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Happy Father's Day!



President's Message

Well, it's been an eventful month for the Anglers. We finished the Kokanee Karnival with Adam Gregory's fifth grade class from La Pine Elementary School on May 22. Thank you to the many SRA members who helped! Caldera Springs graciously supplied drinks and snacks for the students and volunteers as well as access to Obsidian Pond which the Caldera Springs HOA stocked with fish from Desert Springs Trout Farm. Fish were caught and the kids had a wonderful time. On May 15th, we presented a 2-hour Angler Education Program covering regulations, ethics, knot tying, and outdoor safety. The Program ended with the dissection of a steelhead fish.

In other news, we are now gearing up for Project Healing Waters and the Sunriver Anglers annual outing and BBQ at Paulina Lake. Traditionally, we've had the outing at East Lake, but due to the fluctuating water levels there, Paulina is now the go to for the year. Please come out and fish and/or volunteer to help serve lunch. We may be a little rusty after a few years (the last East Lake outing was before Covid! and when you could still launch both public docks!) but we still intend to serve bacon cheeseburgers with grilled onions and mushrooms.

We'll have chips, watermelon and cookies or some other kind of dessert. (My favorite)

Next week we will have Marc Williamson speaking about fishing spring creeks and rivers. He is a well-known speaker, fly tyer and fly fishing instructor.

Note that the MEETING is at a NEW TIME: 5:15 at the SHARC. Don't hesitate to bring your questions for Marc. He has always been very generous with his time and knowledge.

Finally, some dates to mark on your calendars-

June 20- Project Healing Waters/Sunriver Anglers Outing and BBQ at Paulina Lake. Time and place TBD

Sept 6- Sunriver Anglers Annual Tri Tip Picnic at the Fall River Hatchery- volunteers-needed.

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 Members:

Tom Baumbach

June General Meeting

Meetings-

June 7- Marc Williamson, Fishing Spring Creeks



The Sunriver Anglers will meet on June 7th in the Crescent Room at the SHARC facility in Sunriver to hear a presentation on fishing spring creeks in Central Oregon. Marc Williamson, author, instructor, and long-time fly fisherman will bring his 65-year experience fishing the Fall River and the Metolius to the group and discuss spring creek challenges. He will also discuss the changes he has experienced on the Fall, which is his favorite stream.

Marc authored the book, "Art and Science of Angling with a Rod and Fly" and has taught fishing classes in Oregon, Washington, and Montana. He has maintained a second home in the Oregon Water Wonderland near Sunriver and has spent a considerable amount of time fishing the Fall.

The principal challenge in spring creek fishing is the crystal-clear water which supports easier sight fishing but also requires more stealth not to spook fish. Marc will share his insight into successfully managing this challenge. Over the years he has observed significant change in the Fall. Most notably, he will comment on the increased pressure from anglers and the general decline in water levels that has altered the fishing experience on the Fall. Marc also lived through the unfortunate fire-retardant spill on the Fall in 2002 which caused a high fish mortality and required a long recovery.

Marc maintains an active presence in the area providing feedback to ODFW on its stocking practices. He also has a web site, www.fallriverflyfishing.weebly.com, which is a great source of information on topics of interest such as fly tying, articles on reading the water and reading trout rises, as well as the fishing classes he offers at the Scappoose Lake House.

The next Anglers meeting will take place on July 6th at 5:15 p.m. in the Crescent Room of the SHARC facility in Sunriver. Frank Turek, the former chairman of Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program, will discuss fishing the Crooked River and all its challenges with the Anglers.

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

July 5- Frank Turek, Fishing the Crooked River
August 2- Yancy Lind- How to fish with Streamers

Outings-

June- Newberry Crater Paulina Lake

At an elevation of 6,400 feet, Paulina Lake will have a late spring opening. Paulina Lake is about 35 minutes southeast of Sunriver. Nestled within the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, this lake covers over 1,500 acres with an average depth of 163 feet. Specifics on lunch location will be shared in advance of this trip.

The large hatches can generate a day of nonstop action to an astonishing number and variety of fish. Large Browns, Rainbows, and Kokanee salmon provide for some exciting fishing. We'll be fishing this high elevation lake right after ice-out from guided boats. The fishing is mostly indicator nymphing with some dries and terrestrials. Lunch- will be burgers with bacon, grilled onions, mushrooms, and cheese. (Lunch is \$7 for members, please bring exact change)

July-

August-

September- Diamond Lake

October- Hosmer Lake, End of Season Outing

Volunteer Opportunities-

Angler Education for 5th Graders

Kokanee Karnival Fishing Days

Project Healing Waters Event

ODF&W stocking?

Kokanee Karnival Fall Hatchery Tours

Others w/ ODF&W or COF

Events-

Christmas Party at the Great Hall- December 11

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

Water Restoration - [We've been busy! Check out our latest happenings. \(salsalabs.org\)](http://www.salsalabs.org)

Rising from the Ashes

Really good short video re the success on the Elsa Dam Removal Makes me hopeful!
Please share and repost.

<https://vimeo.com/393724148>

**Subject: Great Video: "Reintroduction: A Lifeline for Central Valley Salmon"
NOAA**

Just came across a short video by the National Oceanic/Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) highlighting the importance of reintroducing Central Valley salmon and steelhead to their native headwaters like the McCloud and North Fork Yuba River. Enjoy. DA

[Reintroduction: A Lifeline for Central Valley Salmon](#)

Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner

By: Phil Fischer

Black Bead Assassin



I have been experimenting with fly patterns out on Crane Prairie throughout this summer. One fly that kept coming up in various fishing reports is Tom Loe's Assassin pattern. Tom is a guide from the Eastern Sierra in California that recently relocated to Central Oregon. He brought with him a lot of stillwater expertise, and some of his well-known patterns, including the Assassin.

The Assassin is a caddis imitation, and there are prolific caddis populations in many of our local lakes, including Crane Prairie. So, I decided to find out on my own if the hype over the Assassin is real. After the first trip, this fly is now a permanent fixture in my fly box, as it has been responsible for numerous nice rainbows on Crane Prairie.

This pattern is tied in a variety of colors, and mirror's the caddis pupa Bird's Nest Pattern, developed by Cal Bird from the 1950's. This pattern is popular in black, dark brown, olive and tan. In the lighter olive and tan colors, it is an excellent imitation for Callibaetis nymphs. In the darker colors and smaller sizes, it is an excellent imitation for both caddis and midge pupa. For my version of the Black Assassin, I modified the original pattern slightly.

Rather than a solid black dubbing for the body of this fly, I used a blend of black and Canadian Black simulated seal. This adds color and texture to the pattern. And for the hackle, the original pattern uses lemon wood duck, and I substituted a mottled gray Coq de Leon hen feather. Lastly, weight this fly to your preference. It can be tied weight-free, with a glass bead to enable it to sink slowly, with some non-toxic wire to speed up the sink rate, or with a brass or tungsten bead to get the fly to depth quickly.

I fish this pattern under a strike indicator as the dropper fly in tandem with a black balanced leech, which is the subject of an earlier Fly-Tying Corner article from July 2020 Anglers Newsletter (YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/Jldr0ztMMkQ>). This pair of flies was especially effective as fish congregated in the channels on Crane Prairie during the heat of summer. The leech pattern is weighted, and the Assassin is lightly weighted and sinks very slowly to act like the natural caddis pupa. As fall approaches and the water cools, try this pattern on a midge tip line and retrieve it very slowly on the shallows and flats on Crane Prairie.

Glass Bead Black Assassin Materials List:

Hook: 609, size 14-18

Thread: Ultra 140 Denier, Black

Weight: Glass Seed Bead, Gunmetal

Tail: Whiting Brahma Hen, Black

Rib: Medium Wire, Red

Body: 75% Cascade Crest Tools Euro-Seal, Black

25% Arizona Simi Seal, Canadian Black

Hackle: Whiting Coq De Leon Hen Wing in Mottled Gray

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.

Northern Calif. Council, Fly Fishers International

We have an opportunity now to provide comments to the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). It is our best interest to circulate this to membership to ask them to submit too. Currently, there are only 107 submitted comments. To put this into perspective, there are almost 65,000 comments on the BLM Conservation docket.

We need to get going on this. Many partners in the region are now working up notices to their constituents - SOS, Idaho Rivers United, etc. Recovering Snake River salmon & steelhead requires removing the 4 lower dams on the Snake.

Here's the link to get started: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/04/2023-09525/columbia-river-salmon-and-other-native-fish-request-for-information>

II. Key Questions for Input

Lower Snake River

In securing the current stay of litigation, the Federal Government agreed to explore lower Snake River habitat restoration opportunities, “including but not limited to migration corridor restoration through breaching the four lower Snake River dams,” which would require Congressional authorization. The Federal Government would welcome views on:

- What constitutes “restoration” of the lower Snake River and what steps should the Federal Government take to restore the lower Snake River?
- What considerations should inform the Federal Government's approach to restoring the lower Snake River?
- What information should the Federal government develop to support discussions in the Northwest and in Congress on the restoration of the lower Snake River?

Mark Rockwell, VP Conservation
Northern Calif. Council, Fly Fishers International

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.

Lake in the Dunes 2023

Ten Sunriver anglers spent three days fishing five private lakes at the Lake in the Dunes. Catching was very good with some 22–25-inch Rainbows. Rainy one day but nice the other days. Nice dinner at the Summer Lake Lodge on Monday. Tuesday Phil Fischer did steaks and baked potatoes. Phil, Phil Zulfer and Doug Vakoc did breakfast two mornings.



Don Olson



Nice evening



Phil Fischer



Steak Dinner

Paulina Lake

Jeff Wieland and Phil Fischer fished it on June 2 on a recon mission for the upcoming PHWFF Event in later June. Some nice fish caught!





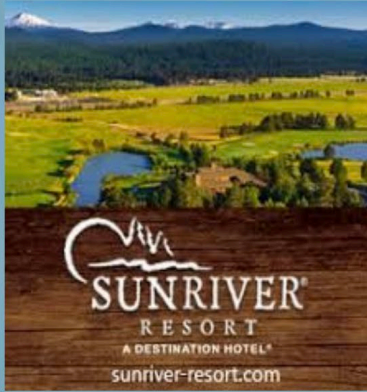
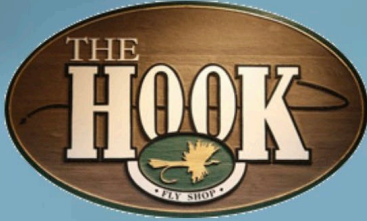
Water Conditions

[Drought Report 5 1 2023.pdf \(sunriveranglers.org\)](#)

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