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The good weather is finally here! I hope all of you are taking advantage of it and getting out doing some fishing. I understand that fishing is good at many of our local lakes, including Big Lava and Crane Prairie Reservoir.

I have recently returned from my annual fishing trip to British Columbia. I spent a good part of one week with the Central Oregon Fly Fishers Club at their base camp at Leighton Lake. I want to thank the COF club members, some of whom are also SRA Club members, for their hospitality in organizing and putting on this event. After the COF group disbanded, I stayed on in British Columbia and had a great time catching many large fish at a different lake than the COF group visited. If you have not yet gone lake fishing in British Columbia for Kamloops rainbow trout, you are missing out on a great experience.

This is a big month for our club as we have our annual Fish Fry event on Saturday, July 17th at Fort Rock Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is our major money raising event for the year. As most of you know, it takes a great amount of volunteers to successfully put this event on. At this writing, many of you have already volunteered and have your assignments and I want to thank you in advance for agreeing to serve. For those of you who would like to assist at the event, but may not have yet been contacted or have an assignment, please contact me (541-593-1571) or Chuck Devine (541-593-1539). Please put the July 17th Fish Fry event on your calendar and invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to attend. This year we will have the Quincy Street Band perform in addition to serving the tasty trout, hamburgers, and hot dogs so this should be a fun event for all ages.

We also have some outings planned for Three Creek Lake on July 13th, a Crane Prairie outing on July 20th-21st, an East Lake outing on August 3rd, and a Donner und Blitzen outing on August 10th, 11th and 12th. Please see inside for more details.

We had an extremely successful Youth Free Fishing Day with 220 children participating. A large majority of the children caught fish and the smiles on the children, parents, and grandparents showed they all had a fun and memorable day. Many thanks to our event organizers: Gary Gehlert, Dave Jendro, Paul Oles and Mark Baldwin; to all of our other club member volunteers and to our sponsor-partners: Sunriver Resort-Caldera Springs, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, the U.S. Forest Service, and Sunriver Citizens Patrol.

This looks to finally be a great summer, the fishing has already been good in late spring and early summer, so get out there and enjoy it.

Alan Stout
President

Who We Are:



The Sunriver Anglers Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, education 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 looking at our website. <http://www.sunriveranglers.org>

Sunriver Anglers Annual Fish Fry:

Saturday, July 17 is the day for the Anglers Club's annual "Fish Fry" at Fort Rock Park. The event starts at 11a.m. and runs to 2 p.m. The term "Fish Fry" is the traditional title of this long standing community event, but the mouth-watering rainbow trout are actually grilled on the barbecue, not 'fried". Regardless of the terminology, though, attendees always marvel at the quality of the meal served up by the members of the club.

All persons in the area are invited to attend what is always a very enjoyable event. Tickets are priced at \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets can be purchased from club members or at the event. Hamburgers and hot dogs are also available for the non fish eaters in the crowd.

This will be the 13th annual Fish Fry. As in the past, there will be silent auction items and fly fishing demonstrations according to club president Alan Stout. Local businesses have donated products and services including fishing gear, boat rentals on popular fishing areas, Sunriver lodging, rounds of golf and other interesting items.

Proceeds from the Fish Fry are used by the Anglers Club for conservation and youth activities. Since the inception of the event, more than \$100,000 has been raised for Anglers supported projects, such as the Kokanee Karnival educational program which reaches over 1,000 youngsters in Central Oregon. The Club entertains and educates over 200 children at their annual Free Fishing Day with exhibits, aquatic displays and a great opportunity for kids to go fishing with their parents and grandparents. The Club also sponsors an annual graduate scholarship program at Oregon State University and is a major contributor to the activities of the Deschutes River Conservancy, the organization which is spearheading the efforts to return normal flows to the Deschutes River.

For more information concerning the Fish Fry or the Sunriver Anglers Club, call Alan Stout at 541 598-7615. See also www.sunriveranglersclub.org.

Coming Events:

- July 13 Three Creek Lake outing. Meet at North Store at 7 a.m. Contact person: Marv Yoshinaka, 541-593-5461.
- July 13-16 Volunteers requested for East Lake tui chub trapping. Contact Marv Yoshinaka at 541-593-5461.
- July 17 Fish Fry event, Fort Rock Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 20-21 Crane Prairie outing at Rock Creek Campground. Potluck Tuesday July 20th at 5 p.m. Contact Mal Murphy at 541-593-2641.
- August 3 East Lake outing. Contact Doug Vakoc at 541-598-2048,
- August 10-12 Outing at Donner Und Blitzen River. Camp at Page Springs Campground. Contact Doug Vakoc at 541-598-2048.
- August 19 Sunriver Anglers Club Picnic 5 p.m. at Fall River Fish Hatchery.

**Outings! Projects! Do We Have Outings & Projects!!
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Three Creek Lake Outing July 13:

July's first outing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, at Three Creek Lake which is located in the Deschutes National Forest south of Sisters. Three Creek Lake is a high mountain lake that sits at an elevation of about 6,500 feet. The area receives a lot of snow so the date of this outing could change depending on snow and road conditions. Three Creek Lake offers good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

Where and When to Meet

This outing will be a day trip, but you can make it a campout on your own if you want to do so. For the day trip we will meet at the **Sunriver Marketplace** (north market on Cottonwood Road) **parking lot at 7:00 a.m.** and caravan or carpool to the lake.

Bring your own lunch and beverages because we'll probably be on the lake and fishing most of the day.

Directions to Three Creek Lake:

To get to the lake drive to the City of Sisters and turn left on Elm Street. Continue on this road, which turns into Road 16, for about 17 miles to the lake. The road forks at the lake. Take the left fork which will bring you to the boat launch.

Camping: There are several campgrounds next to the road that leads to the lake. Additional campgrounds are at the end of each road fork. All of the campgrounds are operated on a first come first served basis.

Information and Fishing Tips

Three Creek Lake is about 28 acres in size and is ideal for small boats and pontoon boats. There are rowboats for rent at the resort if you don't have a boat. Gas powered motors are not allowed on the lake.

The mosquitoes can be numerous and fierce so make sure you bring your insect repellent.

Three Creek Lake is another lake that few if any of us have fished. Bill Merrill, who was President of the Sunriver Anglers in 1991, now lives in Sisters and often fishes Three Creek Lake. If we're fortunate, Bill might even be able to join us on the outing. Bill has provided us with a map of fishing areas on the lake and the following information about fishing the lake. Copies of the map and other fishing information will be provided to you at the outing.

Much of the fishing is done by trolling, but you can cast and retrieve flies or fish dry flies if a hatch occurs. Fish with an intermediate sink or floating line if you're trolling or casting and retrieving. You can fish as you do at most lakes by trolling a wooly bugger. Bill recommends trolling or casting and slowly retrieving a small Sheep Creek Special trailed by a Griffith's Gnat. Standard nymphs such as a gold ribbed hare's ear, pheasant tail, or Prince will also work well. Another fly that works well at Three Creek Lake is the pollywog.

Dry flies work well if you see a hatch or an ant fall. Good flies include a dark Adams, Timberline emerger, and a black or cinnamon ant.

Fish along the weed beds and ^{drop} offs by trolling or casting and slowly retrieving your flies or lures. Fish can also be caught by trolling in the deeper water in the center of the lake. The maximum depth of Three Creek Lake is about 60 feet.

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Three Creek Lake Outing July 13 (cont):

In addition, Little Three Creek Lake, which is located about a half mile by trail from the Driftwood Campground at Three Creek Lake, is reported to provide good fishing for brook trout. This is a smaller, shallower lake that is probably best fished from a float tube or from the bank.

Please contact Marv Yoshinaka at 541-593-5461 or by email at mpyosh@chamberscable.com to sign up

Help Wanted For Chub Trapping and Removal:

Your help is needed with the tui chub trapping and removal efforts at both East and Lava lakes.

EAST LAKE

Jen Luke, from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has asked for our help from July 13 through July 16 at East Lake. The following is a message Jen sent asking for our assistance. Those of you who signed up earlier to help with this project should have already received this message.

"Hello anglers/ volunteers-

We would like help from volunteers on **July 13-16** to empty chub trap nets. Just let me know what day you would like to help out.

I know many of you want to help but have other things planned - please don't feel guilty if you can't help out this year! We will trap chub for the next 3 years so there will be ample opportunity to get involved. Also, for those of you with bad backs, beware- there will be a lot of bending, lifting 5 gallon buckets and fish scooping.

Finally - Please let me know where you would like to meet the morning of your shift... I will let the ODFW person know where to meet you. If you want to contact them to confirm or change plans, that's ok. E-mails and phone numbers are on the spread sheet.

8:30 AM- ODFW office, 61374 Parrell Road, Bend

9:15 AM - parking lot across from RV park at beginning of Paulina Lake Road

9:45 AM - boat ramp at East Lake Resort

Thank you!

Jennifer Luke

STEP Biologist

ODFW High Desert Region

61374 Parrell Road Bend, OR 97702

541-388-6350 x225"

Please contact Jen at the above phone number if you would like to help out with this effort to improve fishing at East Lake.

LAVA LAKE

We have also received a request to help with chub removal at Lava Lake. The owners of Lava Lake Resort have been trapping chub at Lava Lake on their own for many years and have managed to keep the chub under control. Lava Lake is one of best in this area's for quality rainbow trout fishing because of these chub control efforts. The resort's owners have asked both the Sunriver Anglers and the Central Oregon Flyfishers for some assistance in seining chub from the lake this year.

Juvenile chub congregate in shallow water on warm, sunny days and this is the best time to catch them by seining. Seining involves dragging a beach seine net in shallow water where chub are present and

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Help Wanted For Chub Trapping and Removal (cont):

pulling the net onto the shore. You will need to wear chest waders because you will be walking in waist deep water. At least two people will be needed to drag and haul the seine and to take care of the fish. Seining of chub at this site should not take very long and can be done whenever two volunteers are available. You can probably combine a fishing trip to Lava Lake or one of the other nearby lakes with a chub seining effort on the same day. You will need to contact someone at Lava Lake Resort 541-382-9443 to get the seine and other necessary equipment.

Please contact Marv Yoshinaka at 541-593-5461 or by email at mpyosh@chamberscable.com if you're interested in a chub seining trip.

Crane Prairie Outing—July 20 & 21:

Please notice that this July outing has been moved from East Lake to Crane Prairie Lake because the USFS is decommissioning the East Lake Group Camp site that we have traditionally used for the East Lake overnight outing. Another suitable group site is not available in the East/Paulina lakes area, so we have decided to move the July 20 and 21 outing to Crane Prairie. It has been fishing very well this year, and is producing a good number of nice size fish. Going to Crane will also afford us the opportunity for some instruction on chironomid fishing, which some members might not be familiar with.

We will be based out of the Rock Creek campground on the west side of Crane Prairie, which is easily accessible off highway #46. It is available only on a first come first serve basis, but is almost never very busy so there should be plenty of spaces. If enough campers sign up, we will have a potluck dinner Tuesday night, July 20. Everyone will be responsible for their own entre, and Mal Murphy will provide salad and bread. Lunch both days will be on your own, as people will probably be spread out over the entire reservoir.

Anyone interested in attending the outing should notify Mal Murphy, at mrmurphy@chamberscable.com or [541-593-2641](tel:541-593-2641), and indicate whether you are interested in one or both days, whether or not you will be camping, and what entre you might be planning for the potluck."

East Lake Outing, August 3:

On Tuesday, August 3 we will be going to East Lake. This is instead of the previously scheduled July 20-21 overnight, which was moved to Crane Prairie. Doug Vakoc will coordinate it. If you plan on attending notify Doug at Doug@Vakoc.com or 541-598-2048.

Donner Und Blitzen River Outing, August 10—12:

On August 10, 11 and 12 Doug will also lead an outing to the Donner Und Blitzen River, in Harney County south of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Camp sites are available at the Paige Springs Recreation Site. Walking will be required to access the best areas of the river. This outing also affords the opportunity to combine some excellent fishing on a beautiful desert country river with touring the spectacular Steens Mountain area. It is about a 3 hour drive from Sunriver, heading east on Hwy 20 to Burns, and then south on Hwy 205. Contact Doug at Doug@Vakoc.com or 541-598-2048 if interested.