



# The Sunriver Angler

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...and thank you for all the fish in the rivers and lakes of Central Oregon and all the fish that eat my flies. And thank you .....

## Presidents Message:

The general fishing season has closed but there are still many places that are open, the Fall above the falls, Deschutes below Benham Falls, the Crooked, the Metolius, Steelhead fishing on the lower Deschutes, and most desert lakes. Cold? You bet but this is the time to test your manly man-ness.

The year is coming toward its close, and that means our annual Christmas Dinner at the Great Hall is coming up - Dec 9th. We look for you all to be there for the festivities. The signup is included in this issue. We still need merchandise for the auction to be held at this dinner. Please get your solicitation or donation to Jack McDonnell soon.

The SRA board has reviewed the candidate list prepared by the nominating committees to serve for next year. We will vote on this slate at the general meeting in November. We are looking for one additional Board member. If you are interested in serving a 2-year term, please contact either Alan Stout or myself (Doug Vakoc).

Our November meeting has attracted Joel LaFollette from Kaufmann's Fly Shop in Tigard OR. Joel will present a program oriented toward British Columbia Steelhead fishing. Joel is quite well known for his fly-tying innovations, and will be also giving a fly-tying demonstration before the meeting - beginning at 6:00 pm. Come early

to see him tie some beautiful steelhead flies.

Be sure and mark Feb 17/18 for the SRA-COF Winter seminar at Aspen Hall - more on this in the future, meanwhile reserve those dates for a very entertaining time with Mike Lawson of Island Park, ID.



We are awaiting a specific date from the SROA Environmental Committee to do the plantings in the bank restoration project just north of the Sunriver Marina. SRA will contribute to purchase these plants and we look forward to having many Angler helpers on the actual day selected. We will be notifying you all by email as soon as it is known.

Lastly, our outing this month has been moved up a week (due to Thanksgiving). We plan a day at the Crooked River, with emphasis on the veterans helping those unfamiliar with the Crooked. Rod Juraneck and I were there a week or so ago, and caught a lot of trout. This is good news as it indicates the wild rainbows are recovering. Our outing committee has promised a warm lunch. See the separate article for more details.

Let's get out and enjoy these last days before the snow comes. See you on the water!

## 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.

## SUNRIVER ANGLERS HOSTS JOEL LaFOLLETTE



On November 19, the Sunriver Anglers Club will present what promises to be a great program featuring Oregon angler and manager of Kaufmann's Streamborn Fly Shop in Tiggard, Joel LaFollette.

Joel learned the art of fly-fishing in the cool pine forest along the banks of the Metolius River at the age of 9. His grandfather brought him there to learn to fly fish on the same waters his grandfather had. Since that first outing, Joel has fished the wilds of Venezuela, Belize, Mexico the Bahamas and Christmas Island for Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit, Trevalley and other saltwater fish. He has traveled the Northeast for Brook Trout, Browns and Stripers. In the

South, he's tried his luck with Redfish and giant Tarpon, but the giant Steelhead of northern British Columbia have found a special place in his heart. These great fish will be the focus of his program on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Joel's adventurous career has included stints as a commercial fisherman, professional photographer and race car driving instructor! Now, as the retail manager for Kaufmann's, Joel still guides occasionally on the Deschutes and hosts fishing trips around the globe for Kaufmann's.

For more information about Joel, check out [www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com](http://www.royaltreatmentflyfishing.com). He is also featured as a fly tier in the current issue of Northwest Fly Fishing magazine. Joel is highly regarded for his exquisite flies and likes to sign off with the notation "Steelhead are too noble a fish to be caught with an ugly fly".

Anyone interested in fishing, members and non-members alike, are invited to attend the Anglers Club meeting at the Sunriver Fire Hall at 7 PM on Nov. 19. If you get there a few minutes early, Joel will likely be warming up for his presentation by tying a few of his great flies. For more information about the Sunriver Anglers Club, contact Doug Vakoc at 541 5982048 or [doug@vakoc.com](mailto:doug@vakoc.com). See, also, [www.sunriveranglers.org](http://www.sunriveranglers.org).

## Fascinating Fishing Facts:

Fastest Fish A group at Florida's Long Key Fishing Camp came up with a simple method for accurately measuring a fish's swimming speed. A fish is hooked. It makes a run. You measure how much line the fish took off the spool in a certain number of seconds and you can calculate the fish's speed.

The fastest fish in these speed trials, perhaps the fastest in the world, was a sailfish that took out 300 feet of line in three seconds, a velocity of 68 mph. That's zero to 60 in 2.6 seconds!

## November Meeting Raffle Prizes:

This month the raffle prizes will be two gift certificates. One from the Hook Fly Shop and one from the Sunriver Fly Shop.



## November Board Highlights:



Before we get started, lets talk about last Saturday's Beaver and Duck's game. Any objections?

### New Business:

Board Members and Officers for 2010: The Nominating Committee has recommended the following Officers and Board Members for 2010.

Officers: Alan Stout, President; Chuck Devine, Vice President; Gary Gehlert, Secretary; Jack McDonnell, Treasurer.

Two Year Directors: Gary Gehlert, Alan Stout, Doug Vakoc, Marv Yoshinaka, Allen Jones, Mark Baldwin, Herm Meister, plus one to be nominated later.

One Year Directors: Chuck Devine, Dave Jendro, Jack McDonnell, Mal Murphy, Bruce Stendal, Pete Gustavson, Paul Oles, Ed Tank. Mal Murphy moved and Dave Jendro seconded a motion to submit the above nominees to the general membership at the Nov. 19th meeting for approval. It was further stipulated that one additional 2 Year Director may be submitted for later approval. The motion carried unanimously.

USFS request for \$1000 for tree placement: The USFS has requested that we provide a \$1000 matching grant so that they will have sufficient funds to complete a stream restoration project on the Deschutes River. The project would be concentrated at the north end of Sunriver and include the river banks on both sides of the river. Dennis Patterson moved and Pete Gustavson seconded a motion to include the \$1000 in our 2010 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Dinner: Dec. 9, 2009. The cost this year will be \$55.00 per plate. That includes two bottles of wine per table. It was tentatively agreed to give two comp tickets to each area fly shop, four to Lodge staff, and to the hatchery staff. Pete Gustavson agreed to call on the new Dick's Sporting Goods store for a donation. We need physical items that can be auctioned at the dinner. Jack McDonnell asked that all items be given to him no later than Dec. 5th.

November Outing: November 17 on the Crooked River. Since that is before the next General Meeting a reminder will be sent out to members. It was suggested that experienced members share information about fly selection and fishing techniques in the reminder.

SROA Board Report: Pete Gustavson would like to begin sharing a short report each month about The Board's priorities and projects that could effect our club.

Future Programs: Nov. 19th; Joe LaFollette on steelhead fishing in British Columbia. Jan. 21st; Wayne Johnson on the Owyhee and the South Boise. Feb. 18th; Mike Lawson.

SROA Bank Restoration: The project is on hold until the State sets a date for its archaeological review.

DRC meeting: DRC has reached a tentative agreement with two irrigation districts that could significantly improve the winter water flow in the upper Deschutes. DRC has been invited to make a short presentation at the Christmas Dinner.

Please Note &  
Reserve Early!

## November Outing:

The November outing will be on the Crooked River on Tuesday, November 17th. This is a week earlier than usual because the regular outing day (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) falls in Thanksgiving week this month. We will meet at the Sunriver Marketplace (North Store) at 9:00 AM.

The Crooked has been fishing very well lately. Early action is on nymphs, with a Blue Wing Olive hatch coming off in the 11:00-11:30 time frame. Club members who have fished the river recently have done extremely well with any good BWO imitation. The Whitefish spawning will probably have begun by the 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to have some egg imitations in your box.

A hot lunch will be provided. Members who plan on attending should let Mal Murphy know at [mrmurphy@chamberscable.com](mailto:mrmurphy@chamberscable.com).

## Coming Sunriver Angler Events:

Nov 17	Outing (Crooked River) (note Date - Tues before Meeting due to Thanksgiving)
Nov 19	General Meeting Fire Hall 7:00 PM: Speaker: Joel LaFollette Kaufmann's Streamborn Steelhead Fishing in BC & Oregon— Come at 6:00 pm for Joel's Fly Tying demo
Dec 9	Christmas Dinner 5:30; Great Hall; Reservations Required
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
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)

## Anglers Club Party-December Tradition:

It's that time of the year again, and one of the grand traditions of Sunriver is the Sunriver Anglers Club annual Christmas Dinner. On Wednesday, Dec. 9, members and non-members alike (and spouses) are invited to attend the festivities which will be held in the Great Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

The evening starts with a no host social hour at 5:30 followed by a terrific dinner which will be served at 7:00. There are three choices for dinner: New York steak, Halibut or a Vegetarian specialty. Besides the usual trimmings (salad, dessert, etc.) two bottles of wine are provided at each table, included in the dinner price. What a deal!

The evening includes some enjoyable entertainment, in the Christmas spirit, and most importantly just a great time to get together with folks who like to fish and support the many fine things the Sunriver Anglers Club does for the community. It is a very fun evening!

We will have a silent auction which will feature not only the things which appeal to the fishermen and women in the crowd but a lot of other fine items which have been provided by local merchants and individuals such as art-work, clothing, restaurant dining, and recreational opportunities.

You do not have to be a current member of the Anglers Club to attend this event. We especially invite newcomers to the area who have an interest in the sport of fishing to attend and get acquainted with Club members who share your interest in fishing in Central Oregon. We know you will have a good time.

Advance reservations are required. Please mail the reservation form found below with your check no later than December 2. If you would like further information, contact Doug Vakoc at 598-2048 or [doug@vakoc.com](mailto:doug@vakoc.com).

## Whirling Disease Mini-Workshop:

The threat of whirling disease being introduced to the Upper Deschutes with the reintroduction of anadromous fish above the Pelton Round Butte dam complex has been revisited in the technical news during recent weeks. This exposure of an important issue needs discussion and a mini-workshop on the issue has been scheduled.

We're fortunate to have four of the most knowledgeable speakers on the topic agree to present their views at a panel presentation followed by questions and answers. I hope you can attend - it's a serious and timely topic with many facets.

### **The specifics:**

- **Location** = Central Oregon Environmental Center - 16 NW Kansas, Bend, OR 97701 -
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- **Time** = 7:00pm (We'll be there 30 minutes early for setups to the degree needed)
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- **Date** = Tuesday, November 17, 2009
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- **Panelists** = Brett Hodgson (ODFW - District Fish Biologist), Clair Kunkel (retired ODFW Deschutes Watershed Manager), Don Ratliff - (Sr. Aquatic Biologist, PGE), Rick Stocking (ODFW - fish health specialist)
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- **Host** - Darek Staab (TU); **Moderator** - Tom Davis (NFS)

### **Agenda:**

Welcome - Darek Staab and Tom Davis (2 minutes each)

The nature and history of whirling disease - Rick Stocking (20 minutes)

Complicating and mitigating factors in the upper Deschutes - Don Ratliff (15 minutes)

Measures that are planned for guarding against whirling disease in the upper Deschutes - Brett Hodgson (15 minutes)


The good and bad/ugly summary of the threat, risk & mitigation - Clair Kunkel (15 minutes)

Panel discussion and Q & A

Adjourn by 8:30

Tom Davis, PE

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**Dinner and Dues Special**—Write only one check for your 2010 dues and Christmas Dinner and your evening will be indigestion free knowing that your dues have been paid. This sure beats taking Tums. 

## Sunriver Anglers Membership Form

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

Sunriver Anglers, PO Box 4273, Sunriver, OR 97707

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(SR) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(Other) \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_ Renewal \_\_ Name/Address/Phone/Email Change Only \_\_

### Sunriver Anglers Christmas Dinner



December 9 • 5:30 p.m. • Great Hall, Sunriver

	Meal Choice		
	New York Steak	Halibut	Vegetarian
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest 1: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest 2: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest 3: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55 a person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Sunriver Anglers and mail form and check to:



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Reservations due by December 2.

You can also RSVP by contacting

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