



# The Sunriver Anglers

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## Presidents Message

Welcome back to winter! We had a brief taste, or should I say reminder, of what spring will be like but are now back to the reality of winter. It really is OK though, as the lakes and streams need the water, as do the fish. And, we need the fish for our favorite pastime.

It is beginning to look like we are turning the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic numbers and we are getting some of our freedoms back. I am really looking forward to the time that we can meet in person. I am growing weary of staring at a screen to see and interact with people. Rynie has done a great job in getting monthly presenters on zoom, last month's presenter had really good info bass fishing in the area.

Everyone stays safe and tips up and lines tight.

Dave

**Board Meeting** February 16th at 4:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend our virtual happy hour board meeting. If you are interested in volunteering with the club, or finding out what goes on to keep the club afloat, please contact Rynie at [rynieSRA@gmail.com](mailto:rynieSRA@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

Dennis Patterson, long time Sunriver resident and Anglers member passed away on January 27, 2021.



East Lake outing Oct. 2015

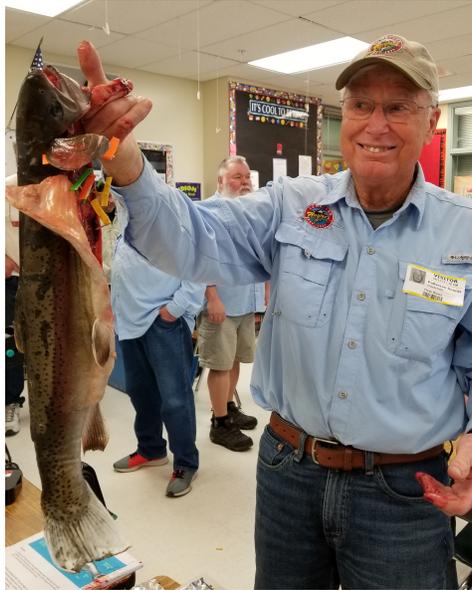
In Memoriam:  
Dennis Patterson 1940 – 2021

On January 27, 2021 our friend and fellow Sunriver Angler Dennis Patterson passed away from complications of metastatic prostate cancer. Dennis was a long-time member and supporter of Sunriver Anglers Club having served on the Board, taught classes in fish anatomy and dissection to local school children, volunteered for fundraising activities, removed tui chub from local lakes, helped new anglers at outings and generally worked beyond what was required. Dennis also served for many years with the Sunriver Citizen Patrol.

Dennis was a fireman and this was the correct occupation for him because of his unselfish actions in helping others. He enjoyed helping many of us with home repair and improvement projects and was a perpetual motion machine. The only thing that would slow him down was when he ate a plate full of chocolate chip cookies.

He always had to be busy, even spending time raking and leaf blowing pine needles and doing other cleanup work for his neighbors and in the local common areas without being asked.

His neighbors have expressed how much they will miss him with one neighbor suggesting a statue of Dennis holding a leaf blower being erected in the common area.



Dennis' early years were spent in the Los Angeles area and he was a fireman at the Beverly Hills Fire Department. He was ahead of his time in escaping Southern California and moved to take a job with the Medford Fire Department where he rose to the rank of Captain during 30 years of service.

Dennis and his wife Francie and their two children, Jan and Steve, owned a home with property on the banks of the Rogue River in Gold Hill. After Dennis' retirement in 1998 and Francie's retirement as a teacher they moved permanently to Sunriver in 2000. Dennis was constantly working on his home that he and Francie kept in immaculate condition. He was working on painting his garage up to the end of his life.

I have many fishing and other experiences with Dennis having fished with him in British Columbia, Alberta, Montana, Nevada, Alaska, Mexico and of course his favorite waters of East Lake, Diamond Lake and Crane Prairie Reservoir. It was suggested I write about one of these experiences.

After the tui chub were poisoned in Diamond Lake the fishing was great for a few years and the Club had annual outings there. At one of those outings Dennis was having a difficult day of hooking fish while everyone else in the nearby boats were catching fish.



He was naturally frustrated. I had read and heard that the human male pheromone scent may repel fish. (There is scientific evidence that pheromones are sexual attractants among the same species but that may not be true between different species, but fisherpersons know to not let the true facts get in the way of the story.) Salmon boat charter captains and other fishers I knew said that women and children catch more fish than men presumably because of the adult male's scent. I suggested to Dennis that he spray his hands, the fly he was using and the tippet with WD40 which I had successfully used on lures and herring while salmon fishing.

He was willing to try it, so after he sprayed it on, he immediately caught fish on his next three casts and we had a great day. From then on when he was having a slow day, I teased him that he was just too manly to catch fish so I reminded him to use the WD40. For many of our fishing trips Dennis applied the WD40 and it seemed to sporadically work.

Dennis will greatly be missed. He was always there to provide his carpentry and mechanical skills, and discuss life, food, travel, politics, fishing and be a great friend. Those who knew him can attest to his generous and fun-loving nature. My Canadian friends have a saying, "keep your stick on the ice"; for anglers it is "keep your fly in the water". Dennis knew what that meant. Life is beautiful and fleeting so participate and enjoy it.

Rest in Peace Dear Friend. Alan Stout

## **FEBRUARY 18, 2021 GENERAL MEETING via Zoom**

Chris Wisniewski  
Section Manager - Inland Fisheries Service (IFS)  
Tasmania, Australia

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85441009900?pwd=MS9NZzYrNktNamFsRmlaeEZUdW1GQT09>

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.



**MARCH 18th, 7:00pm GENERAL MEETING-** Gary Lewis "the Wyoming Cutt-Slam". Come and join local legend Gary Lewis as he shares one of his latest adventures, the Wyoming Cutt-Slam. Created in 1996, the Wyoming Cutt-Slam program was developed to help anglers learn more about Wyoming's cutthroat trout subspecies and increase appreciation for the efforts to enhance and conserve this precious resource. Gary recently released the Sixth Edition of FISHING CENTRAL OREGON, a must have for any local angler.



ZOOM meetings- Please don't hesitate to get in touch with [ryniesra@gmail.com](mailto:ryniesra@gmail.com) if you want to learn how to use Zoom on your computer or phone. You don't have to have your camera or microphone on if you don't want to. We can have a 5 minute Zoom session at your convenience to get you set up.

## Double Bead Golden Stonefly

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

**By: Phil Fischer**



I first fished the golden stone hatch period in Montana some 30 years ago. Since then, I have used both dry and nymph golden stone imitations to take some nice fish on this large meal for hungry trout. It is a big bug, typically size 8 – 10. We are blessed to have golden stones in numerous Central Oregon rivers.

The most well know is the Metolius, where these stoneflies hatch in prodigious numbers over a long period of time. But also, in all areas of the Deschutes, from the lower sections, through the Middle Deschutes to the Upper Deschutes. In addition, golden stones are common on numerous rivers on the western side of the Cascades in Oregon, a short drive over the pass to the McKenzie and Santiam rivers, amongst others.

The Double Bead Golden Stonefly pattern reminds me of a good friend's nickname for heavily weighted patterns. He called them "Disco Flies", because, in his words, "they got to get down". Such it is with the Double Bead Golden Stonefly pattern. This fly sinks and sinks quickly because it features two 5/32's beads.

It is a perfect pattern for deeper holes and tough to reach fish lying in those deep spots on the river. Nowhere is this more important than on the Upper Deschutes, where large brook trout often lie just below a drop-off in some of the deeper holes and runs.



*Golden Stone Nymph*

Golden stones hatch in early to mid-summer. But nymphs are widely available throughout the year. So, the Double Bead Golden Stone is a good option for a

searching pattern throughout the season. I often use this pattern in tandem with a smaller pheasant tail, or other pattern. The double beaded pattern gets down quickly, and the smaller dropper fly gives trout a second option. Often, I catch more fish on the dropper fly, but catch larger fish on the golden stone. The nymphs live is faster riffled highly oxygenated water. Focusing on deeper water below riffles is a good place to target.

Give this pattern a try at your own vice and try it on the water next season.

### **Double Bead Golden Stone Materials List:**

**Hook:** Firehole 718, Size 8 - 10  
**Bead:** Two 5/32's Brass Bead, Gold  
**Thread:** Danville's 140 Denier, Yellow  
**Tail and Legs:** Medium Round Rubber Legs, Brown  
**Rib:** Ultra Wire, Large, Gold  
**Casing:** Natural Turkey Tail  
**Abdomen and Thorax Dubbing:** Jay Fair Seal Substitute, Burnt Orange (75%), Ice Dub Shrimp Pink (25%)  
**Secondary Legs:** Whiting Brahma Hen, Dyed Brown

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/Oc4gTx9GQqw>

Experiment with this pattern during Golden Stone time in Spring and early Summer on Central Oregon's Rivers. If you have questions or would like additional information about this 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).

## **FISHING NEWS**

You've heard about a fish out of water? How about a fly fisher out of his element? Ryan Williams used only a fly rod to compete in the Wild West Bass Trail (WWBT) Lake Shasta Team Tournament on January 2, 2021, alongside his partner Logan McDaniel who used conventional casting tackle. Their team won the tournament with a total prize of \$8,390 including money for the biggest fish.

It's the first time a fly rod has been used to win a major bass tournament—the pair competed against 178 other boats.

<https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/Fly-Fisher-Wins-Bass-Tournament/387476>

## CONSERVATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley today announced that he will serve as the Chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the U.S. Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Forest Service.

“Last year’s unprecedented wildfire season serves as another haunting reminder that the health and safety of our communities depend on our ability to maintain healthy forests and aggressively tackle the climate crisis,” **Merkley said**. “I’m honored to be leading the Appropriations subcommittee that is at the heart of those fights. I will keep working to secure the resources Oregon needs to take on these and other challenges—addressing Sudden Oak Death, protecting fish habitat, improving forest health, boosting our recreation economy, protecting our drinking water, and preserving Oregon and America’s many natural treasures.

“I also take seriously the critical role this subcommittee plays in delivering resources for tribal nations and native communities in Oregon and across our country. All too often, the United States has not fulfilled its promises to Indian Country, and I will work hard to make sure their needs are heard and reflected in our nation’s spending plans, while honoring tribes’ self-determination and sovereignty.”

[Merkley is a long-time member of the subcommittee and has used his seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee to advocate for and secure critical resources for top Oregon priorities](#) that fall within the subcommittee’s jurisdiction. In December, those resources included \$2.35 billion in additional funding for fire suppression, and \$6.5 million to support strategies to restore fish habitat and scale up ongoing efforts to restore healthy populations of shortnose and Lost River sucker in the Klamath Basin.

Merkley also worked to ensure that the 2021 Interior funding bill maintained the additional \$5 million in funding that he secured for habitat restoration in advance of the removal of Klamath River dams; funneled \$85 million to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to support regional earthquake initiatives; and directed \$6.21 billion—\$163 million more than in fiscal year 2020—to the Indian Health Service, which provides health care to thousands of tribal members in Oregon. And Merkley maintained \$40 million for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), which helps fund collaborative and community-based forest management and has a proven track record of improving forest health, reducing wildfire risk, and supporting rural communities. Oregon has four active CFLRP projects: Northern Blues Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, Southern Blues Restoration Coalition Collaborative Landscape Restoration Project, Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project, and Lakeview Collaborative Landscape Restoration Project.

Merkley is the only Oregon member of Congress from either chamber since Senator Mark Hatfield to serve on the Appropriations Committee, considered to be one of the

most powerful on Capitol Hill. He joined the committee in 2013 so that Oregon would have a strong voice in decisions about the investments our nation should be making.

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.

## **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>

## **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.

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2. Scroll down and click on "Link your rewards card now"
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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?



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**for a list of resources.**

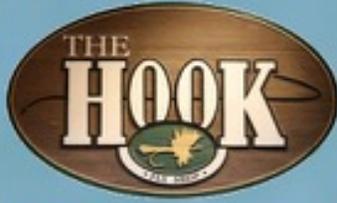
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If you have fishing items for sale or need fishing gear, please contact Jerry Hubbard at [jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com](mailto:jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com)

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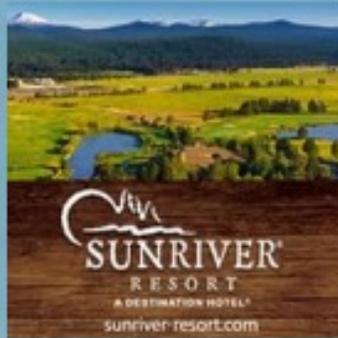
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