



# The Sunriver Angler

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## Presidents Message:

Season's Greetings Fellow Anglers:

Well, December has arrived and it's hard to believe that this year and my term as club president will soon be coming to an end. I've certainly enjoyed my time as president and have found it to be a very worthwhile experience. I've become better acquainted with many more of you at various club functions and I've come to value the knowledge, skills, and willingness to help that you bring to this organization.

We've also had a lot of fun together whether it was helping to introduce kids to fishing, teaching them about fish and conservation of habitat, working on projects to improve local fisheries, or just going fishing ourselves. I hope that you all had as much fun as I did participating at these projects and activities.

Next year the Sunriver Anglers will be in good hands. Incoming president Doug Vakoc, the other club officers, and the Board of Directors are ready to begin their terms. I'm sure they will bring energy and enthusiasm to the club. I know that all of you will give them the support and help that you provided to me and this year's officers and Board members.

Our final club function of the year will be the Christmas Dinner and Fundraiser. This promises to be a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, entertainment and fine dining. This is also the major fund raiser of the year. There will be many great items for the angler and non-angler that will be auctioned during the evening. I hope to see all of you at this event.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time, knowledge, effort to make my year as president of the Sunriver Anglers such a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I couldn't have done it without you.

Good fishing to all of you,

Marv Yoshinaka

## 2007 Club Officers:

### **President:**

Marv Yoshinaka

### **Past President:**

Ron Angell

### **Vice President:**

Doug Vakoc

### **Secretary:**

Gary Gehlert

### **Treasurer:**

Jack McDonnell

### **Two-Year Directors:**

Bruce Cockrell

Dave Jendro

Bob Kempf

Jack McDonnell

Dennis Patterson

Bruce Stendal

Mary Yoshinaka

### **One-Year Directors:**

Ron Angell

Gary Gehlert

John Gilsdorf

Rod Juranek

Pete Reed

Doug Vakoc

### **Publicity Director:**

Bruce Cockrell

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Pete Reed



## 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.

## **Coming Events:**

Tuesday, December 11 - Annual Christmas Dinner and Fundraiser Auction --5:30 p.m. at the Great Hall.

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - Board of Directors meeting 5:00 p.m. at Doug Vakoc's house.

Thursday, January 17 -- Regular Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Sunriver Fire Station. Speakers: Ted Wise and Jen Luke, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Topics: Crane Prairie trout genetic study and Little Lava Lake tui chub trapping program results.

February 13 - Board of Directors meeting, 8:00 a.m. at the Trout House Restaurant

Thursday, February 21 - Regular Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Sunriver Fire Station. Speaker: Jay Bowerman

## **In Memoriam—Final Casts: Grant Woolley and Richard Matson**

We were saddened to learn that two long time supporters of the Sunriver Anglers, Grant Woolley and Richard Matson, passed away in late November.

Grant Woolley was a long time member who joined the Sunriver Anglers shortly after the club was formed. Grant served on the Board of Directors and worked on many projects to restore stream banks on the Deschutes River. Grant remained a member throughout the years and continued to attend our major events.

Richard Matson was active in the club during its earlier years. According to his family, Richard enjoyed fly fishing and doing volunteer work at the Fall River Hatchery.

## **Anglers Participation Program:**

This year the Sunriver Anglers began the Anglers Participation Program to reward members for their efforts on the many projects and activities during the year. The rewards program included a gift certificate at a Sunriver area merchant after a member had participated in ten club activities or projects. In 2007, eighty one of our members participated in one or more activities and twelve dedicated persons participated ten or more times. Doug Vakoc, who participated in 24 events, took the honors as the most active club member for the year. Doug was closely followed by Ron Angell (22 participations) and Bruce Cockrell (20 participations). Others who participated ten or more times included Gary Gehlert, John Gilsdorf, Rod Juranek, Bob Kempf, Jack McDonnell, Dennis Miller, Mal Murphy, Dennis Patterson, and Marv Yoshinaka. Thank to all of you who participated so much of your time to the activities of the club.

## **Editor's Note:**

Each month I receive a kick-back or two on the newsletters that are sent out. Most of the time I know the Angler is still in the club and the address is good. If you are not receiving your newsletter because your mailbox is full, please let me know that it is now clear and I will resend your newsletter. Thanks.  
Pete at [weereeds@msn.com](mailto:weereeds@msn.com).

## **Christmas Dinner Auction: What's Coming**



Auction master Ron Angell has put together an outstanding array of items that should interest both the anglers and non-anglers at this year's Christmas Dinner fundraiser. There should be an auction item that you will not be able to resist bidding for during the evening. Two deluxe vacation travel packages; one to Banff and one to Maui will be featured. Both of these packages include airfare and seven nights of lodging at highly rated hotels.

The trip to Banff includes airfare and a 7 night stay for two people with deluxe accommodations in Calgary (Fairmont Palliser), and Banff Fairmont Springs and/or Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. All of these are members of the Conde Nast Gold List. The retail value of this vacation is greater than \$12,000.

The Hawaii vacation package consists of first class airfare plus a 7 night stay for two at the Fairmont Kea Lani on Maui, one of Hawaii's premier destinations. Conde Nast rates this hotel as one of the top 500 in the world. Zagat considers it the 22<sup>nd</sup> rated resort in the U.S. and the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked resort for families in Hawaii. This package is valued at over \$14,000.

**Additional information on these two travel packages is contained in the three PDF files where you found this newsletter. Be sure you check out these exceptional auction packages.**

For the angler we have two exceptional fly rod and reel outfits. One outfit is a Winston nine foot, four piece, 4 weight rod that is matched with a Bauer reel. The other rod is a Sage nine foot, four piece, 5 weight Z Axis model paired with a Ross reel and line plus casting instruction from Peter Bowers. Either of these rods would make a great Christmas present that would last a lifetime.

In addition, there will be many other individual items and packages that range from essential services to luxury extravagances. Don't miss out on the opportunity to bid on these packages. You probably won't be able to find them at the price of your winning bid at the Christmas Dinner.

**All auction items must be paid for with cash or check. Sorry, no credit cards.**

## **Maps, Maps, Maps: An Idea From Member Lee Ann Ross**



While looking for detailed maps of Warms Springs to Trout Creek, I discovered the National Geographic map kiosk at Sportsmans Warehouse. Going to the Oregon map, I used the cursor to display the exact section of the map I wanted. One can rotate the image and zoom down to a scale of 1 to 30,750. The 11" by 17" map I printed has enough detail to show the location of Mecca, Halfway Bar, and Stanglin islands among other features. Each map you print on their waterproof paper will cost you \$9.99. Check it out, it's fun to play with.

## **Quotations from the Literature of Angling:**

"The angler forgets most of the fish he catches, but he does not forget the streams and lakes in which they are caught." Charles K. Fox

"Rivers and the inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration." Izaak Walton

"Fishing is not an escape from life, but often a deeper immersion into it..." Harry Middleton

"Season's Greetings

Here's wishing you,  
twelve months to flyfish  
eleven rivers running  
ten rainbows leaping  
nine mayfly hatches  
eight foot bamboo rod  
seven days in NZ  
six pound brookies  
five salmon flies  
four rising browns  
three hen capes  
two keeper bass  
and a partridge and orange on the tree. "  
- Bob Perry, on *Flyfish@ 1995*

## **Club Officers Elected at November Meeting:**

The election for club officers and Board of Directors was held at the November general membership meeting. Here are the election results:

### **Officers for 2008:**

Doug Vakoc, President  
Marv Yoshinaka, Vice President  
Gary Gehlert, Secretary  
Jack McDonnell, Treasurer

### **Two-year directors:**

Chris Christensen	Gary Gehlert
Allan Jones	Rod Juranek
Alan Stout	Doug Vakoc

### **Carry over directors who will continue to serve for one year:**

Bruce Cockrell	Dave Jendro
Bob Kempf	Jack McDonnell
Dennis Patterson	Bruce Stendal
Marv Yoshinaka	

Congratulations and thanks to all of the coming year's officers and Board members.

## **December Board Meeting Highlights:**

Sunriver Anglers Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Dec. 5, 2007

Present: Marv Yoshinaka, Doug Vakoc, Jack McDonnell, Gary Gehlert, Bruce Cockrell, Dave Jendro, Bob Kempf, Dennis Patterson, Bruce Stendal, Ron Angell, John Gilsdorf, Rod Juranek, Pete Reed

The meeting was called to order by President Marv Yoshinaka at 8:25 a.m.

The minutes of the Nov. 7, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jack McDonnell reported that the money for two memorials for the new interpretive signs have been received. Total assets as of today are \$33,436.78.

### **Project/Activities Report:**

Speakers for the Jan. 2008, general meeting will be Jen Bock and Ted Wise from ODFW. Jay Bowerman will speak at the Feb. meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Christmas Dinner: Marv and Doug reported that so far 117 people are signed up for the dinner. There will be approximately 45 auction items available. An e-mail description of the items will be sent to all members shortly before the dinner. Trips to Maui and Alberta, Canada are among the highlights of the auction. Auction items must be paid for with cash or check. There will be an event preparations meeting at Yoshinaka's at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec; 8. Bruce Cockrell stated that name tags and centerpieces will be provided.

### **New Business:**

Non-profit Organization Statement in the monthly Sunriver Angler: It was suggested that our statement be broadened to include a statement that we support sound watershed management practices in Oregon's high desert. Pete Reed, Bob Kempf, and Ron Angell will draft a statement for the Jan. 2008, meeting.

Wolf tree Funding Request: This request will be discussed after the Kokanee Karnival Board has decided where the activities for the Sept. 2008, KK education program will take place.

Other Business: The items donated by the family of Armin Wehrle will be used for appropriate club activities.

Outgoing Board Members Ron Angell, John Gilsdorf, and Pete Reed, were thanked for their many contributions to the Sunriver Anglers. President Marv was congratulated for leading us through another very successful year.

Next Board Meeting: Jan. 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m., at the home of Doug and Jane Vakoc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



## Fly of the Month: The Christmas Tree Chironomid



This month's featured fly is one that I've used for several years and one that seems appropriate for the season. Chironomids or midges are an important food source of trout and comprise much of their diet during the winter months when other aquatic insects are scarce. You can probably catch trout on chironomids in a local lake or stream right now if you can get to the water to fish.

The Christmas Tree was first introduced to me at Dry Falls Lake in central Washington in the mid-1990s. It was also my introduction to successful fishing with chironomids in lakes. Since that time I've used the Christmas Tree at Dry Falls Lake and other central Washington lakes, in Canada, and at various lakes in Central Oregon and had good results. I've fished this fly under a strike indicator, casted and retrieved it, and slowly trolled it. All of these techniques have caught fish.

Chironomids are fairly simple patterns to tie and the Christmas Tree is no exception. Here are the recipe and tying instructions.

### Materials

Hook: 2XL nymph hook in size 10 to 18.

Body: red floss or thread at butt end and lime green floss, thread or other suitable material for the front of the abdomen.

Ribbing: Silver wire or mylar or pearl Krystal Flash

Thorax: Peacock herl

Bead: White or pearlescent glass bead.

### Tying Steps

1. Slide bead onto the hook and secure it with thread or glue.
2. Wind a thread base onto the hook shank.
3. Tie in rib material at the bend of the hook.
4. Tie in red material for the butt end of the fly just in front of the ribbing material.
5. Wrap the red butt material about a third of the way to the hook eye and secure with three wraps of thread.
6. Tie in the green body material in front of the red material and wrap it forward another third of the hook shank length. Secure the green material with three wraps of thread.
7. Spiral wrap the ribbing material forward over the red and green body materials and secure it with three wraps of thread.
8. Take two strands of peacock herl and tie them in in front of the ribbing. Make a dubbing loop and twist the peacock herl into the dubbing loop. Wrap the peacock herl around the hook shank two or three times to the bead.
9. Secure the peacock herl with a whip finish.



# Calling All Boating Safety Partners!

**The Oregon State Marine Board is actively recruiting volunteers  
to help at this year's  
Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show  
February 28 – March 2, 2008**

## **Be a part of another great Life Jacket Give Away...**

Help fit children with life jackets, teach how to properly enter and exit a small boat, and how to rescue someone from cold water! Each child 12 and under will receive a free life jacket (while supplies last).

### **Each volunteer will receive:**

- **Free admission to the show**
- **Meal reimbursement (if working during a lunch or dinner shift)**
- **Reimbursement for parking**

**Snacks and water**


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Thanks Bob for being our speaker last month. It's always good to have you at our meetings.

## Corny Fishing Joke of the Month:

Two young men were out in the woods on a camping and fishing trip, when they came upon this beautiful brook where huge trout were swimming. They stayed there all day, enjoying the fishing, which was super.

At the end of the day, knowing that they would be graduating from college soon, they vowed that they would meet, in twenty years, at the same place and renew the experience.

Twenty years later, they met and traveled to a spot near where they had been years before. They walked into the woods and before long came upon a brook.

One of the men said to the other, "This is the place!"

The other replied, "No, it's not!"

The first man said, "Yes it is, I recognize the clover growing on the bank on the other side."

To which the other man replied, "Silly, you can't tell a brook by its clover."

