



P.O. Box 4273
Sunriver, OR 97707

2021-2022 Club Officers:

President:
Rynie Miyashiro

VP's Phil Fischer and Mal
Murphy

Secretary:
Open

Treasurer:
Doug Vakoc

2021-2022 Board Members:

Jim Adams
Dan Arnold
John Eckholt
Jeff Wieland

Publicity Director.
Chris Powers

Newsletter:
Jerry Hubbard

Outings, Topics & Speakers
Director: Rynie Miyashiro

On-line Admin: Phil Fischer

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>

The Sunriver Anglers

<https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers>
The Official Publication of the Sunriver Anglers Club
www.SunriverAnglers.org
May 9, 2022

Happy Memorial Day



Hello Fellow Anglers!

Today as I am writing this message, I've seen snow, rain, sleet and sun. Pretty much a typical Central Oregon spring day. I hope you all are enjoying the weather as much as I am! Last week on May 4th, we had the first in person Anglers Spring Fling Picnic and get together at Mary McCallum Park. It was sunny and beautiful. (More on the picnic later)

On Friday, Mike and I spent the day helping with the Kokanee Karnival at the Metolius Pond near Camp Sherman. We had taken the camper to the Camp Sherman campground (beautiful and empty and right on the river) on Thursday afternoon and it pretty much poured all night. We had a little reprieve from the rain before the kids got there, but by the time they arrived we had showers and by the time they left, it was pouring rain.

This month we have two Angler outings, so we will not have a general meeting. I am crossing our fingers that July will see some of us meeting in person, but if not, I am planning on returning to Zoom either way. (See the outings calendar for more info.)

I know that many of you have been fishing, and I invite you to submit your stories or photos or both for our news, website or Facebook page. If you want to include location or technique or fly selection you may, but I know some of you would lie about that anyway, so it's not necessary if



you don't want to divulge your secrets. especially as the weather warms up.

Please remember to handle your fish gently

rynie



Spring Fling Picnic Report

A big thank you to all who came out to enjoy the sunny weather at the Sunriver Anglers first SPRING FLING PICNIC and Get Together at Mary McCallum Park. There were quite a few new faces as well as many of us old regulars. It's great to see our little club growing in spite of the pandemic. A good time was had by all, and no one left hungry. Chef Jeff Nakae made an outstanding meal featuring his famous chili, alongside brats, hot dogs and sausages.

Jeff's macaroni salad was a bonus and Doug Vakoc made an authentic Sauerkraut to go with the meal. Rounding out the menu were homemade cookies and chips. We had some items to raffle off and were able to sell several tickets. Between the raffle and the \$5 lunch fee the club was able to just about break even! Kudos to everyone who volunteered to help out either manning the gate or serving or setting up! Don't forget that we'll be having our annual Fall River Tri-Tip and Secret Beans picnic in either

August or September. We will need a bigger crew to set that one up. We'll have a date set up soon. Stay tuned.



SUNRIVER ANGLERS ANNOUNCES 2022 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Sunriver Anglers, with the support of Pam Beezley, will again be awarding one or more Beezley Family Scholarships, in honor of Dave Beezley. One \$1,000, or two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to support deserving students who are pursuing a college degree in a natural resources or related area. Degrees from technical or vocational schools will also be considered. Preference will be for students from South Deschutes County.

Applications will be available until Friday, May 27, 2022, on the Sunriver Anglers website, sunriveranglers.org.

All applications will be reviewed and approved by the Sunriver Anglers Board of Directors. Funds will disperse to the selected student or students after the Sunriver Anglers receive proof of college admission and enrollment.

The Beezley Family Scholarship is awarded in honor of Dave Beezley, an avid fly fisherman who particularly loved Steelhead fishing. Even in cold winter weather - fishing with ice on the line and wool socks in the boots! It all started on the McKenzie River with his dad and granddad when he was a little guy visiting family in Eugene every summer. Over the years, he discovered all the good spots on the Deschutes, Metolius and McKenzie and he made frequent fishing trips to Montana, Idaho, the Olympic Peninsula, and throughout Oregon. Dave enjoyed the beauty of the rivers, the peaceful silence of the running waters, the strategy of the sport, and the exhilaration of catching a Steelhead or trout.

Dave passed away on June 15, 2016. The Beezley family is funding this scholarship to honor Dave, and his passion for the outdoors, and to support a student or students who will be pursuing a career in a natural resources area so that future generations may enjoy the beauty of the outdoors and experience the thrill of the take of a steelhead, or Redband rainbow trout.

Link to Scholarship Application: [Anglers Club Scholarship Application 2022-BHS.pdf](#)

Fishing the Cascade Lakes May 19 Meeting



The Sunriver Anglers will welcome Scott Cook, owner of the Fly and Field shop in Bend to their May monthly meeting. Scott has been guiding in the area for nearly 30 years

with a range that covers all Central Oregon but also extends to faraway places like Belize in Central America. Scott's topic for the Anglers will focus on fishing the Cascade Lakes especially Crane and East Lakes. However, Scott will undoubtedly be asked about his recent excursion to Belize, a bucket list item for many Anglers.

Scott runs a family-oriented operation and enjoys guiding groups to favorite locales. He will discuss the fishing seasons on the lakes which typically run from spring into October depending on water levels. As most know water management in Central Oregon is challenging and difficult to predict its impact on sport fishing. He will also discuss techniques and tactics appropriate for the point in the season as well as the lake conditions.

Some of the techniques will cover sinking line/streamer setups to dry fly with dropper configurations. He will also reveal favorite locations on the lakes which have proven productive in his experience and the ways to access these locations using various platforms such as pontoon boats. Common to many flyfishing presentations are the hatches and species of fish prevalent in the lakes and Scott intends to cover these aspects as well.

The Fly and Field shop opened in Bend in 1999 and Scott will expand its operation the week of April 18th when he opens a second shop in the Sunriver business park. The new shop will occupy an expanded location and encompass the former Sunriver Fly shop. Scott can be contacted at scott@flyandfield.com or at 541-318-1616 which will reach either shop. He is also on Facebook and Instagram.

The Sunriver Anglers meeting will occur on Thursday May 19 at 7:00 p.m. and will be conducted remotely via Zoom. Those interested in attending can contact Rynie Miyashiro at rynieSRA@gmail.com to obtain meeting access authorization.

Club Outings:

June 13- Paulina Lake outing- hopefully it will be open! Limited camping available at the group campground June 12 & 13 - more info TBD. contact rynie if you're interested, we'll know more when the road opens.

June 21-24- Williamson River Outing- (see e-news) or for more info email Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

Dates to be determined:

Twin Lake Brunch

Crane Prairie Luau

Diamond Lake

Annual Hosmer Lake End of Season, usually when it's Freezing outing

Annual Sunriver Anglers Picnic featuring the famous Tri-Tip and Secret Beans recipes!

Phil Fischer Fly Tying Corner

Madam X Fly Pattern

I first fished the Madam X fly pattern many years ago on Montana's Gallatin River just outside Yellowstone Park. It was a mid-summer day and hoppers were abundant at that time of year. The Madam X tied with a pale-yellow abdomen proved to be just the ticket for these hungry trout. Working the riffles and runs of this river, I caught quite a few fish, and the Madam X earned a permanent spot in my fly box.

I have since used this pattern in many rivers throughout the Western US, and most notably, here in Central Oregon. It is an excellent imitation for two major hatches: Golden Stones and Hoppers. Golden Stones hatch in tandem with, or slightly later than Salmonflies. And while most folks are pounding the water with salmonflies, I often find the smaller, less used Golden Stone often results in more strikes.



Madam X Fly Pattern

To fish this pattern, cast tightly to the bank and immediately, when the fly hits the water, perform a subtle air mend to flip and skip the fly before it settles into its drift. Golden stones display lots of movement on the water during egg laying flights. So, don't hesitate to flip and skip and skate the fly. That movement often is the difference between a take and a refusal. Similarly, when imitating

grasshoppers, cast tight to the bank and don't hesitate to add some subtle movement to the fly.

While primarily designed to fish in fast moving water, I often use this pattern on our local lakes during mid-summer. Trout can be very opportunistic taking hoppers on the surface, and I have had excellent success with this pattern on both Hosmer and East Lake.

Give this pattern a try during the upcoming Golden Stone hatch on the Lower Deschutes or Metolius or to imitate hoppers later this summer.

Madam X Fly Pattern Materials List:

Hook: Firehole 718, Size 10

Thread: 210 Denier Danville, Yellow

Tail and Wing: Natural Deer Hair

Abdomen: Micro Straggle, UV Gold/Sunburst

Legs: Medium Round Rubber Legs, Brown

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/fzfE4yHO2qM>

Learn to tie this fly pattern and fish it in during the Golden Stone hatch on the Deschutes, Metolius and other Central Oregon waters. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Madam X 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.

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.

The Williamson is known as a trophy-trout river with only wild fish, some over 10 pounds. These fish were steelhead before being landlocked by the dam in Klamath Falls. The nearby Wood River also has migratory populations of these trout along with

resident browns. Like any river, you can have good days and bad days, but the good days can be spectacular.

This trip requires a drift or pontoon boat, or something similar. Not a float tube. It is an easy river to float with a few small rapids, although low water this year may make things interesting. An electric motor is helpful as there are some long, slow-moving sections. The nearby Wood River as well as upper Klamath and Agency lakes provide additional angling opportunities.

The Chiloquin boat ramp is easily found. From the Water Wheel campground, head back north on 97 and take the exit going right (east) towards Chiloquin at the Pacific Pride station. It's the road right after you see the river. After the exit, the 2nd right is a dirt road into a county park where the ramp is. We can work together to shuttle ourselves at the end of the day to pick up our vehicles.

From the ramp you can fish up to the Blue Hole (where the Sprague comes in). Many people spend all day in the quarter mile or so above the boat ramp up to the Blue Hole. You can fish up and then just turn around take out right there as well. Or, you can immediately head down river from the ramp and float to the Water Wheel. Give yourself at least 5 hours to get down to the Water Wheel. There are long slow stretches you need to get through, thus the benefit of having an electric motor. Be sure to keep to the left when you pass under the bridge over highway 97. The Water Wheel is just below the bridge.

Tackle: Both rivers have big trout so do not use anything less than a 6-weight rod; a 7 weight would not be overkill. Terrestrials like grass hoppers can be effective, especially on windy days. Some people use lake-style chromid techniques as well (these fish spend half their lives in Klamath Lake).

The most common way of landing big fish, however, is stripping back woolly bugger and leech patterns under intermediate and full sink lines. The seal bugger pattern was developed by Denny Rickards specifically for these fish. Traditional trout nymph and streamer patterns of many types also work well.

There are other lodging options if you don't want to camp. Note that Collier State Park is closed due to the fires last year. Just up the river from the Water Wheel is The Lonesome Duck, www.lonesomeduck.com. This is a nice place where Yancy has stayed at as well. It's perfect if you don't want to camp and there is great fishing right in front. There is also a Sleep Inn and Suites at 34333 Hwy 97 in Chiloquin.

Denny Rickards is the local fly-fishing expert. You can call him for info and/or you can order his flies from his website. www.flyfishingstillwaters.com.

If you would like a guide, I can recommend Craig Schuhmann at (541) 778-1194

www.guidedwatersflyfishing.com or Brent Hublitz at Trophy Troutfitters 541-591-6221
<http://www.trophytroutfitters.com>. I have gone with both of them and they are both excellent.

Water Levels: You can track the river at:

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/uv/?site_no=11502500&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060

Here are some links to additional information.

If you need more info, shoot me an email. Lee Ann Ross, rossleeann@yahoo.com

More info on the Williamson River:

[Bass and Trout Fishing Digest: Williamson River](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

What- Kokanee Karnival

When- May 26, 2022 approx. 9:30 am until 2 pm

Who- Two Fifth Grade classes from Three Rivers School- approximately 40 students-

Where- Caldera Springs

Many of you have helped out with Kids Free Fish Day at Caldera Springs- This will be like a mini-version with casting lessons, a short lecture on water safety, and another short lecture on care of the catch and possibly types of fish, fishing and bait selection. Mostly it will be about fishing and hopefully how to catch a fish. We need as many volunteers as possible for part or all of the day. Mainly it will be to coach the students while they are at the pond. Ideally, we would have one volunteer for every 4 students. We could also use a couple of gofers to get bait, ice and possibly snacks before the event.

For more information on the Kokanee Karnival- follow this link... <http://kokaneekarnival.com>

Check out the Sunriver Anglers Web and YouTube Pages.

Missed one of our recent meetings? Catch up on the Sunriver Anglers YouTube Page:

Yancy Lind – Fly Fishing the Williamson and Klamath Basin:

<https://youtu.be/Tf9smtD71E4>

Yancy Lind – Chasing Bull Trout on Lake Billy Chinook

<https://youtu.be/j1eKY3YtIL0>

Bryon Salaz – The Lower Deschutes River Demystified

<https://youtu.be/C2QK3hfxKZY>

Water Conditions Report - [2022_05_02_Water_Conditions_Report.pdf](#)

Hot off the press! Attached is a DBBC (Deschutes Basin Board of Control) brochure describing the conservation efforts of the DBBC with a summary chart of modernization projects completed, in-process and pending with conserved water and dollar summary.

We believe this lays out a remarkable story of the amount of project activity in the basin already completed as well as work still to be done but much of it in-process. This also gives us a base line and context for planning into the future.

Please feel free to share with DBWC (Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative) members.

--

Sommers Taylor (*she/her*)

Program Assistant II

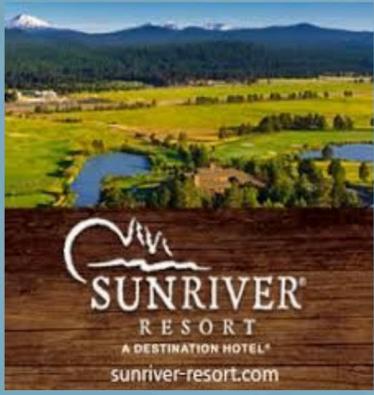
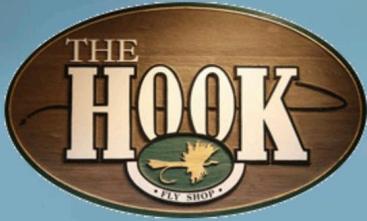
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Community & Economic Development

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6da12d8a1d&attid=0.1.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1732377487636832395&th=180aa4257f7a208b&view=att&disp=inline>

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6da12d8a1d&attid=0.1.3&permmsgid=msg-f:1732377487636832395&th=180aa4257f7a208b&view=att&disp=inline>

[Thank You Sponsors – see next page for our supporters.](#)



FISHING FOR A REAL ESTATE DEAL?



AMY CAMPBELL, Broker
541-480-8565
Acampbell@sunriverrealty.com
www.acampbell.sunriverrealty.com

GLORIA SMITH Brokers
ABR, CRS, GRI, RSPS, SRES
Gsmith@sunriverrealty.com
www.GloriaSmith.com

For SUN, for FUN, for STYLE, for LIFE!!!

