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Happy Independence Day!



President's Message

Hello Fellow Anglers,

As I write this today, I am looking forward to our first fishing outing of the year at Paulina Lake. We drove up to the group campground yesterday and were assured by the camp host that it's 99% probable that the campsites will be open for business. When we called earlier this week, we were told there was too much snow and possibly dangerous trees. Whatever happens, it will make a good story for next month's newsletter and we will for sure (weather permitting) fish on Monday, even if the campground remains closed.

In a couple of weeks our second SRA outing of the year takes place on the Williamson River from the Water Wheel campground. I have never fished the Williamson, but after Yancy Lind's presentation I feel like that trip will also make for a good fish story. Especially if the recent rains have helped the river recover.

On another note, I am planning on having an in-person meeting

Also, the SHARC does not have the third Thursday of the month available any longer, so we would have to change the TIME as well as the DAY. (To MONDAYS 5:30-7:00

and we would have to finish a few minutes before 7 so they can close up). I don't know if that's a permanent time change, I kind of feel that 5:30 is a little early for speakers and members, but that's why I'm asking you. The other choice we are looking at is the Sunriver Library. At this point it looks like we could reserve it for the regular time on the regular day, at least for now. So, whatever the consensus is, it doesn't have to be set in stone. Please let me know your thoughts, and I can start looking for a speaker.

I also want to give a shout out to Jen at ODF&W, Caldera Springs, and all the volunteers that made our first Kokanee Karnival at Caldera Springs a big success. THANK YOU!

Rynie

Kokanee Karnival – Sunriver Style



Kokanee Karnival Revived

After a three-year hiatus, the Sunriver Anglers, Central Oregon Flyfishers and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) hosted a limited-edition Kokanee Karnival event at Caldera Springs. In late May, approximately 45 5th graders from Three Rivers School were treated to a day of fishing and learning about fish care, conservation and water safety. The fishing event is normally the culmination of a series of class room lessons, class projects and field trips. The cautious restart from COVID had the organizers scale down the Karnival this year.

Caldera Springs graciously provided access to their private lake as well as snacks for the kids. Jen Luke of the ODFW had the lake stocked with 1000 1 lb. fish (14-16 inches). Two teachers, Mardi Rush and Jaime Kinsella, marshalled the excited 11–12-year-old kids through the day’s activities and 12 volunteers taught them both spin and fly-casting techniques. Not everyone caught a fish as the weather “it was a-changin” but a good time was had by all.

The Kokanee Karnival’s Youth Education Program mission statement is to provide a dynamic, hands-on learning experience to educate and excite elementary school children about clean water, healthy watersheds, and fish conservation while promoting safe and responsible angling, good citizenship, and community stewardship. By all accounts this year’s event met all these objectives. To learn more about the Kokanee Karnival please visit their website at www.kokaneekarnival.com.

The Sunriver Anglers have been promoting fishing and conservation in and around Central Oregon since 1977. To learn more about SRA please visit their website at www.sunriveranglers.org

ODF&W Feedback on the Fall River

I would like to get feedback from your groups on a rule change that we are considering to protect critically important spawning and overwintering habitat for the Upper Deschutes/Lower Fall River Redband Trout population.

We are looking into a seasonal closure in Fall River below the falls from May 22 to September 30, the same season as the segment of the Upper Deschutes into which Fall River flows. Redband Trout redd surveys from 2005 to the present are variable year-to-year but range from around 25 to 100 indicating that this is an important area for trout staging and spawning at a time when most of the spawning gravels in the mainstem Deschutes are unsuitable because of low flows during the irrigation storage season.

The closure would protect approximately 1.8 river miles of high quality spawning habitat for wild fish while still providing a year-round fly-only angling opportunity in the approximately 10-mile reach above the falls to the headwaters that is supplemented with triploid hatchery trout releases. This closure would serve to benefit the wild Redband Trout population by limiting disturbance to fish during the stressful overwintering, staging and spawning periods and help prevent the unintentional trampling of redds during early egg incubation.

If you or your members have comments or feedback on the proposed change, it would be greatly appreciated if you could pass those along to myself and the watershed manager, Corey Heath, copied here.

Thank you in advance,

Jerry George (he/him)
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Fire Season Declared for Oregon Department of Forestry's Prineville-Sisters Unit

Club Outing to the Williamson River, June 21-24

Following up on the excellent presentation Yancy Lind gave the us we have organized a club trip to the Williamson River June 21 to 24. We will stay at the Water Wheel Campground where US 97 crosses the Williamson. This is an unattractive, but acceptable campground, with a great location on the river with tent and RV spaces. Their website is www.waterwheelrvpark.com. Book soon as they do fill up. It's about a 2-hour drive from Bend.

Volunteer Opportunities

Subject: Crooked River Sampling 2022

Hello Everyone,

ODFW is conducting the Crooked River electrofish sampling on Tuesday, June 28th through Friday, July 1st. We sample from the Big Bend Campground down to the Cobblestone Campground.

We are soliciting help from volunteers to help process and redistribute fish upstream of the boat. Due to liability reasons, we can only take ODFW staff on the raft. We are looking 5-6 volunteers per day. We typically meet at the Big Bend Campground at 8:30 am and finish shocking for the day around 2 pm, but it depends on how many fish we collect. Please let me know if you would be available to help or if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance and we hope to see you out there!

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Fly-Tying Corner

Carey Special

Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer



I really like rediscovering old patterns. These flies worked many years ago and are still very effective today. The Carey Special is just such a fly. This pattern was originally tied for still waters in British Columbia in 1925 by Dr. Lloyd Day from Quesnel, British Columbia. It was popularized by Coronel Thomas Carey, and the pattern was named in his honor. I don't know who or when the fly pattern was introduced to Central Oregon, but today it is a staple in many of our fly boxes for Crane Prairie, East Lake, and other of area lakes.

The fly design is straight-forward. It consists of a peacock herl body and a pheasant back or rump feather for the hackle and tail. The fly imitates many insects found in our area lakes, from dragonflies to water boatman and others. The subtleties I add to the Carey's in my box really make it a very versatile and effective pattern. I often weight the pattern differently for different waters.

I'll add more weight to the fly for East Lake and fish it deeper than perhaps I would at Crane Prairie. I can also vary how deep the fly is fished with the fly line I

use. For shallow waters I may opt for a hover line with a very slow sink rate, or I may use it on an intermediate line to get down deeper.

The key to fishing this pattern is to vary the retrieve. I like an erratic, wonky retrieve that imitates a dragonfly nymph. But vary your retrieve based on whatever the fish seem to prefer on any given day.

I recently tied up a fresh batch of Carey Specials and took them out to Crane Prairie one afternoon. I used the electric motor to move quietly around an area until I started seeing fish and then anchored in very shallow water. I rigged up a Carey Special at the end of 16 feet of 3X tippet on a Hover line and began sight casting to these fish.

On the second cast I felt that abrupt stop and set the hook to a 21" rainbow. At the beginning of this article, I stated I loved rediscovering old patterns; a 21" rainbow really sealed the deal for me that day. Try this pattern during summer and early fall on your favorite local lake.

Materials List: Carey Special

Hook: Firehole 718, Size 10 – 14 or Daiichi 1710, Size 8-12

Thread: Danville 6/0 Flat Waxed in Olive Brown

Weight: 6-12 wraps of .015 Non-toxic Wire

Tail: Whiting Freshwater Streamer Hen Cape in Mottled Gray or Brown, or Ringneck Pheasant Rump Hackle

Abdomen: Peacock

Rib: Medium Copper Wire

Hackle: Whiting Freshwater Streamer Hen Cape in Mottled Gray or Brown, or Ringneck Pheasant Rump or Back Hackle

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/Viilj5gprwI>

Experiment with this pattern to imitate the dragonfly nymph or other aquatic insects. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Carey Special, 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 will continue updating the website to contain valuable resources for Sunriver Anglers members.

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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.

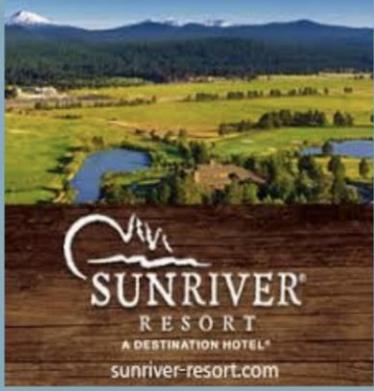
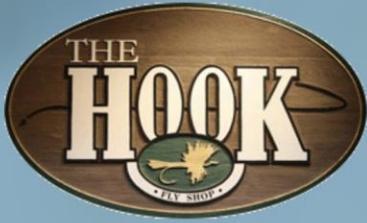
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