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I'd much rather be fly fishing than shooting arrows. Oh well, it's just one day.

Who We Are:



Presidents Message:

Well, there has been little snow but lots of cold weather. It doesn't make the fishing easy, does it. The water is so cold, some of the fish I caught have asked not to be thrown back in it. The hardy fishermen still manage to sneak out for a few hours, and of course we only have hardy fisherman in this club. If you can catch one of those warm afternoons, it can be enjoyable. And I am told Spring will come.

To help occupy your minds this time of year, there are a number of activities to take advantage of: 1) Fly tying. 2) The COF Winter Seminar Feb 18-19. 3) The SRA monthly meeting and outing, yes even in February. 4) The Fly Fishing Show in Portland Feb 13/14. 5) The Federation of Fly Fishers Expo in Albany March 13/14. 6) Volunteering to track fish on the Crooked River with our Fred Baker Scholarship student. 7) Sportsmen's Show in Central Oregon March 5-8. 8) Rod building. 9) Sampling whiskeys. And there is always new DVDs, and books on this fascinating subject.

If you haven't read the Sunriver Scene article on the Crooked River Telemetry project, be sure to do so. Your club has helped sponsor this project by providing a Fred Baker scholarship to the project manager, Shivonne Nesbit, and is providing volunteers to track the fish. Shivonne will give us an update on the project at the March general meeting.

We have a great presentation coming up this month with Jason Borger, something of interest to many more than just fisherman (see separate article). Plan to attend the meeting. Also keep June 18th available for the David Hughes seminar (more to follow on that subject in subsequent newsletter).

The February outing will be on the 24th on the Crooked River, Hopefully some Blue Wings and Midges will be hatching by then. Our Outing committee is busy planning future expeditions, so get your suggestions to Bob Kempf and Mal Murphy; and be sure and mark June down for the Diamond Lake trip.

And lastly, a reminder to get those 2009 dues paid. We extend a special welcome to new members this month: John Schuldt and Mary Chisholm.

Let's get out there and enjoy our beautiful environment. See you on the water!

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.

February's Meeting Speaker: Jason Borger



Jason Borger

Join the Sunriver Anglers Club and Jason Borger for a relaxed evening presentation of "The Making of a River Runs Through It." Suitable for a mixed fishing and non-fishing audience, this talk provides a "behind-the-fishing-scenes" view of the film as well as the more general aspects of the movie, including conservation issues. If you've seen "River" and want to know more about how the fly-fishing portions were brought to life, plan to attend the meeting on the evening of February 19th.

Jason holds a degree in Film and TV from the University of Wisconsin. This background and his expertise as a fly fisherman landed him the job of Brad Pitt's double in the movie. If you ever wondered how Brad Pitt made all of those fantastic, graceful casts shown in the film, the answer is "he didn't".

Jason, son of renowned fly fisherman, author, and entomologist, Gary Borger, has been a devoted fly fisherman nearly all of his life. He states: "I grew up with fish, flies and water. The summer of 1972 found our family standing on the banks of Squaw Creek in Montana's Gallatin River drainage. As my father surveyed the creek, he spotted the tell-tale flash of a nymphing fish. Handing me his rod, he excitedly pointed out the location and told me to cast. My two-handed, two-year-old compliance was not exactly graceful, but it put the fly where it needed to go. The fish moved again, my father shouted to set the hook, and soon I was clutching my first trout on a fly rod, a 13 inch rainbow. From that point on, fly fishing was always a part of my life."

More information concerning Jason's background and current activities can be found at www.jasonborger.com. He will also be in Bend for a two day, in depth, fly fishing seminar on Feb. 18-19. If you are interested in attending this two day event, contact Lee Ann Ross at 312-2568.

The Anglers Club meeting is at the fire station in Sunriver (Feb. 19 at 7 PM). Members and non-members alike are invited to attend, and admission is free. For more information, contact Doug Vakoc at 598-2048 or doug@vakoc.com. See, also, www.sunriveranglers.org for general information about the Anglers Club.

SRA February Outing: Crooked River

Begin your year's fishing with the Anglers on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009. We will be going to the Crooked River, and lunch and hot drinks will be provided for \$5.00 per person. Since it is a longer drive than normal, and we will be wading and thus not have float tubes, kayaks, pontoon boats, etc. we will be carpooling from the north Sunriver grocery store which is located on Cottonwood Drive near circle 10. We will meet at 8:30 AM, form our carpools and leave shortly after 8:30 AM. Lunch will be in the BLM Chimney Rock Campground at noon, so fish wherever you wish, and join us there. We will have a big fire to gather around. We will have a sign up sheet at the monthly meeting on the preceding Thursday. If you plan to go, but will not be at the meeting, contact either Bob Kempf at 593-5831 or Mal Murphy at 593-2641. The bottom of the Crooked has lots of slippery rocks, so bring a wading staff if you plan to wade, and don't forget your fishing license.

Central Oregon Flyfishers Announcement:

COF is assisting the Federation of Fly Fishers in putting on their auction event at the Albany Fly Tyer's Expo in Albany on March 13/14. If you are interested in helping them at this event, please contact Earl Retting at 541 330-9670 or herittig@msn.com


Coming Sunriver Angler Events:

Feb 18-19	Winter Seminar Aspen Lodge Shevlin Park
Feb 19	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM Speaker: Jason Borger
Feb 24	Outing - Crooked River
Mar 2 or 5	Board Meeting Trout House 8:00 AM (Date TBD)
Mar 19	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Dennis Kried - Fly Fishing the Rio Negro (Brazil) for Peacock Bass
Mar 24	Outing TBD
Mar 30-Apr 2	Learn to Fly fish Improve your Fly Casting Seminar
Apr 6	Board Meeting Trout House 8:00 AM
Apr 16	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Get Ready for Fishing Season Seminar
APR 21	Outing TBD
Apr 27-May 5	Kokanee Karnival - Spring
May 21	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Trout Fishing in Europe - John Ingram
June 6	Free Fishing Day
June 18	David Hughes Seminar in Sunriver:
June 18	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker David Hughes
Aug 20	Sunriver Anglers Picnic
Sep 28-Oct 2	Fall Kokanee Karnival
Dec 9	Christmas dinner

COF: Winter Seminar

It's time to sign up for the COF Winter Seminar, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19 at Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park in Bend. The speaker will be Jason Borger, writer, flyfishing educator, master caster and the shadow caster in the movie *A River Runs Through It*. Jason's program will include seminars on nymphing, presentation, mending, casting demonstrations and instruction, as well as fly tying. The seminar will be limited to the first 60 members of COF or Sunriver Anglers whose \$60 payment is received. Non-members who are interested in participating will be put on a waiting list and will be able to attend if the class is not filled. Lunch will be provided. Send your check, payable to Central Oregon Flyfishers, to Lee Ann Ross, 3062 NW Underhill Place, Bend OR 97701.

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Invasive Aquatic Species & Felt Soled Wading Shoes:

(Article reprinted from COF Newsletter with permission by author Bill Seitz)

Past newsletter articles have discussed several aquatic invasive species, such as didymo (rock snot), the New Zealand mud snail and whirling disease. These species are or will be an eminent threat to Central Oregon's watersheds. We all have stories about how felt soles on our wading shoes have "saved our bacon" while wading in Oregon's slippery trout streams. Unfortunately, the same characteristics that allow the oldest fabric on Earth to help keep anglers safe also make streams and rivers unsafe for trout and other species. Due to the makeup of felt - microscopic scales bind its individual fibers to each other and allow the material to grip when it's wet - felt-soled wading boots are easily impregnated with mud and other organic matter and are difficult to completely clean and disinfect. As a result, anglers can unknowingly transport aquatic nuisance species from river to river.

Recently, Trout Unlimited (TU) called on fishing-gear manufacturers to eliminate production of felt-soled waders and wading boots by 2011. In fact, several state game and fish agencies have already banned the use of felt gear by their employees. Last October, New Zealand banned the use of felt-soled wading boots for fresh-water fishing throughout most of the country. A request from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources spurred TU to make its request. The agency felt (no pun intended) there was overwhelming scientific evidence that felt can transfer invasives from river to river.

One of the biggest challenges to eliminating felt-soled wading boots will be to convince anglers to make the switch amid a widespread belief that felt is the best option for safe wading. Several fishing industries have responded with newly-developed technologies to meet the challenge. Simms has announced that it will voluntarily eliminate its line of felt-soled wading boots and boot-foot waders by 2010. In 2005, Patagonia introduced a line of wading boot featuring a sticky rubber sole. In spring 2009, L.L. Bean will introduce a new line of wading shoes designed to ensure that nearly every element built into the shoe in some way helps to reduce the spread of invasive species. The folks at Patient Angler have been using the Simms rubber sole/steel cleat boot this winter and they have worked great. When I lived in Alaska, I resoled a pair of boots with the Aqua Stealth rubber soles and they worked great.

But, here is the take home message for members: Even with the introduction of new sole technology, anglers should still take steps to clean, disinfect and dry their boots. While felt soles are one of the materials most susceptible to aquatic nuisance species, invasives can also stow away in eyelets, tongues and even the seams of boots and waders. If you are in the market for new wading boots, do the fish a favor and try out some to new models featuring rubber soles. *Bill Seitz, Conservation Chair COF*

SRA's Dead Space: Can Be Used For Doodling



Crooked River Radiotelemetry Study Update:

Attention Sunriver Anglers:

Here's a recent announcement from Shivonne Nesbit, the Sunriver Anglers club scholarship recipient, about the Crooked River fish radiotagging study. This is another opportunity to help collect fish for tagging and to get to know more about this research project.

Hi Crooked River Enthusiasts,

The next and last round of radio tagging on the Crooked River is scheduled for March 21. I would like to get a group photo of all the people that have been helping on this project (all aspects of this project) so I encourage **all** of you to be present at Chimney Rock campground **Saturday, March 21 @ 9:30am** for a photo. I will send out a reminder closer to the date.

We have 14 radiotags to implant into redband trout. The 14 tags are smaller than the tags we have been using so we will be tagging smaller redbands. I predict that we can get this done in one day. We are currently tracking ~30 radiotagged fish weekly with great success. I will be presenting the first-year telemetry results at OR American Fisheries Society meeting in Bend Feb 25, COF's meeting April 15, Sunriver Anglers March 19 and in Corvallis at the Mid-Willamette Flyfishers meeting March 10. If none of these dates work for you and you are interested in knowing more about what we have learned from this telemetry work, please contact me.

Campers- I will be at the regular spot (Chimney Rock campground) from Friday, March 20 until Sunday 22nd. Hopefully, the wind cooperates and we have minimal gear losses. May be cold but **WILL** be fun.

Lastly, Saturday night, March 21 we will have a bonfire & potluck so please join us if you can. If you have any questions- fire away.

Hope to see you soon,

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You will be right on target if you join us in late March. Thanks to all who are helping. May you catch many fish this year.

February Board Meeting Highlights:

Fred Baker Scholarships: Two \$2,000 graduate scholarships will be awarded to OSU students whose research is concentrated in Central Oregon. Gary Gehlert will notify the school of their availability.

Kokanee Karnival Spring: No report

Feb. meeting, speaker, raffle, outing: Feb. 19 meeting speaker is Jason Borger who was Brad Pitt's double in "A River Runs Through It". In March, Dennis Kreid will speak to us about bass fishing in the Amazon Basin. Monthly raffle items should cost between \$100-\$150 based on the estimated attendance at each meeting. The Feb. outing will be held at Fall River. Outings will be scheduled three months in advance so club members can plan accordingly.

Expenditures requiring submission to the General Membership for approval: It was moved by Ron Angell and seconded by Mal Murphy that the expenditures of \$7600 to DRC, \$4000 to the Fred Baker Scholarships, and \$5,000 to Kokanee Karnival be submitted to the General Membership for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Moving Free Fishing Day to Caldera: Discussions are continuing with Resort staff. If the Resort agrees to provide the logistical support needed, the committee will recommend the move.

Education Committee Report: Ron Angell reported that the intermediate/advanced fly tying class taught by Jerry Criss will start on Feb. 4. There will be six sessions. Tuition is \$60. Thirteen participants have signed up. The introduction to fly fishing classes will be held Mar. 30--April 2 with the Apr. 1 and 2 evenings limited to women only. The classes are free, open to all Sunriver area residents, and will be held at the Three Rivers gym. Handbooks may be made available to participants

Dave Hughes Seminar: Chuck Devine will coordinate. There will be charge to participants. COF members will be invited to participate.

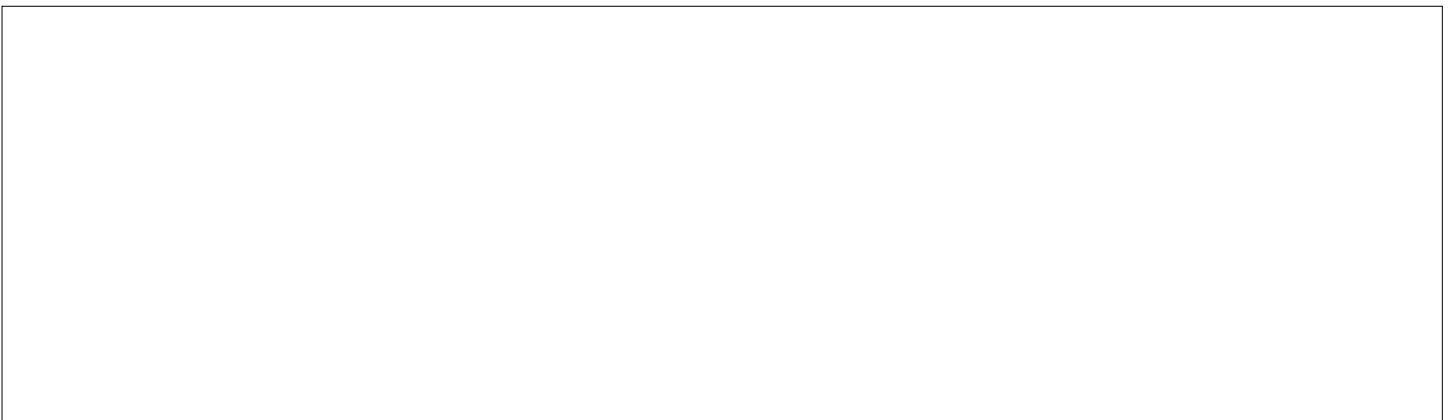
Conservation: Marv Yoshinaka reported that the club is participating twice a month on the Crooked River helping one of our scholarship recipients, Shivonne Nesbit, collect data on the migratory patterns of tagged fish. There will be another work party needed to tag an additional 14 redbands on Mar. 21, 2009. Members are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile project.

The meeting with COF, ODFW, and SRA to discuss cooperative projects will held sometime in late Feb.

New Business: It was decided to distribute a membership roster to all current members except comp and honorary members. The list will include name, phone number, and city and state of residence. Members will be notified that they can opt out of the list at the Feb. General Meeting and in the next club newsletter. Members receiving the list will be instructed that it is not for dissemination.

Disabled fisherman outing: Ed Tank discussed the possibility of us hosting a fishing day for the disabled at East Lake in September. Doug Vakoc agreed to talk with COF to see if they would be interested in helping. Ed agreed to research the liability insurance issues and report back to the Board at the March meeting.

SRA's Dead Space: More Dead Space For Serious Doodlers



Publishing a Sunriver Angler Membership List

This is a 2nd reminder. In the past the SRA Board had decided not to publish a membership roll as it was felt that publication of phone and email information was not a desirable thing to do. At a recent Board meeting this "policy" was altered as follows.

Periodically (probably annually and when new members sign up) a membership roll will be emailed (PDF format) or sent via USPS to all members. The list will contain name, phone number, and city/state of primary residence, but not email or US mail addresses. SRA will provide members the opportunity to opt out of being included in this distribution by contacting any of the officers of the club.

We anticipate this membership roll being sent out in March. If you want to opt out, let any of the officers know by Feb 28.

Important SRA Reminder: 2009 Dues

There are several members of SRA who were paid members in 2008 who have not renewed their membership for 2009. We are asking that those members who have not paid to send in their \$25 dues and/or let us know you are no longer interested in being a member. It sure would help us out with our book-keeping. For your utmost convenience, a membership form is located just below this message. If you are not sure if you have paid your 2009 dues, please contact Jack McDonnell at 593-7680 or jackmcd@chamberscable.com.

Sunriver Anglers Membership Form

Please mail this form with your \$25 check to:

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SUNRIVER ANGLERS CLUB PRESENTS

Learn to Fly Fish

Improve Your Fly Casting Skills

March 30-April 2, 2009

If you are new to fly fishing or simply have an interest in getting started in the sport that consumes many of us, the Sunriver Anglers Club will present a series of classes to get you started or improve your skills and knowledge. The focus will be on fly casting technique, but we will also cover the basics of knots, leaders, flies and other gear. This class is designed to get you ready to fish this summer!

The classes are free and are open to residents of the Sunriver area. Membership in the Sunriver Anglers Club is not required, but we hope you get interested enough to follow up by joining.

The classes will be held in the gym at the Three Rivers School at 7 to 9 PM on the four evenings of March 30 through April 2. We have had a number of inquiries about the possibility of having a "women's" class so we are reserving the 3rd and 4th nights of the series for women only. Consequently, the first two nights are open to all who sign up, but the evenings of April 1 and 2 are for women only. Instruction will be provided by local fly shop owners, Bob Gaviglio and Fred Foisset, assisted by members of our club.

Fly rods for the casting instruction will be provided or you may bring your own gear. Space is limited, so please sign up soon. To participate in the classes, or for more information, call Chuck Devine (593 1539), Ron Angell (593 3242), or Marv Yoshinaka (593 5461).

Fascinating Fishing Facts: Fastest-Traveling Fish



A tagged great white shark became the quickest recorded oceanic traveler after it swam from South Africa to Australia and back in under a year. The female shark was tagged with a data transmitter off South Africa in November 2003. The unit detached automatically and was recovered off western Australia four months later, but that wasn't the end of the story.

In August 2004, five months after the transmitter bobbed to the surface, project research scientists spotted the shark—identifiable by a pattern of notches in its dorsal fin—back in its old haunt off South Africa. It had completed a round trip of some 12,500 miles in just nine months.

End