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Presidents Message:

Greetings! I know that some of you fish year round, especially the winter steelhead fishermen. But for those of you fair weather fishermen, it's time to stop hibernating and get ready for spring fishing. We are going to have our Spring Get Ready for Fishing Clinic at our April 15th general meeting. Like last year, we will have stations set up to discuss various subjects, such as preparing your equipment for the upcoming season, checking your fly inventory and what flies to use, and we'll have a discussion on some of the local lakes and rivers to start fishing at. We also intend to bring back our Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes probably in April and May. More details on that will be forthcoming.

For the ladies of Sunriver, there has been an inquiry from the female members of Central Oregon Fly Fishers aka Wild Women of the West, to join them in fly fishing classes geared to women which will probably include an outing. More details are inside.

We have the results of the recent five question survey that was sent out to the members. I am not going to repeat those five questions here, but they are summarized into five category headings. By far, the #1 ranking activity or interest that the club chose was outings with 53% of the number 1 votes. The #2 most popular ranking was seminars and classes with 23% of the number 1 votes. In other words, 76% of the number one votes went to activities directly related to getting out and going fishing. The #3 ranking activity was conservation projects, #4 was youth education and #5 was social events. Youth education garnered only 7% of the number 1 votes.

It was somewhat curious that outings received the highest number of votes, yet many of our 1-day outings receive fairly low attendance. This tells me that we need to find out more from you regarding what kind of outings you want. The multi-day Diamond Lake outing last June was very popular and I suspect that the multi-day outings are desirable. In that regard, we will explore putting on at least one or possibly two more multi-day outings for 2010. We do have a Diamond Lake outing scheduled again this June; we have an East Lake outing in July, and it may be of interest to have another multi-day outing this fall. We will also try to emphasize providing more assistance and help to prepare for the outings or answer questions and assist anglers during the outings.



Be patient. Spring
will be here soon.

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>

Presidents Message Continued:

Based upon the survey, it appears that we do not spend enough time developing our members' interest in fishing and basically having a good time going fishing. The past practices and tradition of the club seems to have been more focused on fundraising which necessarily requires a great deal of men/women power. The problem is that the majority of the work is borne by approximately 25 members and their spouses and these people are going to burn out, if they haven't done so already. There is no easy solution to this other than to attract more volunteers and members to help spread the workload or to reduce work-intensive activities and events. We have wonderful people in the Club who have spent a lot of time over the years making the Club work. This is a call to all of our members to help those people out so the Club can remain viable. The goal is to still assist with conservation and youth education programs but we also want to go out and have fun fishing. After all, this is a "fishing" club.

Two of our board members, Paul Oles and Rick DeMars, have kindly volunteered to serve as membership directors to act as a liaison between our members to find out what you want and also to generate new membership. Since they have just taken on this task, I request that you give them a little time to adapt and then field your inquiries and comments.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the survey and for those of you who provided additional comments. This is your Club so we need to know what the majority of the members' interests are so we can best help you.

Alan Stout

SR Anglers Relive "Fishing the West:

On March 18, the Sunriver Anglers Club will present a program featuring a "Northwest fishing icon". Larry Schoenborn hosted the popular television series "Fishing the West" for thirteen seasons and owned and operated Larry's, one of the most complete sporting goods store in the Northwest in its day.

Schoenborn will share his favorite fly patterns that have consistently produced fish over the years. He will also discuss fly line designs that he has developed and tested. He will also demonstrate casting techniques using a $\frac{1}{2}$ weight fly rod.

Since 1983, Schoenborn and his wife, Ethel, have sold and hosted international fishing trips under the company name of "Fishing with Larry". Their fishing adventures have taken them from Russia, throughout the western United States, Mexico, south to Central and South America, Australia and New Zealand, and more. Their son, Guy, joined them in the business about four years ago. Another son, Brad, is involved in the production and distribution of several lines of lures under the trade name "Brads".

Schoenborn says his favorite trip is stalking the brawling Peacock bass in the Amazon. Their website is www.fishingwithlarry.com and they would certainly love to hear from you.

Anyone interested in fishing, members and non-members alike, are invited to attend the meeting at the Sunriver Fire Department at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18. Please come at 6:45 p.m. for a time of socializing and swapping stories of your most recent fishing trips.

For more information about the club and the schedule for intermediate and advanced fly tying classes offered during March contact Alan Stout at 541.593.1571, alanstout1@msn.com or visit www.sunriveranglers.org.

March 23rd Outing - Round Butte Dam Tour:

This month Sunriver Anglers will have a chance to see the fish diversion system that has recently been installed at Round Butte Dam. Lots of money went into this project aimed at capturing and diverting salmon and steelhead that have been reintroduced into the upper reaches of the Metolius, Deschutes, and Crooked Rivers. These changes are designed to facilitate their journey down to the ocean. Explanation of the dam changes (no pun intended) will be given and then the opportunity to see the actual capturing of fish for transport will be provided.

The fish capturing occurs somewhat early in the morning so to see this, we must depart Sunriver at 8:00 am March 23rd. We will meet at Ted's Pretty Good Grocery (also known as the North Store) at 7:45 AM to arrange car pools and to provide time for you to get your morning donut & coffee.

After the tour, we will plan a group lunch either in Redmond or Bend (Suggestions accepted).

We will need to provide a count of attendees so signup is required. Please email Doug @Vakoc.com or call him at 541 598-2048 to sign up. Guests are also welcome.

Ponderosa Seedlings Benefit School:

PONDEROSA SEEDLINGS BENEFIT SCHOOL - Upper Deschutes River Coalition is selling Ponderosa Pine tree seedlings to help Sunriver's local K-8 **Three Rivers School**. Each bag of 50 seedlings comes with stem protectors and planting instructions. \$50 per bag. Order by Mar 15th at www.udrc.org or call Carl Jansen at 541-593-2777.

COF Prez Request:

From: Dick Olson [mailto:fishingfool.olson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:06 AM
To: Dick Olson
Subject: Have you seen any cattle along the Crooked River?

Last Monday Bill Seitz and John Anderson noticed a lot of fairly fresh cow dung pads along the Crooked River between Poison Butte Campground and Milepost 18. They didn't see any cattle but the dung pads looked pretty fresh.

Cattle are not permitted to graze in that area. Has anyone else fishing the Crooked River during the last week of January and the first week of February seen any cattle or cattle dung pads in the section of the river where they were fishing?

If so, please contact me with details so we can press the BLM to find out which ranchers own the cattle and get them removed.

Thanks,

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Dick Olson - President
Central Oregon Flyfishers
P.O. Box 1126
Bend, OR 97709
Ph: 541-383-4412

Let me show you son a great place to take care of some personal business. There is also a nice river next to it for a cool drink.



Outings:

For those members who are most interested in outings, we would like to hear from you as to what kind of outings you want. We would like to know what days of the week that you would like the outings and whether weekends are something that would be of interest. We would like to know whether you would go on multi-day outings and what areas you might be interested in going to and what help you might need to prepare for the outings. The board members who are in charge of outings are Mal Murphy and Doug Vakoc. They will be assisted by Paul Oles and Rick DeMars in gathering this information. If you have comments, please send them to Paul Oles at pauloles@chamberscable.com.

The following is a schedule of upcoming outings that the Club is considering. Some of these outings have not been set in stone as we still need to find leaders for some of the outings and we need to find out what interest there is in attending the outings, especially the multi-day outings:

Sunriver Anglers Outing Proposal For 2010:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Type</i>
March	23	Round Butte Tour	Vakoc	Day
April	TBD	Duncan	Angell	Day & Overnight
	27	South Twin	DeMars/Gustavson	Day/prepared lunch
May	3-5	Krumbo	Vakoc	Campout
	13	Davis Lake Bass Fishing	Emery	Bring own lunch
	26(?)	Little Deschutes	Yoshinaka	Day, pontoon boats
June	Mid	Diamond Lake	Juraneck	Campout
June	Late	Three Creeks Lake	Yoshinaka	Day
July	20-21	East Lake Campout	Murphy	Campout
July	(may change)	Orvis fly casting	Meister	Afternoon
August		Donner & Blitzen	?	Campout
		Crane Prairie	?	Day
September		Wickiup	?	Day
		Chopaka (WA)	Vakoc	Campout
		Lava Lake	?	Day
October		Middle Deschutes	?	Day
		Hosmer	Murphy	Day
November		Crooked	Vakoc	Day
		Metolius	?	Day

Feedback, suggestions, and comments very much appreciated.

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Mal
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Editors Note:

The above outing proposal was typed on an iPod in the middle of a lake in a major wind storm while trying to land a huge fish. Please excuse the wavy columns. PS The fish was a keeper.

2010 Northwest Fly Fishing Expo:

The **2010 Northwest Fly Fishing Expo** is set for March 12-13, 2010 at the Linn County Fairground and Expo Center in Albany Oregon. We hope you decide to join us this year. <http://www.nwexpo.com>

The NW Fly Fishing Expo brings together the social network of fly anglers throughout the Northwest. The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying and instruction event west of the Mississippi." At the event you can view up to 100 tyers and can choose from over 90 classes to take.

If you are interested in taking a class we encourage you to sign up sooner rather than later. You can sign up for classes on at the following URL: <http://www.nwexpo.com>. The last day to sign up for classes on-line is Sunday, March 7th. You will be able to sign up at the Expo.

Some of the classes are full, but there are still plenty of excellent classes to take. Consider taking a class in Slack Line Presentations - you'll learn casts that allow you to present the fly in ways you never thought of. Another option - take a class from Mike Boyd and learn techniques specific to the seasons on the Deschutes.

Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) members get free admission, non-members pay only \$5.00. Also, there is no charge for parking at the Linn County Fairgrounds facilities.

On Saturday evening, after the close of the show, there will be an opportunity to meet and mingle with fly tyers and instructors with a no-host bar, followed by the annual banquet and oral auction to conclude the festivities.

You may learn more about the Expo and sign up for classes or purchase banquet tickets at <http://www.nwexpo.com>. Please forward this message to your fishing buddies!

We hope to see you at the Expo.

Dwight Klemin FFF Oregon Council President

Ron Reinebach 2010 NW Fly Fishing Expo Chair



March Board Meeting Highlights:

Old Business

The results of the recent survey of the membership were presented by Alan Stout and Paul Oles. Of 102 members surveyed, 56 (55%) responded. The results showed a clear preference for frequent one day and multi-day outings as the # 1 priority, with classes and seminars, conservation activities, education activities for youth, and social events following in that order. Discussion of the survey ensued. Paul Oles will send out a follow-up email to the members seeking additional information. Rick DeMars will assist Paul.

A tentative schedule of club outings was presented by Doug Vakoc. Discussion ensued. Doug emphasized that we need more volunteers to lead outings. Each outing, whether one day or camp-out, needs at least one leader. Doug will circulate an email with a revised outing schedule, and transmit it to Pete Reed for publication in the club newsletter this month.

Paul Oles will serve as the Board's membership director, to look for way to bring in new members and better retain current ones.

The annual fishing clinic will be held at the membership meeting on April 15.

Alan Stout will order club decals to be made available to all members.

Discussion ensued regarding fly tying and beginning fly tying classes. Intermediate classes will continue, and Pete Gustavson will coordinate beginning fly tying classes for those interested.

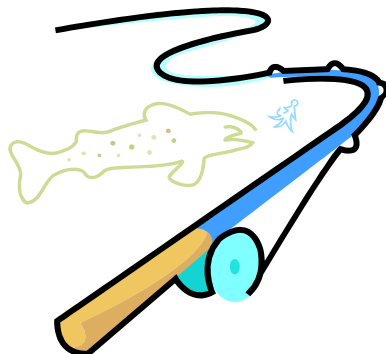
In Ed Tank's absence Alan Stout presented his proposal to sponsor a disabled fishing program immediately following the Free Fishing Day. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded not to conduct such a program this year, but to further evaluate it for future years. The motion was adopted by a vote of 10-1, with Paul Oles voting no.

New Business

Dave Jendro reported the date for planting additional trees along the Deschutes is Saturday, March 27. Volunteers are encouraged. Dave will write it up for the Newsletter.

Pete Gustavson will coordinate obtaining approval for placing the Free Fishing Day signs within Sunriver from the SROA board.

Dave Jendro will inventory rods and reels for the April Kokanee Karnival at Shevlin Park and Free Fishing Day at Caldera.



Cigarettes and Whiskey and "Wild, Wild Women": Repeat

Calling all Central Oregon women interested in flyfishing! "Wild Women of the Water" would like to invite you to join us for a women's only fishing outing. Our group is designed to give women the opportunity to learn about fishing in a fun, no pressure environment. Programs promoting continued education run all year long, giving every level of angler the chance to learn something new. We will be planning the location and date of the outing depending on the number of interested participants. Please email Kristin Lambson at ktlamb@live.com if you would like to participate or have any questions.

Steve Light from Fly & Field in Bend is holding a Ladies Flyfishing Clinic on May 8th. Open to all women at all levels. Please contact Kristin Lambson at wildwomen@coflyfishers.org and she will pass your name along to Steve. A small charge of \$25 for this clinic is requested. Come on ladies, sign up and lets have some fun.

Introduction to Fly Tying:

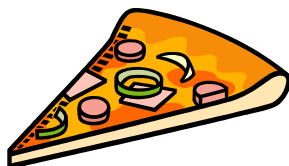
At the past two general meetings, I have asked if there has been any interest in an introduction to fly tying class. No one raised their hands at either meeting so the clear indication was that there was no interest. I made further inquiry during a recent board meeting and I found at least four people would be interested in having an introduction to fly tying class. If you are interested in attending this class, then please contact Rick DeMars (rmdemars@msn.com) or Pete Gustavson (peter@prgustavson.com) about your interests. If we have enough interest, then arrangements will be made to set-up the class.

Introduction to Fly Fishing:

We intend to continue the annual introduction to fly fishing classes. The details need to be worked out since three of the past organizers of the class are not currently present. There is also an opportunity for the ladies of Sunriver to attend classes organized in conjunction with Central Oregon Fly Fishers. Delores Marsh, who is a member of both COF and Sunriver Anglers, spoke at our last general meeting inviting the Sunriver ladies to participate in a beginning fly fishing program for women. The contact person is Kristin Lamson at 541-306-6549 or ktlamb@live.com. They plan an all day clinic on the Crooked River in May for \$25, which will be taught by Steve Light from Fly and Field Outfitters. There is a 20 person class limit for that clinic.

Spring Kokanee Karnival Event:

The Spring Kokanee Karnival Event is scheduled to begin the week of April 26th. The Sunriver Anglers, in conjunction with Central Oregon Fly Fishers and ODFW has put on this program for 4th and 5th graders for many years. Jen Luke at ODFW has asked for volunteers to attend a fishing pole repair workshop on March 24th at 11 a.m. at the ODFW main office on Parrell Road. The work will include trying to repair and put in order rods and reels that will be provided to the children for them to do some fishing at the Kokanee Karnival in April. If you are interested, you can contact Jen Luke directly at jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us. They will provide pizza...no mention of beer.



Kokanee Karnival Request:

Our focus this spring is to get volunteers to help with the Angling Clinic, held at Shevlin Pond and Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The KK clinic will be held on 7 days, April 26 through April 30 and May 3 and 4. Each day two classes attend. Morning activities include:

- Fish Biology/Care of Catch
- Knot Tying
- Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods
- Casting/Water Safety

The students are divided into four groups and attend each of the activities. Then the students and volunteers are provided lunch. After lunch the students are divided into small groups and get to fish in Shevlin Pond. The volunteers lead the groups of students to help them fish for trout. If they catch fish they get a First Fish Certificate and if they want, their cleaned fish to take home. I am the fish monger and get to gut all the fish.

We need volunteers to work with the students. If you have not done this before you will be teamed with other folks who have experience. If you can volunteer for a full day or a few days that will be great. However, if you have limited time you can volunteer for a half day, morning or afternoon. The Angling Clinic starts at 8:45 for setup and ends about 3 after clean up. If you want to volunteer, and both the KK folks and the students would sure appreciate it, contact Frank Turek (541) 381-7507 or waldo1ft@msn.com

We have 28 classes, 668 students, are signed up for the Angler Education KK program. We have a waiting list for some other classes. We could also use some volunteers for teaching Angler Education but you have to be certified by the State. See Bob's article for the March 27 Angler Education training class. Remember you have to be cleared by the State before attending the class.

Other KK news, the Eggs to Fry program will be initiated after the schools' spring break. The eggs will be delivered by KK volunteers on March 31 to 27 classes. All will receive Crainbow eggs and the fry can be released upstream of Benham Falls in the Deschutes or in locations such as Shevlin Pond or Pine Nursery Pond. The 3 new incubators funded by a grant from Rotary Club of Bend will be delivered to classrooms this March. They will go to Marci Adams class at High Lakes Elementary, Kelli Offenhauser class at High Lakes Elementary and Sandi Phillips class at Ensworth Elementary. The fish dissection program is also moving forward.

Tree Planters Wanted:

Planting of 1300 seedlings just downstream of the Trout House: March 27th (time as yet unspecified) has *tentatively* been set as the date to plant some 1300 seedlings just downstream from the Trout House/Sunriver Marina which will complete the bank restoration and large wood placement project. SR Anglers who would like to volunteer to assist in this planting are directed to contact Patti Gentiluomo at the Sunriver Owners Association (541-593-1522) the week of March 22nd.

Sure could use some help on the 27th. I promise you I won't work you too hard.

