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Jerry Hubbard, Board Member

Mini Sunriver Anglers Picnic – twelve anglers and wives spend an afternoon at Bob Hickman’s back yard on the Upper Deschutes River on August 15. With the Hatchery closed and no large group gatherings we decided to hold a mini Anglers picnic with BBQ Tri Tip (Phil F and Jeff N), Angler baked beans (Ann J), Sheila bread, salads and ice cream bars (Dick S.) Plus the normal liquid beverages the Anglers consume.



Fishing News Reports on CO Fishing

East Lake Bob Hickman after Rainbows, Jerry H taking a break.



Bitterroot Brown Trout – caught by Doug Vakoc - nice catch Doug!



First time angler on Crane Prairie – Emily's Trout



Lake Report from Rynie

Last week, 8/10 - Mike, Henry our Lab, and Buster the Cat took a short camping and fishing trip to Little Lava Lake. Little Lava was green as pea soup, and had very little fishing pressure. I think I saw one fish caught from the bank. The campground was full, and as the day heated up, many paddleboarders and kayakers filled the parking lot.

That afternoon, we decided to take a drive to Little Cultus Lake, we had never been there. The three-mile drive in wasn't bad, but again, there was very little parking, and most of the easily walkable shoreline was taken up. The water quality there was much better, and we decided to come back another day to do some fishing. On the way back we checked out the Upper D. There was much more water than I expected, since behind our campsite at Little Lava, the headwater of the Upper D was just a green puddle.

The next morning took us to Lava Lake. Less green and stinky than Little Lava, and more fish towards the far end. Lots of tui chubs nearer to the launch. That evening we decided to brave the kayak hatch and headed on over to Hosmer. We thought we'd have a nice quiet time at Hosmer, but we've never actually had great luck in the evening there, and there were still a LOT of paddlers in the water, with a whole van load arriving as we were pulling out at dusk.



Our biggest adventure was Davis Lake. We met a guy there who had figured out a way to launch his canoe from the Lava Flow. We decided (for some crazy reason) that we might be able to launch our drift boat using the same method. Nope, it's much heavier than we thought, we managed to drag it about 3 feet off the trailer before abandoning that idea. Instead, we decided to launch at East Davis Campground. Launching there was no problem, it was getting the boat out to the lake with just inches of water floating the boat in Odell Creek.

Lots of walking beside the boat. Since we were there anyway, we decided to see what we could see. What we saw was lots of lake bottom, really close, like a foot deep. We couldn't even find the channels we were familiar with, and we didn't have the energy or time left to get to the deeper areas. We had a nice picnic in the boat, and very slowly returned to the launch area.



Where we used to launch! Looks like the Oregon Trail!

My First Fishing Trip!

Phil Fischer took Dave Kreps and his daughter Sara on a trip to East Lake in June. This trip was donated at the Anglers Auction at last year's holiday party.

This was Sara's first ever day fly fishing, and the smile in the picture resounds of success at landing her first ever trout on a fly rod.

We had a good hatch of Callibaetis that day and Dave and Sara both brought fish to net.



Outings

Lake in the Dunes Trips have been rescheduled to a date in the April-May of 2021

Fly Tying

Dear Angler,

I'm sure you get emails requesting you put some kind of ad or commercial offer in your club newsletter. This is neither. It's just something free your fly-tying members might appreciate. And use often.

For years and years Frank Amato Publications published my fly-proportion chart for fly tiers. It's now out-of-print, so I spent an absurd amount of time redoing it, and then I put it up on my web-site. You just print it out, no charge.

\Tiers loved it, but Amato Publishing has become, essentially, a magazine publisher and has dropped nearly all their books. Here's that link:

<http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com/skip-morris-trout-fly-proportion-chart.html>

No pressure: share the link with your members or not as you choose.

Also, below is the copy about the chart from my website, so include the copy if you like, don't if you'd rather not.

Hope you're fishing through the pandemic and staying well.
Best, Skip Morris

"Flies with good proportions—wings and tails of proper length, hackle fibers neither overlong nor stubby, a body of suitable length to balance the look of the fly, and much more—not only look handsome, they convince trout, hook them solidly, and, best of all, bring them to net. A fly with bad proportions? A fly like that won't look like the bug it's supposed to suggest and therefore won't fool trout, it won't sit on the water in the right posture (which also won't fool trout), won't hook trout solidly, and consequently too many of the trout it does hook never see the net.

Skip figured all that out by growing up tying flies and fishing the flies he tied—real on-the-water experience. He read many books on tying, experimented to determine where a wing is best mounted on a parachute fly and how long to make the hackle on a soft-hackled fly and much more. After a few decades of measuring the proportions of flies appearing in magazines and books and tied by the experts and of striving to find balance in the materials that go into each type of trout fly, he settled on the proportions presented in this chart.

For twenty years, *Skip Morris's Fly Proportion Chart* was printed and distributed by Frank Amato Publications. When it went out of print, Skip started seeing the same question in emails and hearing it at the fly clubs and fly-fishing expos where he spoke:

"When is your fly-proportion chart coming back into print?"

So, Skip redid the whole chart, made it bigger and easier to read and to understand, and adjusted the proportions by what he'd learned about tying flies over the two decades since the Amato version had come out.

And, dropped the price, drastically: from \$3.95 to . . . *free*.

Just print one out, no charge. Yours to enjoy.

Fly proportions do matter—poor proportions make flies ugly and ineffective; good proportions make flies elegant and deadly. Follow the chart and the flies you tie will be of the latter kind.

This handy three-page guide will make fly proportions easy to understand."

Pale Morning Dun CDC Thorax

Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer



This month's pattern features a Pale Morning Dun CDC Thorax pattern. September brings a change of season in Central Oregon. This means cooler weather, sometimes unsettled conditions, and a prolific Pale Morning Dun hatch on the Crooked River. This pattern also works well on the Fall River and Metolious and other rivers during their PMD hatches, which occur earlier in the year than on the Crooked. But PMD's on the Crooked in September and early October can be amazing.

It is a whole lot of fun to stand in one spot and cast to specific fish until hooked, then move along to the next fish, and next, and next, never stepping from the very same spot. I have had days where I spend the majority of the time within a 100-yard stretch of river and can cast to rising fish throughout the 3-4-hour hatch period. The best hatches occur on overcast days with moderate humidity in the air.

The Pale Morning Dun CDC Thorax pattern is tied with Cul-de-Canard in the wing, or CDC. CDC feathers come from right around the oil gland on waterfowl, and the feather is saturated with natural oils, and it repels water extraordinarily well. This makes it a perfect material for dry flies. CDC can become saturated after hooking a fish, but can be easily refreshed with some dry shake and a little CDC oil. I bought a small bottle of CDC Oil many years ago from the Trout

Hunter Fly Shop in Island Park Idaho. It has lasted me a long time. The hackle is a Whiting Dry Fly Saddle Hackle and is tied dry fly style, but is clipped short on the underside of the fly to enable it to ride low in the water, much like the natural. I used a dyed pale-yellow goose biot for the abdomen, which creates a nicely

segmented and very sparse body. Rather than the more traditional leading edge, I used a barb from the trailing edge of the goose's flight feather, as it enables more and tighter wraps to form the insect's segments.

I use a unique method to split the microfibets in the tail. Watch closely in the video and follow the steps precisely. It works! And lastly, I used a dubbing blend of pale-yellow superfine dubbing, with Callibaetis UV dubbing for the Thorax. I find the addition of UV material to my dubbing mix adds life and promotes more takes to the fly.

This pattern has worked well for me on many waters over time. It can be tied to imitate the Pale Morning Dun, or other mayflies by substituting materials to match the natural. I often tie it to imitate a Mahogany Dun for this hatch during October on the Fall River. Give this pattern a try; I think you'll like the results.

Pale Morning Dun CDC Thorax Materials List:

Hook:	Daiichi 1180 Size 16-18 or similar
Thread:	Pale Yellow 6/0
Tail:	Pale Yellow Microfibets
Abdomen:	Goose Biot in pale yellow
Thorax:	Pale Yellow Superfine dubbing 75%, Callibaetis UV Dubbing 25%
Wing:	Medium Dun CDC
Hackle:	Whiting Farms Ginger Dry Fly Saddle 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/1Rp2aK8Feyo>

Experiment with this pattern during September and October for the prolific PMD hatches that occur on the Crooked River. If you have questions or would like additional information about the PMD CDC Thorax 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.

Fish Rescue

Hello from Lisa Windom / Special Projects Manager:

As you may know, each fall the Deschutes Basin Board of Control and its many partners coordinate an event to return the stranded fish throughout the Lava Island side channel back to the Deschutes River when the irrigation district shut off in the fall. This year we seek to expand our planning team to elevate the current rescue model and event design.

Ideally, our planning team will help plan the event, coordinate the outreach, manage a centralized website and implement the successful rescue. Our goals are to further improve our rescue success rate and strengthen the communication network to avoid confusion.

I am reaching out to you because you've either been a part of the Lava Island Fish Rescue in the past or were identified as someone from which we'd benefit as an ally.

This year has faced drought conditions unseen for over 25 years, and will require an adaptive plan to effectively coordinate a fish rescue under these conditions. Irrigation District shut off dates also vary this year compared to historic routine which will influence the rate and timing of flow through that region. And COVID-19 has complicated how we manage volunteer events. All to say this already complicated event has become more complicated. If I were to estimate the timing of the event... I could only say it will occur between September 21st and October 21st. As the details solidify, the date will become more clear.

Can we count on you as a member of our committee? If so, REPLY to this email lwindom@northunitid.com

If you are unavailable as a committee member, but wish to support the event through (1) suggestions/feedback, (2) forwarding/email announcements, (3) volunteering, reply with those details as well.

I hope to schedule our first virtual meeting between August 26th- Sept 4th.

Fishing expedition leader

Volunteer to fish a favorite (or semi-favorite spot) with the Anglers. A great way to meet people, and help them get to know an area. Or, if you've never been to a place before, a great opportunity to get a few others to go with you.

You can choose to serve a lunch or brunch and make it a party, or you can make it a BYOF&D (bring your own food and drink). Of, if you have a great idea, contact Rynie, and let's make it happen in 2020.

Conservation

Forest Fires

Firefighters stopped forward progression on July 18, 2020's Rosland Road Fire near Newberry Estates in La Pine largely due to areas of hazardous fuels reduction work completed in previous years as part of the Great La Pine Basin Joint Chief's Project. Watch this short video to understand how these treatments helped firefighters!

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1400457240342696>

Forest Management

I wanted to share this thought-provoking video focusing on lessons learned for land managers wanting to practice managing wildfire for resource benefit. It sparks a discussion about managing fire for resource benefit on public lands: including reasons behind using this management approach; factors that influence the ability to do so; resources and steps that support fire for resource benefit; considerations to keep in mind; and other wisdom from experts.

This video does not intend to solve the big discussion involved around this management practice however, it offers many insights to start the conversation.

<https://youtu.be/wNm7OEsfK6I>

Alison Green
Coordinator
Oregon: Living with Fire

Water 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>

Oregon Water Supply Report_ "Follow this link to see the latest OWRD Water Conditions/Drought report."
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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.

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 to learn more about the value of membership.

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