



# The Sunriver Anglers

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<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

## Presidents Message



## Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year

Holiday Greetings to one and all. I hope that this message finds everyone well, healthy, and as happy is possible under these strange conditions.

There is not a whole lot to report as far as club activities due to the COVID-19 imposed restrictions. The board held a Zoom meeting to discuss the current situation and what it means for club activities going forward. We know that many of our traditional programs have either been cancelled or put in limbo until the situation is resolved. The Eggs to Fry Program at the school is not happening this year, the Free Fish Day will not happen, Kokanee Karnival is also a no go. The school program at the hatchery is up in the air until the state decides if the hatchery will open or not, and the Healing Waters Program will not happen this year also.

We are considering doing a local project for Veterans fishing on our own this year. It would just be a one-day affair with a Bar-B-Q for a few local Vets. There will be more to follow as time progresses. We are also considering an alternate site for the club picnic depending on the availability of the hatchery.

We will continue to have Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future on the third Thursday of the month

Again, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, or whatever holiday you celebrate, to one and all. And let's all look forward to a happy and healthy new year.

Set the hook and keep the line tight!

Dave Kreps

## **Covid-19 and the impact on the Sunriver Anglers in 2021**

Lake in the Dunes – we have two trips set for 2021 but depending on the vaccines we may have to look at the Fall of 2021 or the April/May of 2022.

Kokanee Karnival – COF say no KK in Spring of 2021. Hot dog cookers get a year off! Might do something in the Fall depending on Covid-19.

Fall River Hatchery – ODF&W hopes the Hatchery will be open for fishing in August but?

Three Rivers Schools – egg hatchery. We did this in September 2020. 2021 depends on the Bend La Pine School District.

Anglers Picnic at the Hatchery – depends on ODF&W.

Anglers Holiday party at the Great Hall, have reserved Dec. 6, Monday, 2021 but have made no commitments.

Free Fishing Day – est. June 5. Again, depends on the Governors rules and status of vaccinations.

COF-SRA Fly Fishing Winter Seminar – COF will not be participating in 2021.

2021 Anglers Budget – a draft budget was sent to the Board for comments.

Chub removal – ODF&W will hire interns for Chub removal, SRA will have donated \$2,000 for they will have funds for an extra week of work.

### **January 21, 2021-**

Garrett Lesko

Smallmouth Bass fishing

Virtual Meeting on Zoom 7pm

Garrett Lesko has been tying flies for over 8 years after obtaining an old vise. He specializes in deer hair bass bugs, but ties many other types of flies that have been fished all over the world. He takes a lot of inspiration from tyers like Pat Cohen, Andres Anderson, and Shawn West. He has been a featured tyer in Fly Fishing and Tying Journal.

### **February 18, 2021 via Zoom**

Chris Wisniewski

Section Manager - Inland Fisheries Service (IFS)

## Tasmania, Australia

Chris began work with the IFS in 1989 as a compliance officer based at a remote hydro village in the Central Highlands of Tasmania, the heart of Australian trout fishing. In 1995, European carp were found in two highland trout lakes. To keep the carp contained, the lakes were closed to the public. Chris transferred to the Carp Eradication Program in the role of compliance and community education, then became leader of the Program in 2002. In 2009, he began his current role as manager of field operations at IFS, including compliance, research, and recreational and commercial fisheries.

Chris previously presented at American Fisheries Society conferences in St Paul/ Minneapolis and Nashville and is a regular presenter at Australian fisheries conferences. Chris is a keen fly fisherman and has fished all over the world including the clear mountain waters of the Sunriver area of Oregon.



## Quill Gordon

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### ***Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner***

***By: Phil Fischer***

One of the most timeless fly patterns was brought to us by Theodore Gordon, a famous fly fisher and fly tier that created his namesake fly pattern, the Quill Gordon, in the late 1800's. This pattern was created to fish the tumbling streams and waters in the Catskill Mountains in the Eastern United States. The Quill Gordon was the first of the iconic Catskill series of fly patterns, which include the Red Quill, Hendrickson, Light Cahill and many more.

The patterns were originally designed to imitate mayflies common in the region and are still tied and in widespread use today. It was adapted from some flies used on placid English chalk streams sent to the Catskill region by renowned English Fly-Fishing Author, Fredrick Halford. With some changes to adapt the English patterns to the faster and more tumbling waters of the Catskill region, Theodore's Quill Gordon fly pattern was borne.



I followed the original pattern in this rendition very closely. I used a Whiting Coq de Leon hackle fiber for the tail in natural pardo. I also used a stripped peacock eye barb dyed brown for the abdomen. The wing features a lemon wood duck flank feather tied in a rolled wing style mirroring the original patterns that have become a mainstay many of the traditional Catskill dry fly patterns.

Lastly, the hackle is a Whiting dry fly saddle feather in a natural dun. I added a degree of strength to the pattern using some superglue under the peacock eye and hackle. Obviously, superglue was not available when the original Quill Gordon was created. However, Mr. Gordon often used a counter wrap of fine wire to strengthen the abdomen of the pattern to achieve the same result.

Give this pattern a try on some of our local Central Oregon rivers. It works!

#### **Quill Gordon Materials List:**

**Hook:** Firehole 419 Size 14-18  
**Thread:** Danville's 6/0 Flat Waxed, Tobacco Brown

**Wing:** Natural Lemon Wood Duck Flank Feather  
**Tail:** Whiting Coq De Leon, Medium Pardo  
**Abdomen:** Polish Quill, Natural  
**Hackle:** Whiting Dry Fly Saddle, Unique Variant – Natural Dun

Tying instructions and steps are 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/jhtui7kKwxA>

Experiment with this pattern, or other traditional Catskill dry flies, on Central Oregon's Rivers. Or just enjoy the beauty and tradition that comes with tying some of these classics. If you have questions or would like additional information about Catskill patterns, 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).

### **Fishing Avoiding the Twist**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLneY0Ly4iQ&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3bQ5v63CQm4ppf2QRfblsfb2Ce9myjbbzHROseoj7vXjwDArF4EXUuVZg>

### **Conservation**

The ODFW News Releases are often interesting and don't come frequently enough to be a bother. Here's a link that Anglers can use to subscribe: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2020/index.asp> Click on the red envelope below the cover picture to subscribe.

#### **House approves legislation to end use of drift gillnets**

*Legislation to phase out "walls of death" passes House, heads to President's desk*

This morning the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act which outlaws destructive drift gillnets from the last region of the country that still allows it - the federal waters off California. The final push to phase out the gear has been a huge priority for CCA California and the recreational fishing community across the country.

"This is something that CCA California has been focused on for years, and it is a huge win for anglers and our marine resources," said Bill Shedd, chairman of CCA California. "CCA members from across the nation activated and sent in thousands of messages to their elected officials urging them to pass this common-sense

measure and their perseverance paid off. We are truly grateful for their efforts and proud to have been a part of the national effort to get this bill over the goal line. It is large, grassroots efforts like this that have made CCA successful for decades.”

California was the only state that still allowed a small number of commercial fishermen to use large mesh drift gillnets, which are a mile long and float along the ocean surface ensnaring anything in their path. While they “target” swordfish, more 70 different species get captured, including sportfish, marine mammals and sea turtles. Over half of the catch is discarded, much of it dead. Frustrating conservationists even more is the fact that the nets can be eliminated while also increasing the total catch of swordfish by using deep-set buoy gear that results in far less bycatch and has been developed in California since 2011.

““This is a great way to finish a most troubling year, said Wayne Kotow, executive director CCA California. “We could not have accomplished this without all of our valuable coalition partners. We can finally see the end of this gear type that hurts the overall resources.”

The Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act now heads to the President’s desk as the last piece of the puzzle to phase out the deadly gear. The Senate version of the bill was approved in July and the State of California passed similar legislation by a vote of 119-1. California state law has already initiated a transition program that will help finance the few dozen drift gillnet permit holders to move to more efficient gear, but because the activity takes place in federal waters, the federal bill was needed to close the loop and fully initiate the transition.

## **Hatchery winter steelhead fishing in the Umpqua Basin might net anglers a reward**

Thursday, December 2, 2020

ROSEBURG, Ore – Anglers who harvest a hatchery winter steelhead and return the snout to an ODFW collection barrel have a chance to win a \$50 gift card if their fish is coded wire tagged. Monthly prize drawings run through April 2021.

Collection barrels are located at popular boat ramps around the Umpqua Basin and in Roseburg at Sportsman’s Warehouse and outside the ODFW office on North Umpqua Highway. Bags for the snouts and tags with date and location of harvest are in the barrels.

Hatchery winter steelhead were coded wire tagged this past spring and released in four groups at acclimation sites in Canyonville, each at a different time. ODFW scans collected snouts for the tags which contain the release date and group. This information informs which release timing is the most beneficial to anglers, particularly those fishing the South Umpqua River.

ODFW began getting that data during the 2018-19 winter steelhead angling season with anglers returning about 200 snouts. That number doubled during the 2019-20 season.

“We expect to collect harvested hatchery winter steelhead snouts for at least another five years. The longer length of this study gives us a better picture of the fishery and what, if any, adjustments need made to the release timing,” said Evan Leonetti, ODFW STEP biologist.

Leonetti said it’s too early in the study to make management adjustments and encourages anglers to continue returning snouts from their harvested hatchery winter steelhead.

### **Water News**

**Reservoir Levels and Upper Deschutes Flows:** for current reservoir fill levels and stream flows, 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.”

<https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Pages/Current-Conditions.aspx>

### **More water news**

<https://www.deschutesriver.org/blog/funding-to-benefit-oregons-rivers-and-farmers-moving-through-legislation/>

## **Final Plans Approved for Ochoco Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project**

**Prineville, OR (December 15, 2020)** - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has [released](#) a Final Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Ochoco Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project.

NRCS has determined that the project will not cause significant local, regional or national impacts to the environment. With a completed environmental assessment in place, the project is now eligible for federal funding and may move forward into construction.

The project will install a total of 16.8 miles of buried pipeline which will replace the open, unlined canals and laterals of Grimes Flat and the IronHorse section of the Crooked River Distribution Canal. The project will also install a new pipeline to deliver irrigation water to the upper McKay Creek lands associated with the McKay Creek Water Rights Switch. Related improvements include replacing aging pump stations and raising canal banks to deepen channels. The project will improve irrigation water management and delivery, reduce district operations and maintenance costs, improve public safety along piped sections, and increase streamflow in McKay Creek and the Crooked River.

Installing a new pipeline in the upper reaches of McKay Creek will improve water supply reliability for farmers and ranchers in that area while restoring seasonal flow of up to 11.2 cubic feet per second of streamflow in a portion of the creek. Converting open-ditch irrigation canals into underground, closed-pipe systems will reduce water loss from seepage by up to an estimated 5.9 cubic feet per second, of which an estimated 4.82 cubic feet per second will be allocated instream in the Crooked River, and any remaining water savings will improve water supplies for existing irrigated lands in the District.

The project is a joint effort among NRCS, Ochoco Irrigation District, the

Deschutes Basin Board of Control, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Deschutes River Conservancy, the Energy Trust of Oregon, Farmers Conservation Alliance, and in coordination with other agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

The Final EA and other supporting documents for the project are available at [www.oregonwatershedplans.org/ochoco-id](http://www.oregonwatershedplans.org/ochoco-id).

The project may be partially funded through the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, administered by NRCS and authorized by Public Law 83-566. Through this program, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to local organizations (project sponsors) for planning and carrying out projects that help solve natural resource and related economic problems in a specific watershed. These issues can include watershed protection, flood prevention, erosion and sediment control, water supply, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, and wetlands creation.

For more information about this and other irrigation modernization projects in Oregon, visit [www.oregonwatershedplans.org](http://www.oregonwatershedplans.org), contact Farmers Conservation Alliance at 541-716-6085 or visit the NRCS Oregon public notice webpage at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/or/newsroom/pnotice/>.

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## Conservation Plans

[https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/environment/districts-make-last-ditch-effort-to-conserve-water-for-deschutes-river/article\\_f6adf884-39b7-11eb-ab92-6fe08cef814a.html?fbclid=IwAR1cEISdEzwlxESuAcTXLWDD-oODbjH1bOqIICFHGXGAC1JG0qXgcSZK5gRY](https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/environment/districts-make-last-ditch-effort-to-conserve-water-for-deschutes-river/article_f6adf884-39b7-11eb-ab92-6fe08cef814a.html?fbclid=IwAR1cEISdEzwlxESuAcTXLWDD-oODbjH1bOqIICFHGXGAC1JG0qXgcSZK5gRY)

## FRED MEYER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

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

How to participate:

1. Link your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Anglers at: [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)
2. Scroll down and click on "Link your rewards card now"
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.

## 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?



A Sunriver Brew Pub \$10 gift card!

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### **Facebook**

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

**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**

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

Please provide a good description of the item(s) and contact information.

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