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President's Message

Hello Fellow Anglers,

I can't believe it's October already! Down here near La Pine, we've already logged a few freezing nights. It's been a tough time this summer for all outdoors people with the fire closures, the smoke, the low water levels and the heat.... I always look forward to the fall with the cooler temperatures, less crowds and mosquitoes and hungrier fish...in fact, Mike (hubby) Henry (15-year-old Lab) and I are just about to embark on our first real road trip since Covid hit. We're planning on fishing and sightseeing our way down 395 to visit some relatives in California, but we're taking the long and scenic route before going west and hitting the Bay Area.

I want to give a big shout out to Josh White from the HOOK FLY SHOP for giving us an awesome presentation last month. I took so many notes about where to fish and what flies to have in my box. Thanks Josh!! Definitely planning on hitting Diamond when we get back- anyone want to join us?

September was our second in person meeting at the library. I was pleased to welcome a handful of members who were either new, or new to in person meetings or from out of state. I really enjoy the fact that some of our members support our club even from afar. This month we will welcome a couple of guides from the Stillwater Guide Service to talk about adventures in Alaska and Cuba. Cuba!! Wow. Is there a Hemingway tour with that?

Hope to see you on the 20th. rynie

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us at the Sunriver Library on October 20, 2022 for a **Double Delight**

The Sunriver Anglers will enjoy a double delight at their October 20th club meeting when they host two experienced guides from the Stillwater Flyshop. Gabe Parr will present information on flyfishing backcountry Alaska while Travis Parker will cover saltwater flats fishing in Cuba. Gabe is a 20 year resident of Central Oregon and serves on the **Double Delight**



Trout Unlimited Executive Board as secretary for Oregon while Travis, a Bend native, is a well-traveled, converted World Cup bicycle mechanic who has guided since 2006 and internationally since 2015.

Gabe's presentation will discuss interior Alaska fishing on three rivers: American Creek the lower Talarik, and the Aniak. These rivers are only accessible by float plane, typically have short, 3 1/2 month seasons that follow the Pacific salmon runs and some produce 30" rainbow trout. On the American Creek float trips are week long and feature early nymph, dry and streamer fishing for rainbows. The lower Talarik, known as 'the Rock', is a tributary of Lake Eliamna.

This pristine river is on a private parcel within an Alaskan state park; a limit of 4 guests per trip is imposed on the guides. The Aniak is a tributary of the main Kuskokwim river in Southwestern Alaska. It has 100 miles of prime fishing. On this stretch a beat system is used in which different guides who are intimately familiar with their run put their guests on the fish with the right flies.

Travis puts his world travel experience to good use as he guides lucky anglers to "Preserve in Cuba" saltwater flats fishing. The Cuban Preserve was established by Fidel Castro responding to encouragement from Ernest Hemingway in the late 1950's. He plays host at several famous locations including Jardines de la Reina, Cayo Cruz and Cayo Largo. These are segregated into areas and zones with limited access. Guests are lodged on 90-160 foot "motherships" and are individually ferried to the flats via small 16' flat skiffs with dedicated guides.

Although Spanish is the dominant language, casting guidance on "clock and distance" to feeding fish is universally understood. The feeding fish are "bones", permit, barracuda and tarpon. These rare opportunities are scheduled years in advance and synched to important factors such as moon phases and time of the year. Travis' mantra is the "right place at the right time" to maximize the anglers' success.

The Anglers will meet on the third Thursday of October at the Sunriver Library at 7:00 pm. Interested parties should contact Rynie Miyashiro at rynieSRA@gmail.com to request attendance approval or additional information. Additional information on these guides and their destinations can be found at www.stillwaterflyshop.com or www.stillwatertravel.com.

Volunteers Needed – Fish Rescue

[Call for Volunteers: 2022 Fall Fish Rescue \(salsalabs.org\)](#)

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

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



Amy's Ant Fly Pattern

For this month's fly pattern, I turned to well-known fly tyer and fly fisherman, Jack Dennis, who designed the Amy's Ant. Jack originally tied this pattern for the Jackson One-fly contest at the request of former Vice President Dick Cheney. It went on to win the individual fly honor and was the lead fly for the Frontier Fly Fishers, winning the title in 1999.

This pattern has been well known ever since and has been tied to imitate a myriad of insects from large beetles to small ants to grasshoppers and even various stoneflies, making it a very versatile fly tied in a variety of colors.

Given the importance of terrestrial in Central Oregon, I rely on the Amy's Ant pattern for both lakes and rivers. In the mid-summer I can count on a larger black and peacock to work imitating large beetles on Hosmer Lake. Or I can use it tied in tan to imitate hoppers on the Fall River.

On East Lake and Paulina, I use this pattern tied in smaller sizes to imitate the large black flying carpenter ants that hatch in June. I also tie this fly in a light tan/olive to imitate the summer stones on the Upper Deschutes.

The fly demonstrated in the video ([link below](#)), is tied in an Ultraviolet purple color, which I don't know what it imitates, but the trout like it!

While primarily designed to fish in moving water, I often use the Amy's Ant pattern on our local lakes during summer and run a dropper fly, such as a chironomid pattern or Callibaetis nymph. The fly tied in larger sizes can easily float a heavy weighted dropper.

Give this pattern a try while terrestrial insects are still active in our area.

Pattern Materials List:

Hook: Firehole 718, Size 4-16

Thread: 140 Denier Ultra, Black

Foam: 2mm Black Craft Foam

Legs: Hareline Crazy Legs, Black/Red Flake

Dubbing: UV Dubbing blend, UV Black (50%), UV Purple (50%)

Hackle: Whiting Dry Fly Cape, Dyed Black

Underwing: UV Shimmer, Purple

Overwing: Natural Deer Hair

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/l6cCwnSgGn8>

Learn to tie this fly pattern and fish it to match some of our terrestrials here in Central Oregon waters.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Hippie Stomper 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.

<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](#)

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

[2022 05 02 Water Conditions Report.pdf](#)

[Pamplin Media Group - A river runs through it: A look at the Crooked River Basin in the face of drought](#)

The Deschutes Water Bank Program provides an opportunity for Central Oregon Irrigation District senior irrigation patrons served by the Pilot Butte Canal (PBC) who are interested in helping North Unit Irrigation District junior irrigators facing water shortages due to drought by receiving a cash payment for volunteering to forego using their irrigation water for the 2023 season.

THE 2023 WATER BANK PROGRAM SEEKS TO:

- Provide participating Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) patrons with compensation for this temporary movement
- Provide water to North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) and its farmers during the irrigation season to mitigate drought
- Provide an environmental benefit through increased instream flow in the Deschutes River

Criteria for eligibility in the program:

- Be a COID patron served by the Pilot Butte Canal, which runs north, through Bend, Redmond and Terrebonne
- Have used your water in one of the past two years
- Forego a minimum of 1.0-acre irrigation
- Be approved by COID's operational requirements
- Submit interest form prior to November 1st

Contact information for questions:

Website: www.deschuteswaterbank.org

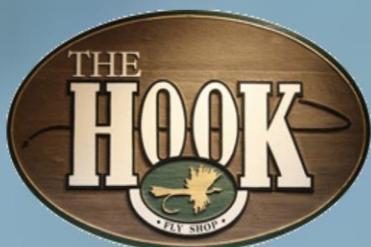
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