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<http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

President's Message

I hope you all have been able to hit the water in spite of all this smoke! I understand it was hit and miss up at East and Paulina the past couple of weeks.... meaning the smoke, but also the fishing? Heard reports of good, bad and ugly. I have not had a rod in the water for the past month, so I've nothing to report from personal experience.

I am planning on fishing next week though, possibly at one of the lakes we will be hiking to while stocking fingerlings with ODF&W on Tuesday August 1st. If you missed the email, volunteers are invited to carry a couple of hundred fingerlings up to Doris and Blow Lakes. Check your recent SRA emails for more info, this is a really fun experience for all ages.

On the flip side, we have a great speaker coming on Wednesday. Yancy Lind has given us some very in-depth presentations on Zoom, and I am looking forward to hearing him speak in person. His topic will be trout fishing with streamers.

Coming up next month, in place of the September general meeting, we will have our annual Tri Tip Barbeque at the Fall River Hatchery. Sign-ups coming soon on the website. While I have the chefs signed up already, I could use some set up people, some servers and a clean-up crew.

If you ever wanted to be an auctioneer or have any quality items to donate to a raffle or auction, it would be great to have someone or two to try to run an auction or silent raffle. We have a few things in storage that might make good prizes. (Alternatively, we will be looking for silent auction items for the Christmas Party, including boxes of donated flies, so if you're a tyer, please consider donating a few!)

For our October meeting, can you say "OCTOBERFEST"??!! Our intrepid treasurer, Doug V has arranged with Sunriver Brewing to have our October meeting at the Brewing Facility in the Sunriver Business Park next to Ace Hardware. Doug will be serving up his homemade sauerkraut along with some sausages! Sound good? You bet!!

Lastly, I will be meeting with the Sunriver Resort person in charge of helping the SRA set up the Holiday Party. As soon as we have the price set up, we will need to start having people RSVP so I can get a head count. In order to get the great price, we are committed to having at least 50 attendees. Please mark Dec. 11th on your calendars.

Hope to see you soon!

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Calendar Dates

Sept 6- Fall River Hatchery Tri-Tip Picnic

Sept. 13-15- Group Camp reserved at Paulina

Sept 14- Paulina Lake Outing- meet at 9:00, lunch at 1:00

Week of Sept 25-29- Volunteers needed for Kokanee Karnival Fall River Hatchery Tours, 2 shifts per day, 1.5 hours approx. per shift, lunch included.

September 25-29- Kokanee Karnival at the Fall River Hatchery- volunteers needed-

December 11 Holiday Dinner at the Great Hall -Prices and Time TBD.

Welcome New Member: Jim Scott

August 2 General Meeting August 2- Yancy Lind- How to fish with Streamers



The next Anglers meeting will take place on August 2 at 5:15 p.m. in the Crescent Room of the SHARC facility in Sunriver. Yancy Lind will return to the Anglers to discuss streamer fishing for trout.

The Sunriver Anglers will meet on August 2nd at 5:15 p.m. in the Crescent Room at the SHARC facility in Sunriver to hear a presentation by Yancy Lind on lake fishing using streamer techniques. He will return to the club program following two well-received presentations in early 2022. Yancy is a prominent 18-year member of the Central Oregon Flyfishers (COF) currently serving as Programs chair. Yancy has also served as President, Vice President, and Chair of key committee functions such as conservation, education, and outings.

Yancy characterizes the use of streamers as the most effective way to turn “fishing” into “catching”. It strives to imitate the most prevalent food sources larger trout eat. He will emphasize the type of gear, retrieval variation and streamer depth control using line weight for the best results when lake fishing. Equally as important he will discuss the “where” to fish in lakes such as weed beds, changes in sub-surface terrain (drop offs) and rocky areas. He will also emphasize the active nature of streamer fishing which builds a stronger connection with enticing fish to take the lure and thus enhances the fun of fishing. If time allows, Yancy will also cover streamer fishing in rivers using the Olympic Peninsula Skagit Techniques (OPST) normally applied in steelhead fishing, but that he has used for trout. Visit www.pureskagit.com for information on these game changing techniques.

Yancy remains active in Deschutes Basin water quality and allocation issues. He maintains a blog and post advocacy articles on it regularly. He supports several conservation groups such as Water Watch as a board member, Central Oregon Land Watch, the Deschutes Land Trust and the Association of Northwest Steelheaders. He was the founder of the Deschutes Basin Chapter of the Association of Steelheaders and currently he serves on the ODFW Restoration and Enhancement Board. His blog can be found at www.coinformedangler.org

The next Anglers function will be the annual Fall River Hatchery picnic on September 6th followed by a club outing to Paulina Lake on September 14th.

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Sunriver Anglers Host Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing in Central Oregon

In mid-June the Sunriver Anglers hosted a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) outing with two Veterans from Bend, Patrick Rowland and Danny Leifer, along with two Veterans from Martinez, California, Gus Ballis and Sheronda Myers, and two Veterans from San Francisco, California, Martha Begay and Connie Louie-Handleman. We fished in three very different waters, the Crooked River, the Fall River, and Crane Prairie.

On day one, we joined the Sunriver Anglers on the June outing to the Crooked River. We had three guides working with the Veterans this day, including: Jeff Wieland, Sunriver Anglers, Steve Erickson, Fly Fishers Place and Dave Dunahay, Central Oregon Flyfishers. Thanks to our guides for helping each of the Veterans hook and land Crooked River rainbows. Also, many thanks to Mike and Rynie for coordinating their famous hamburger lunch at this event.



Sunriver Anglers and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing pause for a group photo on the Crooked River

Day two featured a trip to the Fall River, where we encountered a beautiful day, and typically challenging fly fishing over fussy trout. Our guides on the Fall River included volunteers Sam Mothner, Confluence Fly Shop, Bruce Wilhite, PHWFF and Tim Quinton, Central Oregon Flyfishers. With their help, the Veterans were able to hook numerous feisty Fall River rainbows.



Sam Mothner netting a rainbow for Danny Leifer on the Fall River. We marveled at Danny Wet wading the Fall, as it is COLD!

Lunch featured Chili, coleslaw and French bread. After lunch, Don Ratliff also led the group on a wonderful tour of the hatchery and shared some of the history of this place.



Don Ratliff led a tour of the Fall River Hatchery

On Day three we launched next to the resort at Crane Prairie on a quintessential Central Oregon Day; clear skies, and a gorgeous view of Mt. Bachelor, Broken Top and South Sister. Our guides for Crane Prairie included Josh White, The Hook, Jeff Wieland, Sunriver Anglers and Steve Erickson, Fly Fishers Place. Lunch was hosted by the Sunriver Anglers. The fishing on Crane Prairie was challenging, with an excellent damsel hatch, albeit fussy fish. Nonetheless, some very nice rainbows were hooked, and some were even landed!



Josh White, Martha Begay and Danny Leifer stare intently at the strike indicator on Crane Prairie with Broken Top in the background



Releasing a Nice Rainbow on Crane Prairie

On our opening night dinner, we cautioned the Veterans about distractions, like passing Bald Eagles on Crane Prairie. It never fails that, as soon as one takes their eye off the strike indicator to watch a Bald Eagle, there will be a take-down as a fish strikes. It is a common phenomenon known to most fisherman...so much so that some have coined the phrase, "Don't watch the eagles".



Central Oregon did not disappoint, as we saw a number of these magnificent birds on both the Crooked River and on Crane Prairie. At the end of our trip, we adopted a new mantra, "Always watch the Eagles". They are too majestic to let a fish distract you from this awesome sight.

A passing Bald Eagle on the Crooked River

After three very therapeutic days fly fishing Central Oregon, the Veterans and volunteers were left with fond memories of the High Desert.

Many thanks to each of the individuals that helped make this event a success. We especially thank Chris Powers and Martie Helmreich for the generous donation of their homes for this event in Sunriver. The Veterans were very comfortable in each of these homes, which helped make their stay memorable. And many thanks to the Sunriver Anglers for playing the key role in hosting this event!



Planned Outings

September- Diamond Lake
October- Hosmer Lake, End of Season Outing

Volunteer Opportunities-

Kokanee Karnival Fall Hatchery Tours
Annual BBQ at the Fall River Hatchery
Annual Holiday Party at the Great Hall



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Summary of Public Input for the next IWRS

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) and Oregon's Kitchen have released a Summary and Full Report containing public input for the next iteration of the state's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS).

The purpose of collecting this input was twofold:

1. To hear from people throughout Oregon about what matters most to them in how state agencies understand and meet Oregon's different water needs, and
2. To hear from Oregonians who have not been part of state-level discussions on water in the past.

For more information, and to view the reports, please [visit the Oregon's Kitchen Table website](#).

For more information, please contact:

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Oregon's Water Future is Looking Brighter. Here's Why.

July 2023 brought the planet's warmest consecutive three days in possibly 100,000 years. This heat coincides with record low stream flows for many Oregon salmon systems. "There's a lot we can't control out there, but we can do a better job of protecting our home waters," says Caylin Barter, Wild Salmon Center's Oregon Water Policy Senior Program Manager. The Legislature seems to agree. **In its 2023-25 biennial budget, the body approved a [whopping \\$174 million](#) in drought and water security funding, thanks in part to [advocacy by the WSC-convened Oregon Water Partnership](#).** For salmon, this means tens of millions of dollars for fish passage barrier removal, streamflow restoration, water protection, and river monitoring and modeling. [More here on](#)

[these major budget wins for water](#), and [more here](#) on what HB 2929 (a bill OWP helped to pass) will mean for future would-be water outlaws.

Sunriver Angler's Fly Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer

Found Link Callibaetis



If you haven't been up to East Lake recently, you're missing out on some fabulous Callibaetis hatches. The hatch has been beginning about 11:00 and running till 2:00 or later. In some areas of the lake, trout have been rising like popcorn popping. It has really been that good. It was an epic Callibaetis hatch a couple weeks ago that caused me to seek additional options for my Callibaetis arsenal. Those of you that have followed this column know I am always tinkering with new Callibaetis patterns. But it wasn't the patterns in my fly box that caused me to stray. It was dumber than that; I forgot my fly floatant, and all the patterns I typically tie require some help keeping their float. So, I spent a marvelous day watching this epic Callibaetis hatch, and watching my patterns sink without floatant, rendering them useless. It was this situation that caused to go in search of a better floating fly. What I discovered was Kelly Galloup's Found Link Mayfly pattern. This pattern can be tied to imitate many different mayflies. The example tied in this article imitates Callibaetis so prevalent in our area lakes.

The Found Link title for this fly conjures up some sort of relationship to the term missing link; I couldn't quite connect the dots on the internet. But suffice to say, the Found Link met my criteria in that it needed to float well and needed to catch fish. Just to make sure, I tied up a few and made a return trip to East Lake a few days after my first debacle. The second trip was much more successful. Once I settled in over some rising fish near the East Lake campground, I quickly had my first Found Link caught rainbow. It was a nice 18" slab that took this pattern



Natural Callibaetis Mayflies

aggressively. Over the next two hours I brought numerous fish to net. Eventually the hatch dwindled, and I quit to head back to the vice and stock my fly boxes with this newfound gem. In the spirit of transparency, I should mention not all the fish that day were on this pattern. I fished two flies in tandem; a Quigley Cripple as the dropper fly, and the Found Link as the top fly. The fish found both appetizing. But the Found Link was also very easy to see on the water, whereas the Quigley Cripple was not, and it acted as my strike indicator every time a fish took the dropper.

Callibaetis mayfly hatches will remain in full swing through the summer and into early fall at East Lake. The Callibaetis hatch is unquestionably the most important mayfly hatch on the Cascade Lakes in Central Oregon. Trout key on the dun stage on the surface, and spinners returning to lay eggs. Often both stages of this insect are on the water at the same time, which is one more benefit to the Found Link Callibaetis. This pattern imitates both the dun and spinner stages very effectively. The Zelon down-wing sits in the surface film to imitate the spinner, and the deer hair wing sits upright to imitate the dun. So, you can get the best of both stages from one pattern.

Try tying this pattern and fishing it during the Callibaetis hatches this summer. I think you'll like it.

Found Link Callibaetis Materials List:

Hook: Firehole Competition Barbless 419, size 14 -18

Thread: 14/0 Veevus Grey/Brown

Tail: Whiting Coq De Leon Spade Hackle – Natural Pardo

Abdomen: Natural White Tail Deer

Thorax: Blend Light Olive Superfine Callibaetis dubbing (80%), UV Callibaetis (20%)

Down Wing: Xelon - Medium Dun

Wing: Natural White Tail Deer

.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/SmUd5OnlfsQ>. Experiment with this pattern during the caddis hatches on our local lakes throughout the summer and fall. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Glass Bead Black Assassin pattern, please do not 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 continue to add new content:

<https://sunriveranglers.org/>

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

[We've been busy! Check out our latest happenings. \(salsalabs.org\)](https://salsalabs.org)

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