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President's Message



Hello Fellow Anglers!

I hope you're all enjoying this wintery weather and like me, dreaming of a better year to come. It was great to see some of you at the Angler's Holiday get together! Big shout out to Jerry and Ann who arranged for the food, Sunriver Brewing for the beer and to Phil Fischer who donated the wine and Nancy and Melodee for the desserts! Doug did an impressive job as treasurer and managed to earn the club \$130 from the 50/50 raffle and over \$100 from the silent auction.

We are hoping to have a few outings in the coming year. Would anyone be interested in an early season East Lake or Paulina outing? I was looking at the Recreation website, and it looks like they are taking reservations for June now. Would anyone be interested in trying to grab the group campground at Paulina? I have never been there- is it big enough for RV's? Do any of you old timers have a prediction about whether boats will be able to launch at East in late June? Let me know your thoughts on that.

Another outing I have been considering is Diamond Lake. We went there once, and I loved it- but that was in October. I hate mosquitoes and crowds- so let me know if late September or early October might be a good idea or not. While either of the two outings can be a simple day trip, it might be fun to have a camping trip.

Happy Holidays to all,

Rynie

PS.

Chuck D was \$130 richer after winning the 50/50 raffle! How come you guys don't look happier? And Chuck, your Labradors "Levi" and "Ranger" say 130 bucks can buy a lot of dog treats!



January Speaker - Sunriver Anglers Welcome a New Friend

A chance encounter with a stranger on a Canadian lake spawned a long-distance friendship that has resulted in many exchanges on fly fishing techniques and locations for Rynie Miyashiro., our Anglers club president. That friendship will bring Brian Smith, a central British Columbian, to the January Anglers meeting via Zoom. Brian plans to share his insights on fishing and expertise on fly patterns which are effective on the western slope rivers, streams and lakes of British Columbia (BC) he so cherishes.

Brian is a free-lance fly fishing author and serves as the current President of the Polar Coachman Fly Fishers, a 50-year-old fishing club with more than 50 members in Prince George, British Columbia. His work has been published in notable BC magazines, included in other Canadian authors collections as well as in his 3 books: Fly Fishing BC's Interior which was published by Caitlin Press in 2009, Seasons of a Fly Fisher published in 2013 and recently his third, Essential Fly Patterns for Lakes and Streams. In 2008 he was awarded the Jack Shaw Fly Tying Award by the BC Federation of Fly

Fishers (BCFFF), an honor given to “that BC FFF member that has excelled in the art and craft of fly tying”

Brian readily admits his first love is for trout that come freely to the dry fly and he proudly displays a flag in his office that has “OCFD”, i.e., obsessive, compulsive fishing disorder, printed on it. He regularly hosts a monthly webinar on fly tying for his club and will demonstrate his signature fly, the traveler caddis, for the Anglers. He will also share his in-depth knowledge of BC waters such as the Skeena, Shellako, Crooked, and Blackwater Rivers as well as Dragon Lake and the alkaline lakes of the Okanagan.



Brian’s presentation to the Anglers will be via a zoom meeting, which will occur at 7:00 pm on January 20, 2022. The zoom meeting access will open at 6:30 p.m. Interested people may contact Rynie at ryniesra@gmail.com for information on the zoom meeting details.

Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner – The Complex Twist Buzzer
By: Phil Fischer



It is that time of year when I look outside my fly-tying studio and see the first signs of Winter, finally. It is a great time to sit down and tie flies to fill out those boxes for the upcoming season. In that spirit, I have been busy. For this month's column, I decided to feature the Complex Twist Buzzer. I have fished this pattern for a couple years and know it works.

The profile of this pattern moves a lot of water when fished. And I know some of those large Brown Trout in East Lake, Paulina and Wickiup are 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.

This pattern is not your usual wooly buzzer. I tie it with a conehead and numerous wraps of lead-free wire 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 buzzers, or complex twist buzzers.

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 buzzy 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.

Try tying this pattern on your vice and fish it during the upcoming season on your favorite Central Oregon Stillwater or river. I think you will like it. One of the cool things

about this fly, is experimenting and adapting the materials and colors to invent your own version of the Complex Twist Bugger.

Complex Twist Bugger Materials List:

Hook: Firehole 718, size 8-10, or Daiichi 1710, size 6-8

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

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 wooly bugger pattern. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Complex Twist Bugger fly pattern, please do not 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.

SR Anglers New Educational Tool

SRA published the following YouTube page for Sunriver Anglers.

[Sunriver Anglers - YouTube](#)

Anglers are encouraged people to subscribe to this page so they can stay caught up on the videos we will publish periodically.

Also, the recent Meeting on Crane Prairie is now published and we should include the following link in the Newsletter:

[Sunriver Anglers Meeting 10/21/21 - Crane Prairie Reservoir](#)



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FLY AND FIELD OUTFITTERS ADDING SUNRIVER LOCATION

The rumors are true! Fly and Field is opening a second location in Sunriver. We want to take the opportunity to thank Bob Gaviglio for his hard work and dedication to the fly fishing community in and around Sunriver. Bob ran the Sunriver Fly Shop for several decades in the business park in Sunriver. He did a fantastic job running a fly shop in a tourist destination, and we thank him for the rapport and name he made for himself in the region. As of now, the Sunriver Fly Shop is now permanently closed.

Fly and Field has taken over the shop and standing inventory. We are planning on opening the doors in spring 2022. Stay tuned for updates as we progress with the expansion of our brand into the Sunriver area. We are beyond excited about this opportunity and are looking forward to opening the doors to our second location.

[The Last Dam Dam](#)

You might have heard that the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and its partners just finished removing the last barrier to fish passage on Whychus Creek. Took a while but now trout, salmon and steelhead can access the full length of the creek.

Here's a link to a short video that tells the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyuAU1TeGPY&t=12s>

Conservation

La Nina has apparently arrived in the Northwest, signaling a shift to cooler weather and more promising snowpacks, Washington State Climatologist Nick Bond said Thursday. November was wet but warm, causing flooding in northwest Washington, but little snow in the Cascade Range. Bond said Thursday he anticipates weather patterns will change, dropping snow in the mountains without raising the risk of floods. "Things have kind of turned around," he said. "December looks like a different kind of month than November. "No guarantee it will stay that way for the entire winter, but at least for the rest of this month, it looks like there will be good mountain snows," Bond said.

Washington's statewide snowpack, an average of basins throughout the state, was 53% of normal Friday. The snowpack on the same date in 2014 — the winter of Washington's "snowpack drought" — was 57%. "I'm starting to worry, honestly," said Scott Pattee, water supply specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Over the past 30 years, more snow builds up in December than any other month, slightly edging January, according to Washington Department of Ecology calculations. "If we don't get good snow in December, we go into the new year in a real deficit," Pattee said. "We still have a chance to catch up, but we're falling farther and farther behind every day."

In the 2014-15 winter, El Nino conditions prevailed, the opposite of a La Nina. El Nino winters are generally warmer in the northern U.S. As the winter went on that year, Washington's snowpack fell farther behind normal, leading to a summer shortage for irrigation districts. "The spigot got turned off at the end of December," Pattee said. A La Nina generally leads to cool temperatures in the Northwest. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday there's a 95% chance that La Nina will prevail until the spring.

A La Nina makes the southern U.S. warmer and drier. The La Nina could relieve drought in some parts of the West, but deepen it in other parts. This will be the second La Nina winter in a row. Bond said the storms that hammered northwest Washington in late November originated farther south than storms expected to be ushered in by La Nina. The November storms in northwest Washington were "kind of a fluke" and "not a new normal," but higher global temperatures may not cause such storms to have more moisture in the future, Bond said. COIN was started with one simple idea in mind: People should be paid for their data. COIN App "That is something that is quite possible," he said. "But it's not like every year will have floods like this one."

The U.S. Drought Monitor reported Thursday that Western Washington and Clatsop and Tillamook counties in northwest Oregon were the only regions in nine western states that aren't at least abnormally dry. Some 94% of the West is in some stage of drought,

ranging from moderate to exceptional. In Eastern Washington, conditions are improving. For the first time since mid-July, no part of the state is in "exceptional drought," the worst of four classifications. Most of southeast Washington, making up 16% of the state, remains in "extreme drought," the second-worst category. Bond said the region must make up a rainfall deficit. "My suspicion is the drought will be ameliorated, but not eliminated," he said. NOAA's Climate Prediction Center forecasts cool and wet weather in the Northwest for December, January and February. Don Jenkins Correspondent A swathe of Central Oregon, making up 21% of the state, remains in exceptional drought. All of Idaho is in drought, including 25% in extreme drought. California also is entirely in drought, including 28% in exceptional drought.

Meta – water conservation

https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/environment/meta-seeks-ways-to-boost-water-reserves-in-crook-county/article_d98dba10-594f-11ec-b90e-1f2f3c7b950c.html

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