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President's Message Follows below



SUNRIVER ANGLERS ANNUAL PICNIC
Thursday, August 25th, 2022
Great Food, Great Fun, and Great Fish Stories
at the Beautiful Fall River Hatchery and Park
5:00pm to 7:30pm

Meal served approximately 5:45 - 6:30. (Don't be late!)

MENU INCLUDES:

**Expertly Prepared Tri-Tip,
A Variety of Salads,
Angler's Secret Recipe Baked Beans,
Garlic Bread,
Various Non-Alcoholic Beverages and BYOB,
Assorted Ice Cream Flavors.**

COST: \$10.00 per person Please register and pay online
at the following link: [https://sunriveranglers.org/event-](https://sunriveranglers.org/event-4914303)

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Signup last day is August 20

~ Please bring a chair to sit in; Pets allowed on leash ~

Presidents Message

I hope this message finds you well and ready for the Sunriver Angler's Picnic on August 25th. There is still time to sign up for this fabulous annual event. This year, Jeff Nakae and Phil Fischer are our grill masters with Julie Webber and Kevin Dorshimer dishing up some scrumptious salads and sides. Yours truly is in possession of the Sunriver Anglers *SECRET BEAN RECIPE* and I will be making about two gallons worth, so please come out, enjoy the delicious food and the beautiful scenery and meet your fellow anglers. We will be auctioning off an almost new pontoon boat, and we may throw in some raffle prizes as well.

In other news, I am glad to report we had a great turnout at the library for our first in-person meeting featuring Gary Lewis. Gary left another of his books to raffle at our next meeting on September 15th. Thank you so much to Chris P for helping me with the computer/projector/Zoom logistics and for Ginger for manning the raffle table and bringing in over 70 dollars for the night! Also thank you to our Treasurer Doug V, who tied and donated some great fishy looking flies for the raffle. If anyone has a talent for something and wants to donate that something to one of our raffles, it would be appreciated. Raffles are fun, and they help support the club's ability to pay for speakers among other things.

The Anglers recently helped Jen (Fish Biologist with ODF&W) to stock Blow and Doris lakes by backpacking in fingerling brook trout. (See Phil Fischer's article and pictures) I was pleased to meet two SRA members who I don't think I had ever met before 3 miles in at Blow Lake.

The Sunriver Anglers have always strived to help with environmental/conservation and educational events and of course with any project that helps our local fisheries. I am hoping as time goes on, more club members will get the volunteer bug and participate in either outings, or conservation projects or fishing events. For now, I am just happy that our roster is growing in spite of the last rough couple of years.

Hope to see and meet more of you both old and new members at the upcoming picnic, outings and monthly meetings!

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A Busy Summer for the Sunriver Anglers

The months of July and August have been busy for the Sunriver Anglers (SRA). In July, the Anglers held their first in-person general meeting for some time at the Sunriver Library. They also provided volunteer support for two Oregon Department of Fish &

Wildlife (ODFW) fish surveys/counts at Deep Creek and the Crooked River. In addition, members pack-packed, acclimated and released fish into Lucky and Doris Lakes for ODFW.

Also in July, the Anglers received an excellent presentation from Gary Lewis, a Central Oregon outdoor writer, on hiking and fishing the Cascade Lakes. In August the Anglers held their annual Picnic which featured BBQ'd tri-tip steak, a secret recipe of baked beans and ice cream.

Lewis has authored several books such as "Fishing Central Oregon" and "Fishing Mount Hood Country", hosts the hunting and fishing TV show "Frontier Unlimited" as well as posts the blog "Ballistic Chronicles". His presentation provided detailed planning recommendations, route suggestions and proper gear to fully experience remote lake fishing. Gary's website, www.garylewisoutdoors.com, provides a wealth of information on his diverse activities.



September will be a full month for the Anglers as well with many participating in the Kokanee Karnival Streamside event. At this event members will act as tour guides, quasi-scientists and game show hosts as they welcome 5th graders from the Three Rivers School and other Bend Schools to the Fall River Hatchery. The objective will be to introduce these young people to outdoor activities directed at restoration and conservation of our natural resources.

The SRA routinely meets on the third Thursday of the month at its' new venue, the Sunriver Library, starting at 6:45 pm. Interested people should visit the Anglers' website, www.SunriverAnglers.org or contact us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>.

The Sunriver Anglers Need Volunteers-

Want to get to know other anglers and local angling "secrets"? New to the area or club? Got a little time on your hands? Looking to learn something new? Well step on up and get involved with an activity or two and invite your friends and family! The Sunriver Anglers participate in environmental, social and educational

August 25- Picnic Help- We will need a set up crew, a cleanup crew and servers and go-fers. Please RSVP to rynie if you can help.

September (tentative dates) 26,27,29,20- Kokanee Karnival Streamside- The Sunriver Anglers act as tour guides, quasi scientists and game show hosts as we welcome 5 graders from the Three Rivers School as well as other Bend Schools to the Fall River Hatchery. There are two busloads of kids each day, so you can come for the whole day, or just a half a day. There are written scripts you can follow, or you can ad lib on your own. Someone with experience will be there to help.... Lunch is provided and you can fish after the kids leave!

You are invited!

Event: August 18 | City Club of Central Oregon Forum in partnership with The Bulletin-Doing More with Less Water in Central Oregon

Date: 8/18/2022 at 11:30 AM

At The Riverhouse and available to view virtually.

Details:

Water defines the landscape in Central Oregon-from Wickiup Reservoir to irrigation in Jefferson County-and all the uses in between. This forum will explore the conservation, technology and policy solutions to how we can do more with less water.

Moderator: Zack Demars, Special Projects Reporter for The Bulletin

Panelists: Erin Kilcullen, General Manager - Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District; Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director - Deschutes River Conservancy and Michael Buettner, Utility Director - City of Bend

August 18th

Doing More with Less Water in Central Oregon

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In the August 14th Bulletin, look for a featured story on this topic in preparation for attending the forum.

For more information and for in-person and virtual registration options, click here.

[Click here](#) to decline this event invitation.

Volunteers at work

Fish Stocking Volunteer Effort to Doris and Blow Lakes

A group of anglers from Central Oregon, including several from the Sunriver Anglers met at the Six Lakes Trailhead to participate in an ODFW volunteer effort to stock brook trout into Doris and Blow Lakes in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. Each of the 20 participants carried a backpack with 3 gallons of water, ice and approximately 150-200 fingerling brook trout in a heavy-duty plastic trash bag on their back up the Six Lakes Trailhead to either Blow Lake (1.1 miles) or Doris Lake (2.1 miles). It was a glorious summer morning with mild temperatures and clear skies.

Upon arrival at each lake, the brook trout were acclimatized to the lake water and temperature for about 15-20 minutes, and then released to their new forever home. It was interesting to watch how quickly these trout sought out shelter and food in their new homes.

Many thanks to Jen Luke, the Program Leader for ODFW who coordinated this very rewarding day for all participants.





Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner

Balanced Damsel

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By: Phil Fischer



The Damsel hatch has been very reliable out on Crane Prairie this summer. It occurs mid-day on many of our local lakes in later June and is characterized by a very splashy rise form as trout take damsels swimming just below the surface film. Damsels look to find sticks, tules, anchor ropes, or any other object that enables them to crawl out of the water to hatch. They often swim just below the surface for some distance looking for these items latch onto. It is during this surface swimming action that the damsel is the most vulnerable to trout. The damsel nymph coloration matches the color of the environment that these insects live, which ranges from tan to a deep olive. In Crane Prairie, the Damsels are a very dark Olive Brown.

This month's pattern is the Balanced Damsel, which is a pattern that I have used with good success under a strike indicator, especially in the warmer mid-summer days as the fish migrate into deeper water. In mid-June the hatch begins in earnest in shallower water. And it progresses to deeper and deeper water as the lake warms. Recently, I have been fishing this pattern at Crane Prairie in the

Deschutes, Cultus and Quinn channels, looking for water that is 10-13 feet deep. I cast it out and let the flies settle, and then initiate short strips, with long pauses in between. Most often, the fish take the fly on the pause.

The design of the Balanced Damsel is simple; I use a short shank jig hook with a wide gape to improve hooking consistency. The short shank allows me to keep the fly small; the natural is about 1" to 1 1/2" inches long. The fly features a long wispy tail to mimic the undulating motion of the natural. For the body, I use a blend of a dark olive dubbing, blended with some UV Ice Dub to give the fly some sparkle. I use the smallest Tungsten bead I can and still get the fly to balance horizontally in the water. Give this pattern a try during this summer's damsel hatches on a favorite local lake.

Balanced Damsel Pattern Recipe:

Hook: Firehole 516, Size 10-14
Thread: Olive Brown to match Marabou
Bead: 3/32 (for a size 14) Tungsten Bead painted Olive
Pin: Size 8 Sequin Pin
Tail: Dark Olive Marabou with very long fibers
Body: Olive Brown Euro Seal or Simi Seal to match Marabou

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/Oa3oRNKz0q8>

Experiment with this pattern during the Damsel Hatch. If you have questions or would like additional information about this Damsel 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.

Check out the Sunriver Anglers Web Page.

We have added significant new content, as follows:

There is a page where we have loaded recordings from several of our recent meetings. Most recently, Brian Smith spoke on Fly Fishing British Columbia. Check out the video and related materials at the following link:

<https://www.sunriveranglers.org/sys/website/?pageId=18150>

We have also uploaded the Newsletter archives back to 2016. You can access these resources at the following link:

<https://www.sunriveranglers.org/sys/website/?pageId=8689>

Additionally, we have uploaded the Sunriver Anglers Fly Tying Corner archives. This page has links to articles with fishing tips and techniques and tying instructions for about 60-70 fly patterns for fishing our Central Oregon lakes and streams. Check them out here:

<https://www.sunriveranglers.org/sys/website/?pageId=18148>

We will continue updating the website to contain valuable resources for Sunriver Anglers members.

SR Anglers New Educational Tool

SRA published the following YouTube page for Sunriver Anglers.

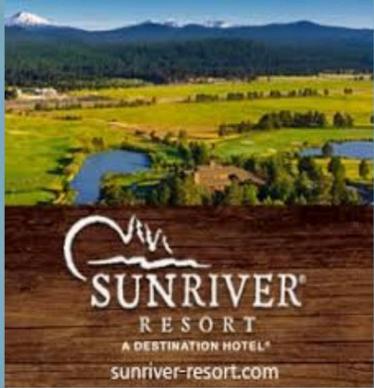
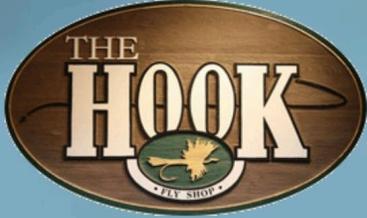
[Sunriver Anglers - YouTube](#)

Anglers are encouraged people to subscribe to this page so they can stay caught up on the videos we will publish periodically. And if you want to be amongst the first to be notified of new content, please subscribe to this YouTube page. You will receive a notification when new content is available.

Water Conditions Report

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