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# The Sunriver Anglers

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Happy Fourth of July  
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## President's Message

Summer is finally here, and the fishing has been picking up everywhere! (As is the mosquito population, ugh!). Last week we had a great outing at the Crooked River with Project Healing Waters. I believe it was the best attended SRA outing since Covid!

The fishermen must have been hungry as we went through 24 hamburgers and 15 pineapple bacon sausages in no time flat. The weather turned out to be excellent! Thank you to all the Anglers, guides and volunteers who showed up and made the day a huge success and a special one for our guests and thank you Phil F, Brian and Val for organizing this event. I look forward to the next one.

Some of you may have noticed that we were at the Crooked River instead of up at Paulina. Apparently, it was going to be 10 degrees and snowing up at Paulina on the day we were supposed to be fishing up there, so we moved the group camping reservations to Sept. 13 & 14. We will have Paulina Lake outing then, so mark your calendars and let me know if you're interested in a campsite.

After the Crooked River outing, and again after helping to serve lunch at the Fall River the next day, I felt gratitude for having the opportunity to meet some truly wonderful people as part of the Anglers Club.

However, I am planning on retiring from my position as President and as Meeting Coordinator at the end of the year. It's been an honor to be on the board and to represent the club as an Angler Educator and all-around go-fer, but it's time to take a little break. I will still volunteer as KK liaison and cookie baker, and maybe some other things. I know there's someone out there with connections or a wish list of people they would love to hear for our meetings to take over the scheduling of speakers.

Before I forget, USA Fly Fishing is looking for local competitors to try competitive fly fishing. There are some rules to learn, but rest assured, fishing is still catch and release. (See links in article). There are two mini competitions at the end of the month, and there will be a qualifying event possibly in August. Some of us were judges for the last competition they had here, and the World Team that went to Italy was finalized here I believe.

And lastly, a call for help for our Sept. 6 picnic. We need servers, setter-uppers, cleanup crew and more. We could also use donations of raffle prizes or auction items for the picnic and/or the Christmas Party which will take place on Dec. 11. Hope to see everyone soon!

#### Calendar Dates

July 22- Fly Fishing USA mini-competition at Crane Prairie

July 23- Fly Fishing USA mini-competition at Lava Lake

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.

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**Welcome New Member:**

Aaron Davis

## **July 5 General Meeting** Frank Turek, Fishing the Crooked River

### Crooked River Update



The Sunriver Anglers will meet on July 5 the at 5:15 p.m. in the Crescent Room at the SHARC facility in Sunriver to hear a presentation by Frank Turek on the state of the Crooked River following the severe water shortages of 2022. Frank is the former chairman of Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program.

Currently, Kokanee Karnival involves 30 schools throughout Central Oregon, reaching more than 1000 students, teachers, and parents. The program's success is directly attributable to the dozens of volunteers and resource agency staff, including the SRA, who donate approximately 3,000 hours of service each year.

The Crooked River fishery experienced a significant challenge last fall when water flows were drastically reduced due to low reservoir levels behind Bowman Dam. Many local anglers were concerned about the long-term effects of this condition on the health of the fishery. Frank will offer his perspectives on this series of events and discuss what the future may be for the river.

Last month the Anglers supported the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing June 19-23 Outing which hosted 6 veterans, 2 of which were from Bend, for 3 days of fishing on Paulina Lake, the Fall River, and the Crane Prairie reservoir. Several members donated lodging, prepared meals, and guiding service for the veterans. For more information on the PHWFF, please visit their website:

[www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

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.

People interested in learning more about the Anglers should visit our website, [www.SunriverAnglers.org](http://www.SunriverAnglers.org) or contact us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers](http://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers)

### **Meetings-**

August 2- Yancy Lind- How to fish with Streamers

### **Outings-**

September- Diamond Lake

October- Hosmer Lake, End of Season Outing

### **Fishing-**

Lakes Open all year, exceptions

### **Volunteer Opportunities-**

Kokanee Karnival Fall Hatchery Tours

Others w/ ODF&W or COF

### **Events-**

Fly Fishing USA Wants Local Fishermen to Compete

I recently spoke to Hann Lee of Fly-Fishing Team USA. He is the organizer for an upcoming 2-day event here in Central Oregon. These events are in the two-year preliminary stage of the US Fly Fishing Team selection process where participants get ranking points. They have two mini-competitions in July 2023. The July 22<sup>nd</sup> comp is on Crane Prairie and the July 23<sup>rd</sup> comp is on Lava Lake. Details of the competition can be found at [www.flycomps.com](http://www.flycomps.com).

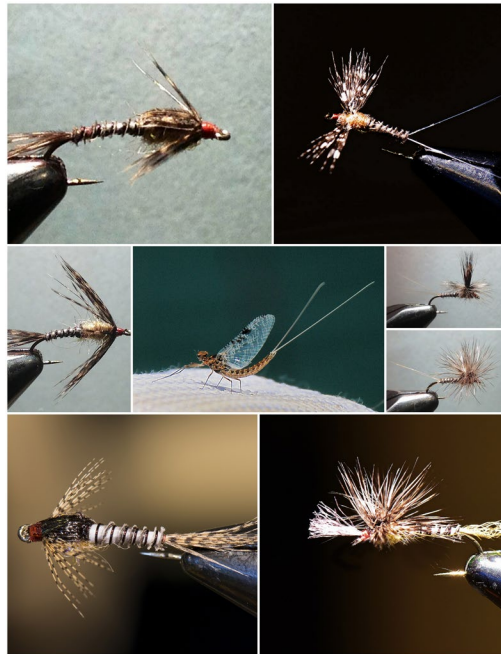
Once you get onto the web page, click the "Events" tab and then click on the event for more information. Registration opens June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. To register, you have to sign up by making yourself a free account. If you wish to accumulate points for the new Fly-Fishing Team USA 2023 cycle, you need to get your yearly membership at <https://www.flyfishingteamusa.com> for \$75. Please contact Hann Lee at 360-567-3002 or [hlee@hleeassociates.com](mailto:hlee@hleeassociates.com) if you have any questions. Hann is hoping that some of the local fishermen will participate if only to give the team members a run for their money. He thinks the locals should have an advantage, and many of you probably would. Tell a friend or consider it yourself. Contact Hann with any questions.

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

**Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner**

**By: Phil Fischer**

Callibaetis



For those of you who have followed this column for any length of time, you know that I target Callibaetis on our area lakes, a lot! This is the signature hatch in our Central Oregon lakes due to its predictability, and that it lasts from late Spring through the summer and into the early Fall. This year Callibaetis have returned like clockwork and are hatching in earnest in our area lakes. It is Callibaetis Time.

Last week I fished Crane Prairie, and I experienced awesome dry fly fishing on a nice Callibaetis hatch in the flats out toward Rock Creek. A little later that week, I hit Hosmer Lake, and the Callibaetis were hatching profusely in the channel between the upper and lower lakes. I know that Lava Lake has been experiencing nice hatches on cloudy days recently. Yesterday, there was a blanket hatch in and around the Deschutes Channel Flat. And lastly, East Lake Callibaetis hatches are starting in earnest.

For this month's patterns, I have chosen to revisit the entire Callibaetis lifecycle in fly patterns. Each pattern is important for various stages of the hatch. Callibaetis are a swimming mayfly nymph and are broadly available to trout all season long. Techniques



for fishing nymph and soft hackles range from hanging a Callibaetis nymph under an indicator.

Don't let the fly sit idly; move it with long slow strips to bounce the fly. Or you might try casting and stripping the fly with an intermediate line sans indicator and use gentle short strips. I often use a woolly bugger, which serves as an attractor, and a Callibaetis nymph as a dropper fly. They almost always take the dropper. Lastly, Callibaetis nymphs and soft hackles work wonderfully wind drifted using an intermediate sink line. This last technique is one of my favorites with younger fly fishers over the hump at East Lake.



East Lake Rainbow taken on a Pullover Callibaetis Spinner

Callibaetis are known to present fabulous dry fly opportunities during hatch periods. Pick a nice overcast day in early July at East Lake and often, you can sight cast to cruising fish all along the East beach. I often fish dry, dry, using two flies instead of one. I especially like to use two stages of the hatching Callibaetis mayfly. I will feature a parachute, and a cripple. Or a pullover pattern and a spinner. The hatch is predictable from 11:00 – 2:00 most days, and sometimes it may last until 4:00. My arm is tired after several hours of non-stop casting to rising trout, but I always have a smile on my face at the end of the day!

The patterns featured in the collage above are:

- Callibaetis Nymph
- Callibaetis Soft Hackle
- Quigley Cripple
- Callibaetis Parachute
- Pullover Callibaetis Spinner
- Callibaetis Spinner

Tying the entire lifecycle in Callibaetis can be found on my YouTube Channel at the following Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2r8B\\_XFut7o&list=PLqe-oV\\_fI01UNbJtQyklgDGd6qcPS\\_Qo4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2r8B_XFut7o&list=PLqe-oV_fI01UNbJtQyklgDGd6qcPS_Qo4)

This series of Callibaetis fly patterns and tying steps have been captured in video form. Give these patterns a try next time you sit down at your vice to tie a few flies. I have listed the generic materials needed to tie up a bunch of Callibaetis life cycle patterns. You can find tying instructions in the articles on the Sunriver Anglers page (links above). Videos demonstrating most patterns are also contained in a link within each article.

Callibaetis Patterns Materials List:

Hook: Firehole 419 size 14-18 for Dries and Firehole 718, Size 12-16 for nymphs

Thread: 70 Denier tobacco brown thread

Rib: Ultra Wire – Small Brown

Tail: Lemon Woodduck for nymphs, dun Microfibbets for Dries,

Trailing Shuck: Natural Mayfly Zelon for Cripples

Thorax: Blend Light Olive dubbing (75%), UV Callibaetis (25%)

Wing: Natural whitetail deer for Dries, Natural Guinea for Spinner

Hackle: Whiting Dun Dyed Grizzly

Learn to tie these fly patterns and fish them during Callibaetis hatches on our local lakes to imitate Callibaetis mayflies. If you have questions or would like additional information about these fly patterns, 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).

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](mailto: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.

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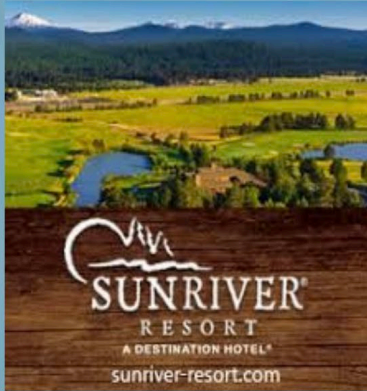
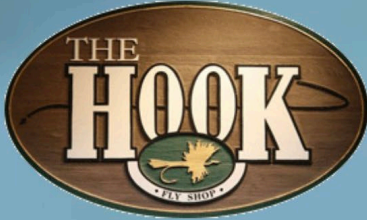
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