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September Meeting

Where to Fish" Tim Mertins

So far this year the Sunriver Anglers Club has presented such topics as What is Euro-Nymphing by Dave and Mary Ann Dozer, Bass Fishing in Central Oregon by Brian O'Keefe, Fishing the Crooked River by John Olschewsky, The Utah Cutthroat Slam by Gary Lewis and Fly-Fishing Hosmer Lake by Phil Fisher.

September 19th, Sunriver Anglers will host Bob Maina, a part time New Zealand resident and part time Sunriver resident. Bob will lead us on a journey that covers many of the 60 years that Bob has gone fishing in most of the United States and in another 161 countries.

Bob will whet your appetite for fishing in other great countries around the world including those that have fallen out of favor and now offer fairly terrible fishing. He will speak about fishing in Africa , Vanuatu , Micronesia , New Caledonia , Samoa , Chile , Tasmania , Costa Rica , Canada , Alaska , the Midwestern U.S, and some interesting facts about fishing in Washington State and Eastern Oregon.

A lot of Oregonians think that trout is the only game fish, and place all others in the "trash fish" category. Bob will cause those to rethink this and show that there are other types of fish that can put up a tremendous fight on a fly rod or conventional gear for great fishing pleasure . Bob will talk about Nile Perch , Golden Trevally , Blue Cod, King Fish, and Rainbow Bass that are available on the far side of the world. He will give

information on Norther Pike Sheefish regular Muskies Tiger Muskies, Char (Lake Trout), and other fish available in or near Oregon.

October Meeting

Fly Fishing Road Trips

By Tim Mertins

This month's topic that will be covered at the Sunriver Anglers Club meeting to be held at the SHARC on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7p.m. will be *Fly Fishing Road Trips* presented by this month's featured speaker John Kreft.

John has traveled and fished rivers in Montana, Washington and Idaho as well as Oregon and will provide examples of what to take, where to stay and other lessons learned that you can use when on your own fly-fishing trip. His presentation will include pictures he has taken during trips to the following rivers, the lower Madison, Stillwater, Big Hole, St. Joe and Upper Columbia.

John has been tying flies for a number of years and said he began in 1970 with the help or mentorship of Wayne Doughton. John bought the materials needed to make six flies which Wayne had sold him. When John could tie those six flies correctly, he was to bring the "models" back, trade them for six different ones, purchase the materials for these new ones and make them. This went on for a while and as the old adage says, practice makes perfect, John did become adept at fly tying.



In recent years John has tied over 170 dozen flies each year and has developed custom flies, “John Kreft flies”, that have become very popular with his clients, friends, and members of the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF), John’s local club. John and his wife Karen, a noted fly fisher in her own right, reside in Sisters and are close to the Metolius River, John’s home water.

John has fished nymphs, dries and streamers but says he loves to see trout rise slowly to take a fly he has tied. He likens this to a chess match where he is waiting to call out “check mate”.

John is a regular contributor to the Fly of the Month column in COF newsletter and has managed the COF Winter Fly Tying since 2012. John was the treasurer for the Oregon Council – FFI and Chair of the 2015 and 2016 NW Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo in Albany. He has also exhibited his fly-tying abilities at the NW Expo, Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo in Boise, The Northern California Fly Tying Expo in Redding and in 2017 received the Stan Walters Memorial Tyer of the Year award.

Be sure to check out John’s website **RiverKeeper Flies** (www.johnkreft.com) which is a great resource for novice and experienced anglers alike. John’s weekly posts include topics on fly fishing, fly tying and volunteer work. In this website you can find fly patterns to be used in the Crooked River as well as other resources including knots, hooks and bead conversion charts. Many of these resources are accompanied by pictures which help solidify the story being told.

Be sure to catch Phil Fisher’s article on the CalliKlink fly in this month’s edition of the Sunriver Scene.

The Sunriver Anglers Club is committed to Fishing, Conservation, Education and, this month, eating in and around Sunriver. If you would like more information or would like to get more involved by joining with other club members, please visit our website at www.sunriveranglers.org.

Outings

Fall River Picnic August was a great event!

Sixty Sunriver Anglers and their guests braved an early afternoon thunder shower to attend the annual picnic at the Fall River Fish Hatchery.

The weather was nearly perfect, and even the mosquitoes stayed away. The food was in a word "OUTSTANDING". The tri-tip, lovingly seasoned, rubbed and grilled by Phil and Jeff were done to perfection. The Angler's secret bean recipe was outstanding as always. And thanks to our new SRA Chef Julie, we had plenty of Caesar salad, potato/mac salad, garlic bread and sweet watermelon to compliment the meal. Herm once again delivered and served up a delicious selection of ice cream for dessert.

Our secret guest of honor, Tom Walker, was surprised when we congratulated him and thanked him for his over 30 years with the USFS, and for being integral to Kids Free Fish day, and for the health of the fisheries here in Central Oregon. He was gracious enough to give a short speech. Then he proceeded to draw his own name from the tickets for the 50-50 raffle. He won \$125.00!



Lastly, the picnic was almost cancelled due to lack of volunteer interest and lack of leadership, so I want to give a shout out to Jerry Hubbard, Gary Farnam, Julie Webber, Mike Quan, Kevin Dorshimer, Phil Fischer, Jeff Nakae, Nancy Martino, Dan Kress, Mark Hower, Herm Meister, John and Cheryl Eckhold, Tim Mertins, Gregg and Meena Wagner, Chris Breault, and Don and Tim from the hatchery. If you helped out and your name isn't listed, you were appreciated just as much, memory is just not what it once was! Thank you ALL and hope to see you next year!



Tom Walker



Two of our many volunteers at the picnic.

Volunteer Opportunities

Fall River Kokanee Karnival.

Rynie and I are looking for volunteers to help with the Fall River Kokanee Karnival. The event is held at the Fall River Fish Hatchery on September 23, 24, 26, and 27, from approximately 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM.

For those of you who might not be familiar with the program - our students attend local elementary schools and are accompanied by their teachers and parents. As always there will be a morning and afternoon session each day. If you can stay for both, we will feed you and the hatchery staff a great lunch!

The Fall River Kokanee Karnival consists of a series of "stations" to review why hatcheries are necessary, river flows, trapping, and all aspects of hatchery operations. The program lasts approximately two hours, start to finish. We have prepared speaking points for each station to make the experience both fun and rewarding for everyone. And, Rynie or I will be there to assist both our volunteers, schools, and ODFW staff.

If you love kids, I promise you that you will have a GREAT experience volunteering for this event. Please let either Rynie or me know if you are able to volunteer, or have questions about the program. I will attachment our contact information below.

Thank you!!!!
Jim Adams

Jim's email: jimginnyadams@msn.com
Rynie's email: ryniesra@gmail.com

Conservation

On August 27, 2019 the Coalition for the Deschutes presented the 2019 Wickiup/Deschutes River "State of the Basin" Roundtable Discussion and Shared Vision event.

Members of Central Oregon's fishing and recreation community, the farming and irrigation community, environmental and conservation groups, ODF&W, and the Oregon Water Resources Board as well as the managers from the North Unit and Central Oregon Irrigation were in attendance along with several members of the public who were interested in the health of Wickiup.

Wickiup started the irrigation season at it's lowest level ever. Only 10,000 acre feet were left in the reservoir this winter. The ground water system has not recovered yet, and it may take two consecutive of 150-200% precipitation in the Cascades for Wickiup to completely fill up again. With the heavy snowfall in February, better flows were expected but never showed up in the Little Deschutes and other tributaries of the Deschutes river. However, the current water level is 4,000 acre feet above what it was at the same time last year. The water system of the Ochocos and the Crooked river had

a much better water year than it had in 2018. Our wet spring and mild summer has been a benefit but not a savior to our current water situation.

COID (Central Oregon Irrigation District) reports that it's hydro revenue is down due to decreased production of electricity at the Juniper Ridge Hydroelectric Plant. The Hydroelectric project piped 4 miles of canals near Pilot Butte and saves 19.6 cfs of water, which is returned to the Deschutes. The 3.3 megawatts of electricity it provides can power up to 3,300 homes! The revenue is important to continue with other piping and conservation projects. The growing of hemp in our area uses drip irrigation and uses less water and labor. The biggest obstacle besides money is the share holders/irrigators that receive the water. While a third are on board with modernization, conservation and metering, another third are resistant to change, and a third are not participating in the conversation do to being out of the area, apathetic, or uninformed. COID is the senior and biggest water rights holder in Central Oregon. COID will be releasing it's HCP (Habitat Conservation Plan) next month, projects will be implemented with or without it. If 35% of the Pilot Butte canal can be piped, it could save enough water to fill half of Wickiup.

NUID (North Unit Irrigation District) Had to decrease it's farmer's irrigation allotment to 1.5 acre feet per acre for the season. One acre foot is roughly the size of a football field covered with water a foot deep. Traditionally, the allotment has been 1.85 to 2.0 acre feet/acre. This means that the farmers had to cut the amount of crops grown by 25-30%. (letting some fields go fallow) And it meant choosing crops that could grow to maturity using the decreased water supply. North Unit as a whole, being the junior water partner is well known for it efficiency with the water they are allotted. Phil Fine, a farmer, spoke of the necessity of using water wisely, of updating the furrowed method of watering with return pumps, and the quirks of working with Mother Nature and a changing climate. 85% of the water NUID uses is from Wickiup.

Mike Harrington from ODF&W gave us the following information....due to the spotted frog, Crane Prairie Reservoir must hold more water than it had previously. Because of this, ODF&W are watching the changes that may occur, such as "which species will benefit from the greater habitat?" Presently, there are bass, trout, blue gill, stickle backs and Tui chubs. Great numbers of Tui chubs have been trapped at Crane this year by ODF&W, with thousands of pounds taken daily.

Meanwhile, last year at Wickiup, a great number of Kokanee and bull heads left the reservoir, with the trout staying in the channels when the water level got low. Again, ODF&W are collecting data to see how and when the fisheries will recover, although fishing was reported to be better than expected this spring. A new fisheries management plan may have to be formulated if this fluctuation is the new normal. It is likely that the condition of Wickiup in 2020 will be very similar to the past two seasons.

The future of the river depends on the collaboration of many groups working together. Currently there are plans that include 25 miles of piping the canal near Pilot Butte and 30 miles of piping near Smith Rock. Federal funding has already helped the Tumalo

and Swalley irrigation districts. COID, NU, Arnold and rest should be next. The State of Oregon has matching funds available as well. It will take 200-250 million dollars over the next 20-25 years to complete the piping project. The roles of water banking, exchanging, and marketing must be scrutinized and even rewritten for current needs. It was agreed that the entire Deschutes river system must be cared for, and this meeting was not to be about blame, "but to recognize needs, find common ground, support organizations that are making sound policy changes and to have a good life here in Central Oregon."

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Please contact Marv Yoshinaka (541-593-5461) if you need any help in getting registered with the Community Rewards Program,

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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.

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Sunriver Angler's Fly Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer

The Carey Special

I really like rediscovering old patterns. These flies worked many years ago and are still very effective today. The Carey Special is just such a fly. This pattern was originally tied for still waters in British Columbia in 1925 by Dr. Lloyd Day from Quesnel, British Columbia. It was popularized by Coronel Thomas Carey, and the pattern was named in his honor. I don't know who or when the fly pattern was introduced to Central Oregon, but today it is a staple in many of our fly boxes for Crane Prairie, East Lake, and other of area lakes.

The fly design is straight-forward. It consists of a peacock herl body and a pheasant back or rump feather for the hackle and tail. The fly imitates many insects found in our area lakes, from dragonflies to water boatman and others. The subtleties I add to the Carey's in my box really make it a very versatile and effective pattern. I often weight the pattern differently for different waters. I'll add more weight to the fly for East Lake and fish it deeper than perhaps I would at Crane Prairie. I can also vary how deep the fly is fished with the fly line I use. For shallow waters I may opt for a hover line with a very slow sink rate, or I may use it on an intermediate line to get down deeper. The key to fishing this pattern it to vary the retrieve. I like an erratic, wonky retrieve that imitates a dragonfly nymph. But vary your retrieve based on whatever the fish seem to prefer on any given day.



I recently tied up a fresh batch of Carey Specials and took them out to Crane Prairie one afternoon. I used the electric motor to move quietly around an area until I started seeing

fish and then anchored in very shallow water. I rigged up a Carey Special at the end of 16 feet of 3X tippet on a Hover line and began sight casting to these fish. On the second cast I felt that abrupt stop and set the hook to a 21” rainbow. At the beginning of this article, I stated I loved rediscovering old patterns; a 21” rainbow really sealed the deal for me that day. Try this pattern during summer and early fall on your favorite local lake.

Materials List: Carey Special

Hook: Daiichi 1710, Size 8-14

Thread: Danville 6/0 Flat Waxed in Olive Brown

Weight: 6-12 wraps of .015 Lead Wire

Tail: Whiting Freshwater Streamer Hen Cape in Mottled Gray or Brown, or Ringneck Pheasant Rump Hackle

Abdomen: Peacock

Rib: Medium Copper Wire

Hackle: Whiting Freshwater Streamer Hen Cape in Mottled Gray or Brown, or Ringneck Pheasant Rump or Back Hackle

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/Viilj5gprwI>

Experiment with this pattern to imitate the dragonfly nymph or other aquatic insects. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Carey Special, 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.

Other News

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>

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Resources – check our web site at www.SunriverAnglers.org for a list of resources.

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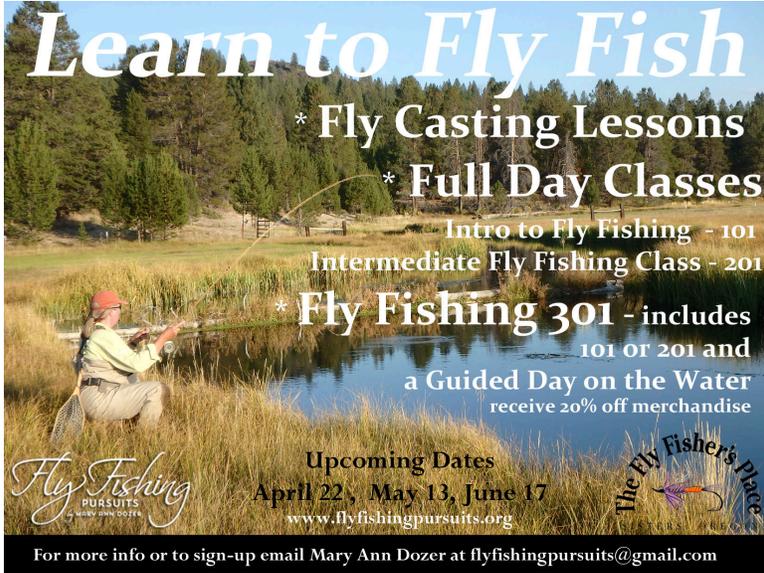


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