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Presidents Message

Board of Directors News

The Sunriver Anglers board of directors met in person for the first time in over a year last month. We were pleasantly surprised when Jack M stopped by to say so long. He is happily acclimating to life in Denver, CO.

We could really use some new faces and brains to continue the Angler's mission of education, conservation and recreation!

On the education front, we may be going forward with the hatchery tours and Eggs to Fry starting in the fall. We haven't heard yet, but this is a fun commitment to educating our local fifth graders about conservation and the of sport of fishing.

As recreation goes, we could really use a few outing leaders for our summer events. With water levels being low, we'll have to choose the where and when carefully, but it would be great to have some in person meet-ups. We are waiting to hear from the hatchery to find out if ODF&W will let us have our annual picnic there this year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dave Kreps, President SUNRIVER ANGLERS

The Sunriver Anglers Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of responsible angling in the high desert region of Central Oregon. More information can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 4273, Sunriver, OR 97707, or by looking at our website:
<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

July 15, 2021 General Meeting – “Update on the Pelton Round Butte Project”

The Sunriver Anglers welcomes Becky Burchell, Portland General Electric’s Supervisor of Fisheries, to its July 15th regular member meeting. Becky will provide a detailed overview of the Pelton Round Butte Project that comprises three dams on the lower Deschutes River, and is the largest hydro project solely contained within the State of Oregon. The upper Round Butte dam forms Lakes Billy Chinook, the middle Pelton Dam forms Lake Simtustus and the lower Pelton Re-regulating dam controls water quality in downstream river flows.

As the lead in PGE’s fish re-introduction efforts Becky’s principal objective is to achieve a self-sustaining, harvestable population of chinook, sockeye and steelhead in the Deschutes River. She is working hard to use an adaptive management system which utilizes measured data to drive refinement in action to improve outcomes.

Becky’s key message to the Anglers is that the Pelton Round Butte Project is a long partner with multiple stakeholders and “moves at the measured pace of science”. She and her full-time staff of 11-12 people are committed achieving their objective in concert with her stakeholders. You can learn more about the Pelton Round Butte Project and fish restoration efforts at PGE’s website: <https://portlandgeneral.com/about/rec-fish/deschutes-river/our-story>

****New protocol for ZOOM meetings****

Rynie has been trying to maintain our easy access "one click" method of signing in for us, while also providing a secure platform for our meeting. The only way we can see this working is if we don't "share" the link with people we don't know. If you have friends that want to watch our meeting, just have them, or you, send Rynie an email with their names to rynieSRA@gmail.com (Must be name associated with the device they are using/or their Zoom account.) Rynie has turned off the ability of having people join us with facebook, google or Apple ID. We will be **locking the room** when our guest speaker begins the presentation. **Please log in at least 5 minutes before 7:00** so we can let everyone in. If you run into any issues, please text Rynie at 925-864-7844 with your email address so she can send you a separate invitation to join the meeting.

So with that said....the ZOOM link for this week’s July 15th meeting is.....

Topic: Sunriver Anglers

Time: Jul 15, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85640362149?pwd=OHV5U1VFRzFWbnlSdEJvV0ZZSTRxdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 4036 2149

Passcode: t225gX

Callibaetis Time in Central Oregon

Sunriver Angler's Fly Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer



For those of you who have followed this column for any length of time, you know that I target Callibaetis on our area lakes, a lot! This is the signature hatch in our Central Oregon lakes due to its predictability, and that it lasts from late Spring through the summer and into the early Fall. This year Callibaetis have returned like clockwork and are hatching in earnest in our lower elevation lakes, and will begin soon up high. It is Callibaetis Time.

Last week I fished Crane Prairie, and I experienced awesome dry fly fishing on a nice Callibaetis hatch in the flats out toward Rock Creek. A little later that week, I hit Hosmer Lake, and the Callibaetis were hatching profusely in the channel between the upper and lower lakes. I know that Lava Lake has been experiencing nice hatches on cloudy days recently. Yesterday, there was a

blanket hatch in and around the Deschutes Channel Flat. And lastly, East Lake Callibaetis hatches are right around the corner.

For this month's patterns, I have chosen to revisit the entire Callibaetis lifecycle in fly patterns. Each pattern is important for various stages of the hatch. Callibaetis are a swimming mayfly nymph, and are broadly available to trout all season long. Techniques for fishing nymph and soft hackles range from hanging a Callibaetis nymph under an indicator. Don't let the fly sit idly; move it with long slow strips to bounce the fly. Or you might try casting and stripping the fly with an intermediate line sans indicator and use gentle short strips. I often use a woolly bugger, which serves as an attractor, and a Callibaetis nymph as a dropper fly. They almost always take the dropper. Lastly, Callibaetis nymphs and soft hackles work wonderfully wind drifted using an intermediate sink line. This last technique is one of my favorite with younger fly fishers over the hump at East Lake.



East Lake Rainbow taken on a Pullover Callibaetis Spinner

Callibaetis are known to present fabulous dry fly opportunities during hatch periods. Pick a nice overcast day in early July at East Lake and often, you can sight cast to cruising fish all along the East beach. I often fish dry, dry, using two flies instead of one. I especially like to use two stages of the hatching Callibaetis mayfly. I will feature a parachute, and a cripple. Or a pullover pattern and a spinner. The hatch is predictable from 11:00 – 2:00 most days, and sometimes it may last until 4:00. My arm is tired after several hours of non-stop casting to rising trout, but I always have a smile on my face at the end of the day!

The patterns featured in the collage above are:

Callibaetis Nymph

Callibaetis Soft Hackle

Quigley Cripple

Callibaetis Parachute

Pullover Callibaetis Spinner

Callibaetis Spinner

Tying the entire lifecycle in Callibaetis can be found on my YouTube Channel at the following Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2r8B_XFut7o&list=PLqe-oV_fI01UNbJtQyklqDGd6qcPS_Qo4

This series of Callibaetis fly patterns and tying steps have been captured in video form. Give these patterns a try next time you sit down at your vice to tie a few flies. I have listed the generic materials needed to tie up a bunch of Callibaetis life cycle patterns. You can find tying instructions in the articles on the Sunriver Anglers page (links above). Videos demonstrating most patterns are also contained in a link within each article.

Callibaetis Patterns Materials List:

Hook: Firehole 419 size 14-18 for Dries and Firehole 718, Size 12-16 for nymphs

Thread: 70 Denier tobacco brown thread

Rib: Ultra Wire – Small Brown

Tail: Lemon Woodduck for nymphs, dun Microfibbets for Dries,

Trailing Shuck: Natural Mayfly Zelon for Cripples

Thorax: Blend Light Olive dubbing (75%), UV Callibaetis (25%)

Wing: Natural whitetail deer for Dries, Natural Guinea for Spinner

Hackle: Whiting Dun Dyed Grizzly

Learn to tie these fly patterns and fish them during Callibaetis hatches on our local lakes to imitate Callibaetis mayflies. If you have questions or would like additional information about these fly 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.

Fishing News – “Not A "Crappie" Day by Rynie and Mike”

Mike and I and Henry the Lab followed the Crappie Guru to Prineville reservoir last month. We had never been crappie fishing in Oregon before! Mike and I both tied a few flies with some help from our Guru and the internet. Temps were in the low 70's on a full moon. We met up at the Powder house launch, which by the way is closed. There were quite a few bank fishermen off the side of the dam. We drove alongside the beautiful Crooked River and then through Prineville to use the State Day Use area launch.

We motored to an area with lots of little coves. The fish finder said fish were between 15 and 20 feet down. Using a 3wt, I tied a fly on- I didn't know if I was supposed to strip, or jig, or what. Pretty soon I got lazy and stuck on my lucky indicator. That plus a little movement seemed to be the ticket, and it was a great day of fishing *and* catching.

The Crappie Guru showed us how to fillet the fish which were actually pretty nice compared to what we were expecting. The big fish story though, needs to be continued when we return. The Guru, Mike and I all lost a fish that bent our rods over and ran like a rocket. It broke Mike and the Guru off, and took my favorite fly.



Phil Fischer visited Grindstone lakes in early June.

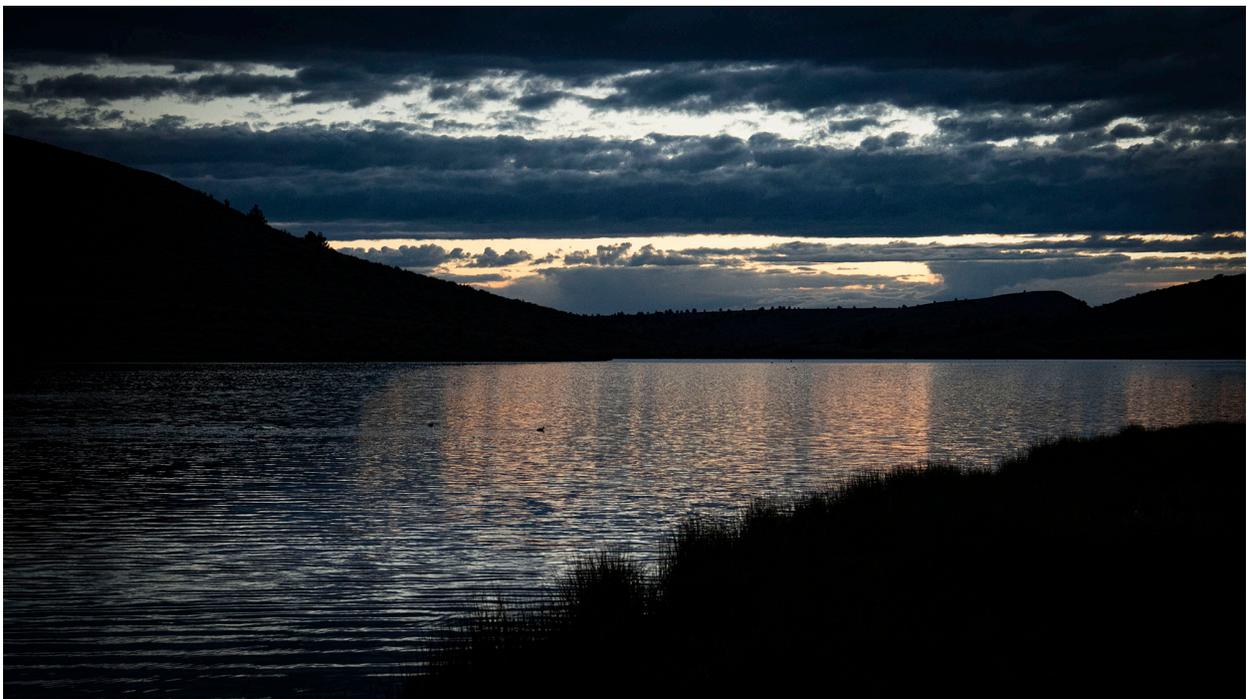
Hatches were wonderful for Chironomids and Callibaetis. Many nice fish were caught on both nymphs and dry flies. Accommodations were in very comfortable deluxe tents with cots and good meals. Lunch was served by our guides delivering right out to the pontoon boat each day while fishing. The Grindstone lakes fish are strong and took Phil into his backing many times over the course of three days. With breakoffs common on

3X and 4X tippet. These fish averaged between 20" and 24", with a few larger being caught each day.

The Eastern Oregon high country at Grindstone is remote, off the grid and very stark and beautiful. It is a place to put on your bucket list.

It would make an excellent Sunriver Anglers Outing if we could garner the requisite 12 Fly fishers.

[Grindstone Lakes — NBFLYFISH.COM](http://NBFLYFISH.COM)





Fishing for Help!

The Sunriver Anglers are looking to our members to help keep our club moving forward. After many years, we are saying adieu to Jack McDonnell, who has been our treasurer for many years. We are also looking for someone who is internet/computer savvy to help and eventually take over our website and internet transactions. Add to that a need for a Vice-President, as well as a talented writer that can submit articles on time for the Sunriver Scene. The Anglers board members are a varied collection of fishermen from all walks of life, from beginner fly fishers to seasoned veterans who can spot a bug a mile away and tell you it's scientific name. We all share a passion for fishing as well as conservation and education. The board generally meets every other month. And most of our business can be done via email. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to speak with us about any of these positions. Thank you!

Conservation

<https://myodfw.com/articles/catch-and-release-tips-reduce-fish-mortality> ODF&W tips on catch and release.

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

Oregon Watershed Planning

info@fcasolutions.org

[Arnold Irrigation District Modernization Project Update \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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>

DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION RESOURCES

Where can you get information on the Deschutes River Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (spotted frog HCP)?

The US Fish & Wildlife Service Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office HCP website: <https://www.fws.gov/Oregonfwo/articles.cfm?id=149489716>

For specific questions contact Bridget Moran, USFWS Field Supervisor and Spotted Frog Project leader: bridget_moran@fws.gov

Where can you get current data on Upper Deschutes River flow and reservoirs?

The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Hydromet website: (<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>) provides a “Tea Cup” diagram with recent flow information and reservoir fill level across the Deschutes Basin. The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) Near Real Time Hydrographics Website: (https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/sw/hydro_near_real_time/display_hydro_graph.aspx?station_nbr=14056500)

Please remember that the information at these websites is subject to updating and change.

Various factors can influence the accuracy of the data (delays in processing, weed growth, reservoir fill level, change in river profile (cross section), calibration frequency, etc.).

For detailed questions contact: Kyle Gorman, Regional Water Manager, Oregon Water Resources Department: kyle.g.gorman@wrdd.state.or.us

For information on Deschutes Basin irrigation districts and projects:

Deschutes Basin Board of Control (all eight irrigation districts):
<https://dbbcirrigation.com/>

Central Oregon Irrigation District: <https://www.coid.org/>

North Unit Irrigation District: <https://northunitid.com/>

For information on water conservation and river restoration projects in Central Oregon:

Deschutes River Conservancy: <https://www.deschutesriver.org/>
Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director: kate@deschutesriver.org

Overview Video, "Act Now to Save the Deschutes": <https://www.deschutesriver.org/blog/act-now-to-save-the-deschutes/>

Upper Deschutes Basin Study, information posters:
<https://www.deschutesriver.org/news-and-resources/upper-deschutes-basin-study/>

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council:
<https://www.upperdeschuteswatershedcouncil.org/>

Kris Knight, Executive Director: kknight@restorethedeschutes.org
An extensive collection of restoration videos:
<https://www.upperdeschuteswatershedcouncil.org/publications/videos/>

Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative: <https://www.coic.org/dbwc/>
The Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative is a mechanism for stakeholders to collaborate on critical water allocation and management issues in the Deschutes Basin, and develop strategies to meet stream flow, ecological, agricultural, and community needs for water.

If you have other river conservation or restoration questions contact:
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Mike Taylor, savethedeschutes@gmail.com

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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
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 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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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 for a list of resources.

Swap Meet - For Sale and or Wanted

Rod Desc	Length	Weight	Pc	Reel	Spool 1	Spool 2	Spool 3	Spool 4
Echo Shadow PE	10'6"		34'	Reddington Drift 5-6	Rio WF4F Nymph			
\$150 Line hardly ever used Nymphing rod Not used very much, not at all in last 5 years								
RLWinston VSL	9'0"		5	4Bauer M2	Orvis Hy-Flote Extra WF-5-F Silver Label			
\$150 Bauer reel has scratch on it but still very functional; Line is hardly ever used, I built this rod from blank. Medium to soft action rod. Rod hardly used.								
Sage XP	9'0"		5	2Tibor Light Back Country	FSink III 5	SinkTip 6	Hover 5	Orvis WF5 Clearwater
\$250 Lines hardly ever used, Sage-XP is the precursor to Sage Z-axis (an oldie but goodie), ie a fast action rod great for casting, not used for many years.								

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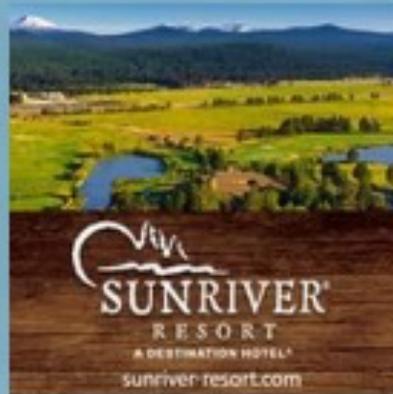
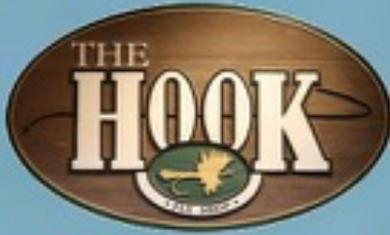
12 rod G. Loomis rod rack. \$25 donation to Sunriver Anglers and it's yours. Contact Jerry Hubbard for pick-up.



If you have fishing items for sale or need fishing gear, please contact Jerry Hubbard at jerryhubbard1943@gmail.com

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