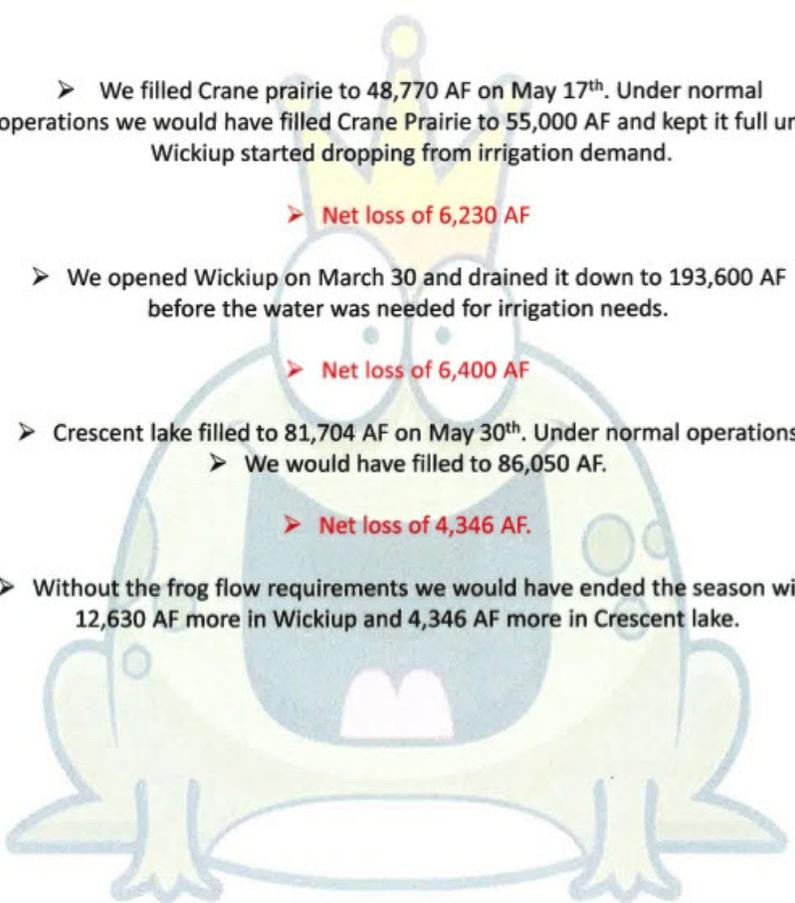
The Sunriver Anglers give tours of the Fall River Hatchery, provide in classroom angler education, and feed a lot of kids at Shevlin park.....all part of the Kokanee Karnival!

## Conservation, continued.....

From Board Member Jeff Wieland-

This was shared at yesterday's Water Managers Meeting. It was developed by USFWS and the Deschutes Basin Watermaster to get facts out about how the OSF impacted water last year. 12,630 AF is about 6% of Wickiup's maximum capacity, so yes OSFs had some impact but were hardly the driving force behind the 2108 water shortage. I thought that it might be useful in the next eNews or one in March/April when "Frog Water" is being released.

### How much did the frog affect water operations in 2018?

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- We filled Crane prairie to 48,770 AF on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Under normal operations we would have filled Crane Prairie to 55,000 AF and kept it full until Wickiup started dropping from irrigation demand.
    - **Net loss of 6,230 AF**
  - We opened Wickiup on March 30 and drained it down to 193,600 AF before the water was needed for irrigation needs.
    - **Net loss of 6,400 AF**
  - Crescent lake filled to 81,704 AF on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Under normal operations
    - We would have filled to 86,050 AF.
      - **Net loss of 4,346 AF.**
  - Without the frog flow requirements we would have ended the season with 12,630 AF more in Wickiup and 4,346 AF more in Crescent lake.

OSF = Oregon Spotted Frog

AF= Acre Feet, a unit of volume equal to the volume of a sheet of water one acre (0.405 hectare) in area and one foot (30.48 cm) in depth; 43,560 cubic feet (1233.5 cu m). 325,851 gallons.

# Lake in the Dunes Outing 2019

COME JOIN US – Lake in the Dunes 2019. Sign ups have already started for the Direct Adventures and Sunriver Anglers three-day fishing adventure to the Lake in the Dunes near Summer Lake, Oregon.

Lake In The Dunes is a private pay to play fly fishing and pheasant hunting preserve in Summer Lake, Oregon. There are five manmade lakes, fed by artesian wells, providing some of Oregon's best guided and non-guided private lake fly fishing.

To view the camp go to [www.LakeInTheDunes.com](http://www.LakeInTheDunes.com).

The outing is limited to ten Sunriver Anglers .

Date: April 29-May 1, 2019

Price: \$200

Arrive: gate opens at 7 am April 29

Depart : 3 pm May 1

BBQ steak dinner on Monday and dinner at the lodge on Tuesday.

Contact: Jerry Hubbard at [jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com)



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Lying and Tying at the HOOK FLY SHOP will begin in January.

Stay tuned for times and dates.

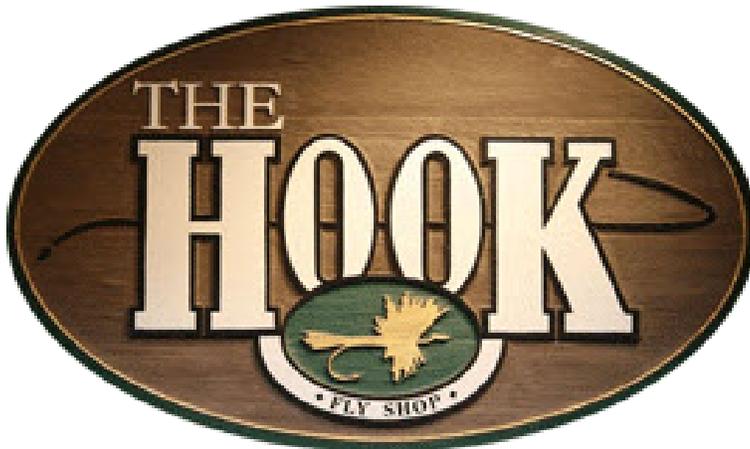
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### Member-Get-A-Member

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.

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## Facebook:

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<https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>

**Swap Meet** - Wooden Drift boat with trailer for sale, needs work.

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

From club member Gene Gramzow- "No longer able to tie flies so I'm selling all of my materials. Hooks, hackles, dubbing, chenille, marabou, beads, calf tails, schlappin, peacock, rabbit, midge tubing, mallard, rubber legs, 60 spools of thread, storage box. Prefer to sell all to one buyer".

If you are tying or just starting these materials are necessary to tie most all fly patterns. Email.  
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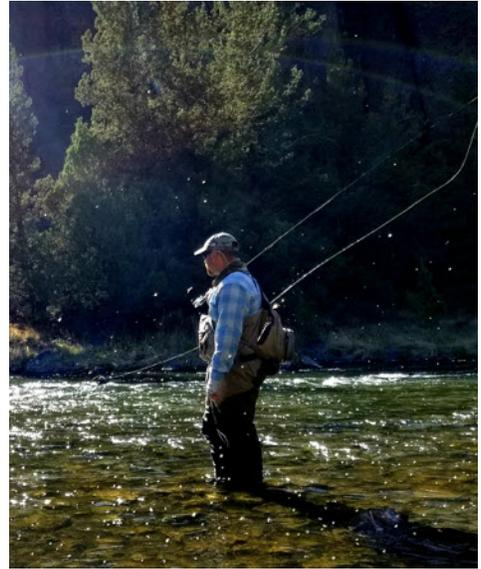


Please contact Gene for more pictures or information.

# Scenes from 2018



Crooked River Outing, Mother's day Caddis Hatch and Bryon S, our super awesome guide.



Lying and Tying at the HOOK  
**Send us your pictures and stories!**



Lake Billy Outing



Crane Prairie Outing

**THE  
END**



Brook Trout