



# The Sunriver Angler

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I think I'll see to it that  
fish won't bite this month!!

## Who We Are:



## Presidents Message:

As I write this, the 1<sup>st</sup> snow of the season is falling in Sunriver. However I know that warm weather is coming this week so I am just enjoying it this a.m.

I had a great trip to Montana; Hebgen Lake, and all those rivers. Great time! Montana, I found out, is a mighty big state. I truly thought to paraphrase Norman Maclean in "A River Runs Through It" "I wasn't ever going to leave Montana". I think several members of our club are still trying to find their way out.

When I came back, my pontoon boat (Old Yellar) died at Diamond Lake. So I have had to replace this old friend of mine. So don't look for that yellow pontoon boat and assume it is me anymore.

Although I was unable to attend the Orvis Fly Casting Tournament, I hear nothing but good things about it. Thanks to all members that volunteered to help, and to Lee Ann Ross for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the women's competition. Orvis' 18 hole fly casting course may make for a good outing sometime (coupled with a couple beers at one of the local restaurants).

When I was in West Yellowstone, I found an interesting book that I recommend to you serious Flyfishers. It is titled "If Fish Could Scream - An Anglers Search for the Future of Fly Fishing" by Paul Schullery. This book is not a how-to but addresses, with a little bit of humor and in a non-judgmental way, some of the issues facing fly fishers today. I recommend it highly.

Thanks again to Gary Gehlert, George Pagano, and all the volunteers that helped with the Fall Kokanee Karnival at Fall River Hatchery. It is very important for us to help educate tomorrow's citizens about our environment and how to enjoy it.

We have another interesting speaker, Dr Carl Shreck from OSU at our monthly meeting in Oct. See the separate article in the newsletter or the Scene to find out more.

We have our more or less annual outing to Hosmer coming up this month, then in November, let's go attack the trout with BWOs on the Crooked River. Note due to Thanksgiving, we will have the outing the Tues **BEFORE** the meeting.

And finally, mark December 9<sup>th</sup> down on your calendars for our annual Christmas Dinner event at the Great Hall.

See you on the water!

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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 Sunriver Angler Events:

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| Oct 10    | Crooked River Fishing with Shivonne Nesbitt Chimney Rock 9:00 am   |
| Oct 15    | General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Dr. Carl Schreck Oregon Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit OSU      |
| Oct 16-18 | Whychus Creek Restoration Camp Polk Sisters  |
| Oct 20    | Outing (Hosmer)  |
| Nov 19    | General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Joel LaFollette Kaufmann's Streamborn Steelhead Fishing in BC & Oregon     |
| Nov 17    | Outing (Crooked River)   |
| Dec 9     | Christmas Dinner   |
| Jan 4     | Board Meeting 8:00 am Trout House  |
| Jan 21    | General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Wayne Johnson Anglers Habitat Caldwell Id on South Boise and Owyhee Rivers |
| Jan 26    | Outing (to be determined)  |
| Feb 1     | Board Meeting 8:00 am Trout House  |
| Feb 17-18 | Winter Seminar (SRA and COF sponsored) Aspen Hall Mike Lawson from Henry's Fork Anglers in Island Park ID              |
| Feb 18    | General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Mike Lawson  |
| Feb 23    | Outing (to be determined)  |

## Whychus Creek Restoration:

The Deschutes Trout Unlimited Chapter #552 is planning a major Whychus Creek Restoration weekend Oct 16-18, planting grasses and shrubs at Camp Polk near Sisters. If you can help any or all of these days, please call 541 330-0017 to let them know of your availability and to get further directions.

## Crooked River Fishing For Science Day Oct 10th: From Shivonne Nesbitt

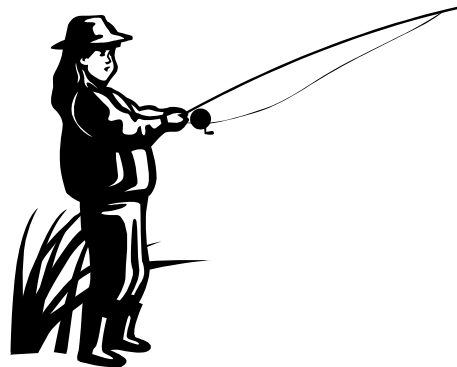
Saturday, October 10th will be the big fishing day. I am personally hoping to catch a fish and I would also like to keep track of how many fish the rest of you catch. We (ODFW) FLOY tagged ~1000 fish in June and I would like to document how many FLOY tagged fish we can recapture in a day. Fall fishing paired with data collection- why not!

I realize COF has another trip planned that weekend but I hope that most of you will be able to fish the Crooked River. Please let me know if this weekend works for you so I can plan accordingly. Let's plan on a potluck/ bonfire Saturday night so please join us if you can.

**Meet: Chimney Rock campground 9:00 am Saturday, October 10th**

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you soon!

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## October's Meeting Speaker: Dr. Carl Schreck

### Pristine High Altitude Lakes Might Be Killing Fish

- » River fish have it over lake fish in one respect. If part of the
- » river or stream becomes uninhabitable, the fish just have to move up
- » or down stream and find another rock or log to live behind or under
- » and call it their home. On the other hand if the lake becomes
- » polluted, where can the fish go?
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- » A multi-year study on the physiology of high mountain lake trout has
- » just been completed with the conclusion that zonal atmosphere
- » pollution has been found to metabolize in their digestive tract. What
- » are the consequences to the fish who have no other choice but to
- » ingest this pollution? As the saying goes, boys will be boys and
- » girls will be girls. The shocking results of this study ignored the
- » old saying and found that sometimes boy fish turned into girl fish
- » and girl fish turned into boy fish and some fish even turned into
- » both sexes in these pristine alpine waters.
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- » These pristine high altitude lakes are not found around San Francisco
- » but in our Western Parks. From Denali in Alaska to Glacier in
- » Montana, Yosemite in California and Rainier and Olympic in Washington
- » the findings revealed some of earth's most prized wilderness is
- » compromised by toxic industrial byproducts.
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- » How do the pollutants find their way into these pure waters found at
- » such great altitudes? One of the conclusions addresses just this
- » point. Industrial waste is picked up by air particles, swept up into
- » the upper atmosphere where the high altitude jet stream circulates
- » the air particles around the globe. Within a 10 day span, coal
- » deposits from China will advance around the earth and literally rain
- » down upon the high lakes.
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- » One of the lead scientists on this project, Dr. Carl Schreck from
- » Oregon State University will be speaking to the Sunriver Anglers Club
- » about his project and the amazing findings from this study on
- » Thursday, October 15th.
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- » Dr. Schreck, an expert on the environmental physiology and genetics
- » of fish has been studying and lecturing on these subjects for the
- » past 35+ years. Schreck says, "This is probably one of the most
- » revealing projects I've been involved with. The pollution that we
- » found in the high altitude trout included heavy metals, specifically
- » mercury and pesticides such as PCB's and DDT and PBDE which is a
- » flame retardant found in furniture fabrics."



## October's Meeting Speaker: Continued

What will become of these high altitude fish? As Dr. Schreck said,  
» with the changes to their genetics, maybe they will sprout wings and  
» fly away to a more hospitable home.

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» The Sunriver Anglers Club will meet Thursday, October 15th. at  
» Sunriver Fire Station meeting hall at 7:00 P.M. The public is  
» welcome. For further information please contact Alan Stout at  
» 598-7615.



Look Mom. I can  
fly. Wheeee.

## October's Board Meeting Highlights:

### Old Business:

Recap of KK Fall River: Gary Gehlert reported that 10 classrooms of about 28 students each were taken through the hatchery. Another four classrooms were served at Spring Creek and Cline Falls. In all SRA and COF educated about 390 students. The kids at the hatchery seemed well prepared this year and were a uniformly well mannered bunch. Gary and George Pagano were thanked for organizing the hatchery tours.

Recap of Orvis/TU Event: The event was well organized and will probably be held again. The Outing Committee was asked to consider an outing at the casting course that was used. Member LeeAnn Ross was second in the women's professional division. Those that volunteered to help at the event were thanked by President Doug.

### New Business:

Christmas Dinner: December 9, 2009. We still need merchandise and certificates from businesses. Board members were challenged to each find one new source of donations in Bend. Items should be delivered to Jack McDonnell.

Next Year's Officers and Board: Alan Stout stated that Board Members whose terms are expiring this year are being surveyed to see if they want to remain on the Board. We are still in need of a Vice President. A slate of directors and officers will be presented at the November Board Meeting. The approved slate will be submitted to the General Membership in November for approval.

Meeting Raffle/Outings: Mal Murphy reported that Oct. 20th outing is scheduled for Hosmer Lake. The November 17 outing will be on the Crooked River.

Meeting Speakers: Oct.: Dr. Carl Schreck from OSU on industrial pollutants in high mountain lakes. Nov.: Joel LaFollette. Jan.: Wayne Johnson on the South Boise and Owyhee Rivers. Feb.: Mike Lawson will conduct a seminar for COF and SRA members on Feb. 17, 18, 2010. He will also be the featured speaker at our Feb., meeting.

### Other:

Marv Yoshinaka reported that ODFW has obtained access to the Little Deschutes at four sites. They have asked us to develop a tri-fold handout to be made available at area tackle shops. The handout would include directions to the sites, maps showing private property, and other pertinent information. The tri-fold would include our logo. The consensus was that we develop the brochure. There is a work party at the sites this Sat. and Sun. Call Marv for details.

Our scholarship recipient Shivonne Nesbit is hosting a fishing day on Oct. 10 on the Crooked River. Those interested can meet her at Chimney Rock.

Oct. 16-18: Trout Unlimited is sponsoring an improvement and stream enhancement project on Wychus Creek. Contact Doug for details.

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