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<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

## President's Message



H Lots of news and updates for you this month!

First of all, our meetings will be returning to the SHARC in January. However, we've had to change the date and time. Our meetings will now start and end earlier and we're on for the first Wednesday of the month. During the winter, the SHARC closes at 6, therefore we need to end our meetings at about 5:30, as we are also responsible for setting up and breaking down the tables and chairs that we use. Hopefully by the summer time we can have a later slot. We'll plan on starting the meetings promptly at 4:30, with doors opening at 4:15.

Kokanee Karnival is on the books once again! All you chefs and helpers can plan on being called upon for the April event at Shevlin Park (the SRA are in charge of lunch at Shevlin Park fishing pond days). We are still working on whether or not we will be in the classrooms this year. I am pretty sure our Three Rivers (5th grade) Classes will be participating in Eggs to Fry, but I am not sure if we will be presenting the Angler Education curriculum or Fish dissection day. This year we are shrinking the number of classes by 50%.

This is very unfortunate for the teachers and students who will be phased out of this fabulous STEM program. More info here- <http://kokaneeekarnival.com/index.php> and great video here- <https://zolomeia.com/elementary-students-get-close-personal-look-fish-habitat/>

If you are interested in helping out with the Kokanee Karnival as an official "Angler Educator", ODF&W will provide training (usually with food!), an Angler Education Manual and an official badge, shirt and cap as well. KK is a lot of fun, and can involve only a couple of hours to as many hours as you want as far as time, we are always looking for volunteers! (\*\*You don't need to take the training class to volunteer\*\*)

Lastly, I'd like to send a shout out to Jen Luke and Jerry George, the ODF&W fish biologists who came out during last month's snow storm to give their presentation. I had no idea that the SRA played an integral part in the first few years of the Tui Chub eradication project. Jen dug up some great photographs from those years. Jerry presented some thoughts and numbers from the Crooked River. He also reminded us that the Fall River is divided into two sections that have differing regulations during the winter. The new regulations are out and I will have some copies at the next meeting or you can grab them at the fly shops. Next month we welcome our own Phil Fischer as our January speaker.

Looking forward to seeing you soon! Happy Holidays. Rynie

### **Holliday Party**

As promised, we will be having a small and impromptu Holiday gathering at the Fold Pizza on Tuesday, December 13th. The Fold serves great food as well as beer and creative cocktails. Happy Hour begins at 3pm. I will call them to make reservations shortly, so please let me know if you are interested in coming. The club will pay for the pizza. Please be prepared to buy your own drinks and sides. Thanks!

### **A Time for Reflection**

December will see the Sunriver Anglers holding a casual Holiday celebration at which the membership will recount activities and accomplishments throughout 2022. The year saw the club supporting area educational programs, participating in conservation activities and going on outings to favorite fishing locales. The Anglers has been active despite COVID restrictions and look forward to the growth in membership and activity level we anticipate in 2023.

Several members enjoyed volunteering for the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education events at Caldera Springs and the Metolius Pond at Camp Sherman. Contact with youth from the Three Rivers School in small group settings and contribution to their river stewardship was very fulfilling for all involved. Feedback from the kids has always been positive and brings members back to support the Karnival year after year.

Although the Cedar Creek fire hampered mid-summer access to a number of Cascade Lakes and the upper Deschutes River, the club did manage to arrange two outings: an early June one to Paulina Lake and another one to the Williamson River in the Upper Klamath Basin. The weather was not conducive to venturing onto the lake, but the hardy souls enjoyed the warmth of the campfires and their friendship.

Both the weather and the fishing were better on the Williamson; many felt a return visit would be in order in the near future.

The Sunriver Anglers have been active in helping to restore more normal Upper Deschutes flows: higher in the winter, lower in the summer. We had a seat at the table on the Upper Deschutes Basin Study. The study's purpose was to provide data and modeling for the Oregon Spotted Frog Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP describes how Deschutes Basin Irrigation Districts (IDs) will support spotted frog recovery in exchange for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) that allows them to operate while harming some frogs in the process. In the short run, the IDs have agreed to increase Upper Deschutes winter flows to a 300 cubic feet per second (cfs) minimum by 2028; 500 cfs by 2042. This is a huge start towards restoring a biologically healthy, sustainable Upper Deschutes.

The winter flow increases will be provided through water conservation measures in the Irrigation Districts by using public dollars to modernize their systems in exchange for the conserved water being returned in-stream. The IDs will generate conserved water by water banking, improved on-farm efficiencies, and canal piping. This will allow the IDs to meet their legal obligations to both their customers and the agreed HCP requirements.

Some Districts' conserved water will be released in-stream to improve summer flows in the Middle Deschutes. Even more of the conserved water will be transferred during irrigation season from Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) to North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) in exchange for releasing water stored in Wickiup to improve winter flows in the Upper Deschutes.

The Anglers will not meet in December but will gather for a social event to be announced later. The club looks to expand its membership in 2023 by emphasizing its conservation, education and stewardship activities. People interested in joining the Anglers should visit our website, [www.SunriverAnglers.org](http://www.SunriverAnglers.org) or contact us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>.

**See the water report farther down the e news!!!**

**January 4, 2023 Speaker**

## **Presentation Overview: Fly Fishing Central Oregon Stillwaters**

The area along Highway 97 from just above the California border to the Washington border is a fly-fishing paradise. Bordered by the Cascades to the West and the Great Basin to the East, the scenery and diversity of stillwaters is incredible! Phil will lead us on a journey throughout the lakes in this area and will share many of the waters, including best times to visit, specific locations, major hatch periods and tactics for fly fishing these waters. Some of the waters featured include:

- Hosmer Lake
- Crane Prairie
- East Lake
- Davis Lake
- Wickiup Reservoir
- Diamond Lake
- Klamath and Agency Lakes
- Other lesser-known lakes

Phil's presentations feature lots of beautiful photography and lots of good fly-fishing information.

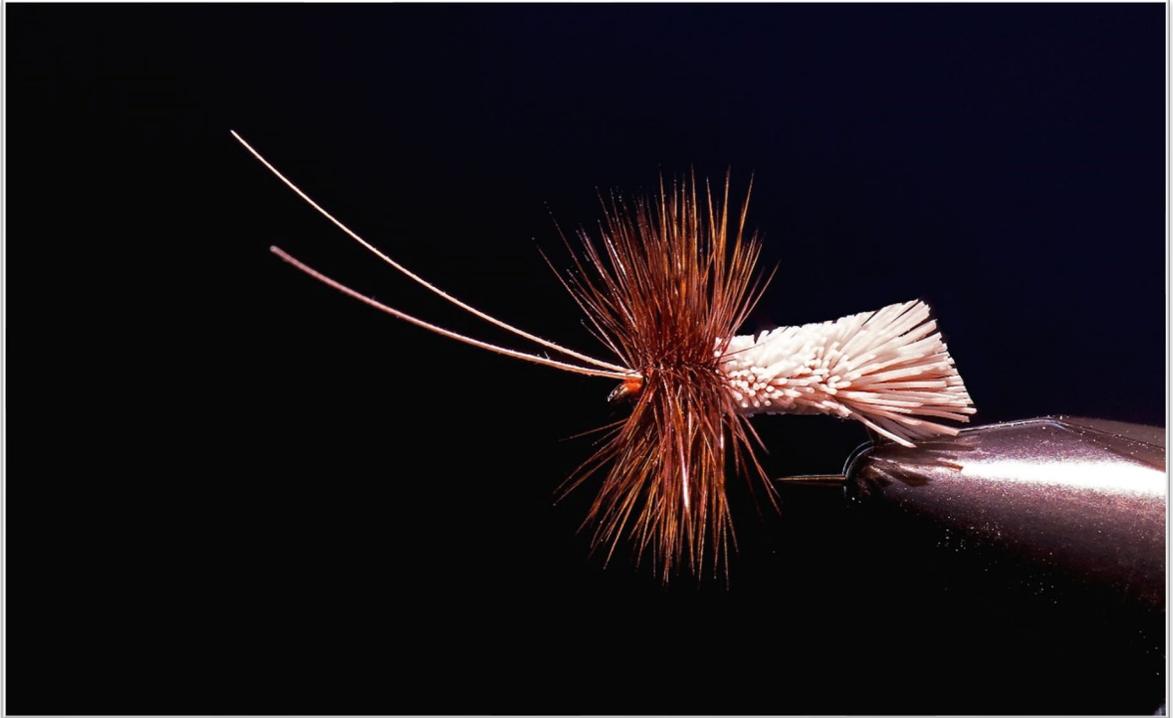
Phil Fischer is an avid fly tier, fly fisherman, photographer and author. He lives in Sunriver, Oregon and spends time fly fishing the fabulous still waters in Central Oregon. He was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and has fly fished extensively throughout the Western United States and numerous international destinations. He has been a regular demonstrator at several West Coast fly shows and often speaks at fly clubs in Oregon and Northern California.

When Phil was 10 years old, his dad bought him a fly-tying kit for his birthday. He has never been far from a vise since that day and now has over 45 years of fly fishing and fly-tying experience. He was tutored by Andre Puyans and taught fly tying classes at Creative Sports in Pleasant Hill, California, for a number of years. He owns Phil's Custom Trout Flies, and has fly customers throughout the United States who count on his expertise in solving fly fishing puzzles on their own home waters.

Phil specializes in patterns for still waters in Central Oregon. His Callibaetis Life Cycle patterns consistently catch fish and are in high demand. These flies have been featured in several publications and tying instructions can be viewed online at his YouTube page. He publishes a monthly fly-tying column for the Sunriver Anglers, which is carried by local newspapers in Central Oregon.

***Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner*** By: *Phil Fischer*  
**Goddard Caddis**

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The Goddard Caddis is responsible for the largest fish I have taken on a Central Oregon Lake. One late afternoon I was chasing rising fish in an inlet to an unnamed lake. Callibaetis had been hatching all afternoon, but I knew I had no chance taking a fish on a Callibaetis pattern. There were simply too many Callibaetis on the water to have a glimmer of hope that a fish might discern my fake fly from the many natural insects on the surface of the lake. I decided to go contrarian. So, I tied on a Goddard Caddis pattern to try and catch the fish's attention. I knew that this lake carried a sparse traveling sedge hatch, and my hope was the larger size of this fly, and the novelty of pattern might attract a willing rainbow trout.

About 75 yards from me there was a nice fish rising periodically. I kicked toward this fish in my float tube hoping to get close enough to venture a cast. It was a dance that I had repeated numerous times that afternoon, only to be repeatedly spurned by these large fussy trout. They knew the game much better than I, and each time I had gotten close, the fish would move just out of casting range. But finally, this fish rose again, a little closer this time.

I had a 15-foot-long leader tapered down to 5X tippet; hopefully enough to hold one of these magnificent fish. He rose again, now about fifty feet from my tube. In one quick move, I spun my tube around and gave the cast my best shot. It was almost like having buck fever, and I knew the odds of defeat were better than the odds of success. But lo and behold, the cast was true, and the fly landed about ten feet past where the now fading ring of his last rise occurred. I pointed the rod straight up in the air to put a big belly in the line and gave the fly one long pull to skate it across the surface like a traveling sedge.

Sure enough, a large snout quickly appeared and inhaled the fly and the fight was on. I played this fish ever so gently, knowing it had the upper hand on 5X tippet. After a battle, the fish came sliding toward my tube on the surface, and to my horror, I realized my landing net was much too small. Luckily, the fish gave me a nice pass and I tailed it and with a lift, I placed it on my outstretched legs for a quick picture. After reviving the fish for a good amount of time, I released this 27" wild rainbow back to the lake. What a rush! So now you know why I chose the Goddard Caddis for this month's article.



Tie a few of these and keep them handy in your own fly box. I promise, you won't regret it. And who knows, that fish may now be beyond 30" and it has displayed a fondness for a well-placed traveling sedge. Your next cast might bring on your own case of buck fever.

#### **Goddard Caddis Materials List:**

**Hook:** Daiichi 1180, Size 10-14

**Abdomen Thread:** Ultra 210 Denier Black Thread

**Body:** Deer Hair for Spinning

**Secondary Thread:** Veevus 14/0 Brown

**Antenna:** Whiting 4B's Hen Hackles

**Hackle:** Brown Whiting Rooster Saddle

Tying instructions and steps are being published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers web page at <http://www.sunriveranglers.org/fly-tying-corner>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: [https://youtu.be/J\\_OjpalE9X0](https://youtu.be/J_OjpalE9X0).

Learn to tie this fly pattern and fish it in lakes that feature traveling sedges. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Goddard Caddis 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).

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#### ***Water Conditions Report***

[2022\\_11\\_28\\_Water\\_Conditions\\_Report.pdf \(sunriveranglers.org\)](#)

#### **Irrigation Report Upper Deschutes Water Flows**

#### **New \$10 Million Grants - see link**

[Application period for nearly \\$10 million in grants for high priority fish passage and screening projects opens January 2023 \(state.or.us\)](#)

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