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## Presidents Message

Well, it looks like things are starting to opening up and looking up. Been out to dinner at local restaurants and going to the fitness room at the SHARC. Hopefully with the vaccines people are getting we can get together in person soon. Until then don't miss out on the zoom meetings, Rynie has done a great job of lining up presenters.

The Sunriver Nature Center has reached out to Chris Breault about forming a partnership involving our club and information to the public concerning fishing concerns and programs in this area. It seems to be a mutually beneficial endeavor that the board will discuss. It may require some volunteers to interact with the public which will give us good exposure.

Central Oregon Flyfishers is sponsoring a Crooked River Clean Up Day on April 10<sup>th</sup> and looking for people to help out. You can go to their website at [coflyfishers@wildapricot.org](mailto:coflyfishers@wildapricot.org) or more information and to sign up to help.

The hatchery at Fall River is open to the public, but the restrooms are closed still. They are hopeful that things go well so that we can have a Bar-B-Que there soon, at least by this fall.

Finally, Tim Mertens and Diane have moved to the east coast so we are looking for someone to write the monthly Anglers article for the Sunriver Scene, any aspiring journalists in the group willing to help out?

Hope all are doing well, staying healthy, and looking forward to more freedom and social contacts.

Until then tips up and lines tight.

Dave Kreps

**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.

Topic: Sunriver Anglers March Meeting- The Wyoming Cutthroat Slam featuring Gary Lewis  
Time: Mar 18, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87210575807?pwd=TDU2RVd4SkI6RkFVbIpQMUgrZTkrQT09>

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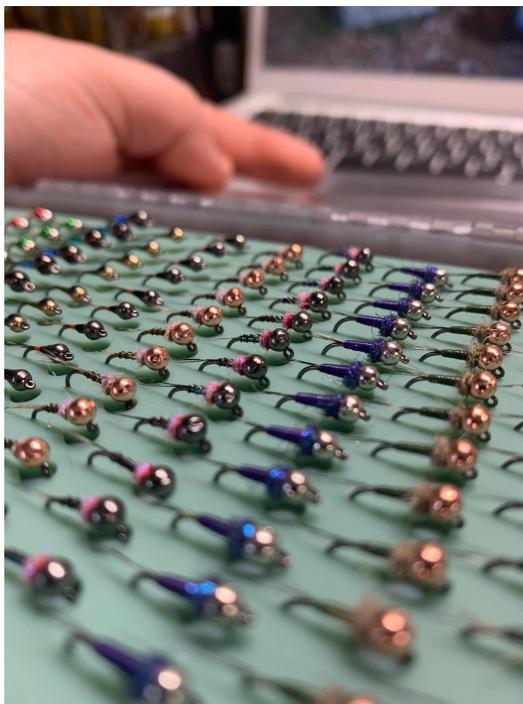
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### **April Meeting – subject TBD**

General Meeting April 15, 2021 7pm on ZOOM!

Fly tyer extraordinaire Garrett Lesko returns for a presentation about Euro-Nymphing. What is Euro-Nymphing and why is it so popular? Learn about this dynamic way of fishing that was introduced here by the US Fly Fishing team after they witnessed the Czech, French and Polish teams using versions of it in international competition. Learn what flies and equipment to use and how it differs from the set up you may be using now.

The "virtual doors" open at 6:30 pm, and the presentation will begin at 7pm. If you are unsure of how to use Zoom, please contact [ryniesra@gmail.com](mailto:ryniesra@gmail.com). Please watch your emails for a link to the Zoom meeting coming in April.



### **May Meeting – River Updates**

Jeff Wieland and Mike Taylor will be the presenters at the May Anglers Zoom General Meeting. They will bring folks up-to-speed on Upper D flows, the HCP, Wickiup prospects, the Water Collaborative, finding accurate flow info, and other current water topics. There will be a 20-minute Q&A with Mike, Jeff, and some key partners who can answer your questions. This is a great opportunity to get credible information about efforts to restore the Upper Deschutes, and we believe that you'll get a lot out of the Zoom General Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00PM.

Mike Taylor lives on the Upper Deschutes, and he's on the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council Board (UDWC) and the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative (DBWC) planning committee. He's a valued ally who's been actively engaged in restoring Deschutes flows for a number of years. Most importantly, he's a pretty darned good river and stillwater fly fisherman.

Sunriver Anglers Board member and Conservation Representative, Jeff Wieland, lives on the Spring River and is our rep at the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative (DBWC) and on the technical committee. Jeff has been active in Land Use and River

Restoration efforts for over 40 years, the last 10 working on Upper Deschutes flow restoration. Of course, it's his passion for fly fishing the rivers and high Lakes that drives his engagement in Upper Deschutes restoration efforts.

If Anglers have suggestions, questions, or comments ahead of the May meeting, please feel free to email Jeff or Mike.

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## Rubber Legs Wooly Bugger

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

***By: Phil Fischer***



For this month's fly-tying pattern, I have chosen a Rubber Legs Wooly Bugger. This is a pattern that is an adaptation of a standard wooly bugger by adding rubber legs to the body of the fly. A number of years ago I was on a fly-fishing trip to Argentina. Not being at all familiar with the waters in this country, we stopped at a fly shop in Buenos Aires and inquired about the right flies to fish on the rivers we would be visiting. We were

immediately directed to fly bins containing wooly buggers, and almost all of their wooly bugger patterns sported rubber legs.

We loaded up on these patterns in several darker colors ranging from brown to peacock to purple and black. The next two weeks, we fished almost exclusively with these patterns and caught some genuinely nice fish. Upon my return home, I immediately tied many similar patterns to give a try to in our local waters. Lo and behold, they worked. So, I have been fishing this style ever since.

The rubber legs on a wooly bugger impart a lot more action on the fly, and results in more takes. I fish this fly often at East Lake throughout the season. Often, I will fish this with an intermediate sinking line. With the large bead up front, the fly sinks rapidly and gets into the zone. I'll strip in back in in short choppy strips, or sometimes more lazy pulls, depending on what the fish seem to want on a given day. Another technique I have used with excellent success is to wind drift with this pattern, along with a Callibaetis soft hackle dropper fly. This is an excellent technique to deploy, especially with kids and newer fly fishers that have not fully developed their casting abilities. Frequently the fish will follow the flashy body on this fly, but ultimately take the Callibaetis.

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

#### **Rubber Legs Wooly Bugger Materials List:**

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1710, Size 6 - 8
<b>Bead:</b>	1/8" Brass Bead, Gold
<b>Thread:</b>	Ultra 140 Denier, Olive
<b>Tail:</b>	Jay Fair Cinnamon Marabou
<b>Tail Flash:</b>	Krystal Flash, Peacock
<b>Rib:</b>	Bronze Wire
<b>Legs:</b>	Olive Grizzly Legs
<b>Body:</b>	Kaktus Chenille, Peacock
<b>Hackle:</b>	Whiting Dry Fly Hackle, Dark Cree or Dark Barred Ginger

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/0ITW\\_K\\_v7no](https://youtu.be/0ITW_K_v7no)

Experiment with this pattern throughout the season on Central Oregon's Rivers and lakes. If you have questions or would like additional information about this 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.

## **Fishing News**

### **Lake Billy Chinook by Rynie**

Mike, Henry and I recently went to check out Lake Billy for my birthday. We had wonderful weather, and the Perry South campground was open. Maybe half the campsites were available on the Wednesday we arrived. The temperature of the water was 42 degrees, so still a little cold for the bull trout? Got one big tug, but that was it. We marked many, many schools of kokanee, and when we weren't having any luck trout fishing, we started jiggging the fly rods for kokanee! Ever try setting a fly line with 60 ft of line out? I will definitely have to figure that one out!

So, this trip we learned a couple things that I thought I would share with you folks. First of all, check your rod case to make sure all of the pieces of your rod are still in there.



Second, if you carry your fishing license on your phone, in the ODF&W app, be sure to open it once in a while so it can update. As we were visited by the game warden on his boat Mike's license loaded, but mine did not. The trooper was very nice about it, and explained there had been some glitches and that if you don't allow it to update once in a while, it may not load when you need it to. You shouldn't need cell service to work, but mine wouldn't display my license until we were back in cell range. The trooper actually told me that he carries a paper copy of his.

## **Conservation**

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

## [Invasive zebra mussels found in aquarium product sold at aquarium and pet supply stores](#)

### **Klamath Dam update**

[https://caltrout.org/news/klamath-dam-update-restoration-contract-signed?utm\\_source=California+Trout+List&utm\\_campaign=ffa8d073ef-SKL-2021-FEB&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_cf2a51cf18-ffa8d073ef-300188537&mc\\_cid=ffa8d073ef&mc\\_eid=e8263a841b](https://caltrout.org/news/klamath-dam-update-restoration-contract-signed?utm_source=California+Trout+List&utm_campaign=ffa8d073ef-SKL-2021-FEB&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cf2a51cf18-ffa8d073ef-300188537&mc_cid=ffa8d073ef&mc_eid=e8263a841b)

### [Older than dinosaurs, Oregon's lampreys are fascinating fishes](#)

You might have seen the **OID/DRC water leasing pilot program** announcement in this morning's Bulletin or on KTVZ (if not, here's a link: <https://ktvz.com/news/crook-county/2021/01/19/ochoco-irrigation-addressing-dry-conditions-with-water-leasing-pilot-program/> ). The plan is to distribute water generated by the program equally between farmers and the Crooked River. I think it's a good step in getting water to where it's most needed.

This Editorial from the February 5, 2021 Bend Bulletin is a worthwhile read for inclusion in the news, FB page, and website.

[https://www.bendbulletin.com/opinion/editorial-passage-of-house-bill-3103-is-critical-to-the-deschutes-river/article\\_567de212-6710-11eb-b1be-0b2bd693416c.html](https://www.bendbulletin.com/opinion/editorial-passage-of-house-bill-3103-is-critical-to-the-deschutes-river/article_567de212-6710-11eb-b1be-0b2bd693416c.html)

### **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.

- This information is very easy to use but should be considered "quick look". The USBR calls it provisional. WICO is the gauge just below Wickiup Reservoir. It may lag a few days to actual river flow based on the way the system is updated by information provided by the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD). This data relies on regular calibration of the WICO measuring gauge by OWRD staff.

- **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](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/sw/hydro_near_real_time/display_hydro_graph.aspx?station_nbr=14056500))

The OWRD Real Time site presents data from the same physical gauge (WICO) as the USBR Hydromet site. It can be more current than the USBR site because OWRD staff are updating the measurement information directly which is an advantage over the USBR site. The OWRD site is also more adaptable and flexible than the USBR site. Data is classified as Raw, Preliminary, Provisional, and Published. It is a great website if you want to dig into the data.

- OWRD has similar near real time data for many gauges in the Deschutes Basin at [https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/sw/hydro\\_near\\_real\\_time/](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/sw/hydro_near_real_time/)

### **Considerations:**

The user should 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.).

Users should allow for the fact that the data is not instantaneous and should allow several days for an unexpected deviation in flow to level out before acting on the change. Both USBR and OWRD are working to the best of their ability to provide timely and accurate information.

**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.

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?



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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](http://www.SunriverAnglers.org) for a list of resources.**

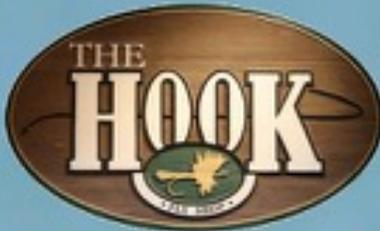
### **Swap Meet - For Sale and or Wanted**

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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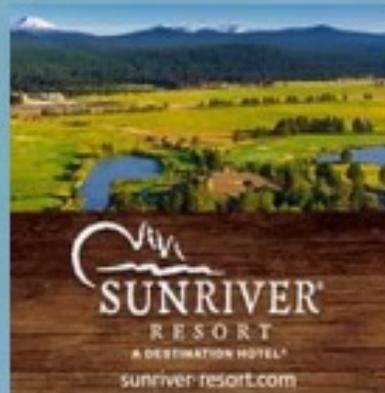
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