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Presidents Message:

Greetings! Four members of our Board and I attended a meeting at ODFW with members of COF to learn about this year's conservation projects. We have potentially good news to report about East and Paulina Lakes. Tui chub removal will begin this spring at Paulina Lake and will be conducted by employees of the Paulina Lake Resort. East Lake has a different kind of chub known as a blue chub and ODFW has developed a five-year plan for removing the blue chub. Blue chub apparently have been in East Lake since the 1940s so they will never completely be eliminated. Because of environmental and legal issues, ODFW cannot treat the lake with poisons.

The ODFW plan has not been completely approved so please keep that in mind. It is a five-year plan and they hope to begin implementing it this spring. The basics of the plan are to have mechanical removal of the blue chub through the use of traps for the first three years. In conjunction with that, they are purchasing 10,000 Blackwater River rainbow from British Columbia which will be female triploids. These fish are very aggressive feeders and they hope they will reduce the blue chub population and maintain it at lower levels. The Blackwater River trout will have their adipose fin removed and they are to be released unharmed so they can remain in the lake to do their job.

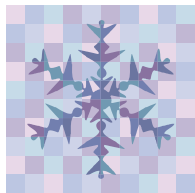
There were other interesting developments at the meeting and you will find more details about it inside the Newsletter.

Please also check out and come to our April 15th meeting at which we will have our Spring Get Ready for Fishing Clinic. One of the primary goals identified in our recent survey was to help develop our members' fishing knowledge and skills so please come to the April 15th meeting. Please also keep in mind that we are going to have an Introduction to Fly Fishing Clinic on May 25-26 from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Three Rivers School Gymnasium. More details are inside the Newsletter.

Another good way to get started with fly fishing is to come to our April 29th outing at South Twin Lake. This has become an annual event and the goal is to have a good time and maybe help answer questions and get started with your fly fishing skills or to renew those skills.

We have a lot of outings planned for this year as that was the #1 Goal that was identified in our survey. Hopefully we will have some good participation this year and the only way to really either learn about fly fishing or advance your skills is to get out and do it. As my fly fishing mentor used to tell me, you can't catch a fish unless your fly is in the water! Or, as the Canadian hockey players say...keep your stick on the ice.

Get out there and have fun! Alan Stout



Ho Hum!

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>



April Meeting Speaker:

Get ready today and you will catch more tomorrow.....

The April 15 meeting of Sunriver Anglers Club will be an evening of preparation for that first trip of the season. Remember that year when nothing went right and you arrived at the dock, stepped into the boat realizing that two of the most important fly boxes were sitting at home on your work bench 35 miles away. Or worse yet you rigged up your 4 wt. flyrod started to let out line, stepped into the stream and immediately began to feel that sickening cold wet feeling on the inside of your right knee.

You can avoid that happening ever again by spending the evening with several of our members who will be available to help anglers from beginners to the very experienced. Some will review aquatic insects and their hatches and what flies will be the best in various circumstances.

A local guide will be in attendance to discuss the best places to fish in the area.

Knowledge of various watercraft will be discussed and how and where to operate them safely.

Some will discuss various rod and reel combinations along with required maintenance and how to rig them. A very important issue is how to keep your flyline clean and in good condition.

There will be a table where you can review various knots, leaders and tippet material.

To avoid the cold wet leg described above you will be shown how to repair your waders properly.

Please come and join us and you will walk away ready to "hit the water" for the 2010 season. There will be something for everyone.

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 Thurs. April 15. 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 contact Alan Stout at 541.593.1571, alanstout1@msn.com or visit our website at www.sunriveranglers.org for general information and our most recent newsletter.

SRA Coming Events:

- April 15 General Meeting at Sunriver Fire Station, 7 p.m., with the social gathering at 6:45 p.m. This will be our Spring Get Ready for Fishing Clinic and also Ted Wise of ODFW will speak on upcoming conservation projects.
- April 21 Orvis fly casting event, 1:30 p.m. at Orvis Store in Bend followed by food and drink at Anthony's from 3-6 p.m.
- April 29 Outing at South Twin Lake. Meet at Country Store (south store) at 8:30 a.m. or at South Twin Lake at 9. Lunch is provided for a \$5 fee. Please register for the outing with Pete Gustavson at peter@prgustavson.com.
- May 4-7 Outing at Krumbo Lake. Contact Doug Vakoc at Doug@Vakoc.com.
- May 3 Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at either Sunriver Lodge or the Trout House.

Conservation News and Projects:

Our meeting with ODFW representatives and COF members on March 31st was encouraging and enlightening. Most of the details regarding the blue chub removal program at East Lake were stated in the President's Message. In order for this program to work, it will require the participation of our club's membership and that of COF and perhaps of other Oregon fly fishing clubs to man the traps for removal of the blue chub. If ODFW gets approval on their plan, we hope to start trapping the blue chub beginning June 14, 2010 through July 2, 2010. One idea was to have some members camp up at East Lake and do some fishing and trapping while they're up there. Otherwise, we will take day trips to East Lake to go remove the chubs and then perhaps go fishing. Further details regarding scheduling or participation will occur later after ODFW firms up their plans.

We anticipate needing other volunteers to perform a limited study at Little Lava Lake to see how our tui chub removal program performed in the past few years. This will require marking and recapture of fish at Little Lava Lake over a two or three day period in June. The dates have not been set. ODFW anticipates the need of four or five volunteers.

A grant has been approved to treat Mann Lake which will occur in August. A study will be performed July 1-3 to do zooplankton and invertebrae samplings and also do some trapping of the invasive gold fish and see if there's any lahontan cutthroat still around.

An interesting conservation activity is a bull trout study on the Metolius River system. ODFW will place weirs on Candle Creek and another tributary to mark bull trout residing in the Metolius. It is anticipated that volunteers will be needed to check the traps at different times from approximately July 1st through mid-October this summer. The contact person for that is Ted Wise, Fish Biologist, with ODFW at 541-617-0055. We will have more information on the bull trout study and how to participate at a later date.

Invasive Bass at Davis Lake: Davis Lake was one of the premier red band rainbow trout fishing waters in the Northwest at one time. Unfortunately, bass were illegally introduced into Davis Lake and they have taken over and nearly decimated the trout population. ODFW does not seem to know how many trout are left but they are grossly outnumbered by the bass.

The goal is to reduce the bass population, especially the larger bass that are 15" and over, as they feed on the trout. If you decide to go bass fishing at Davis Lake, your president would encourage you to remove and kill every bass you catch. I know this is contrary to our catch and release credo but these bass do not belong there, they are not native to the Deschutes River Basin and they have drastically harmed one of the great trout fisheries in our region. The hope is that someday the bass numbers can be controlled to permit larger numbers of trout to succeed.

Introduction to Fly Tying Classes:

Once again this year, we will have two evening Introduction to Fly Fishing courses. The classes are designed for beginners but others who just want to learn more about the sport or refresh their memories are welcome to come. The classes will be on May 25 and 26 from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Three Rivers School Gymnasium. The classes will be limited to 20 members of the Sunriver Anglers Club. If you want to take the class and are not a member, you can certainly join the club and participate. The class will include learning about and selecting the proper equipment, casting lessons and demonstrations, basic insect identification and selection of flies, basic knot tying, and just how to get started in this fun activity that you can enjoy throughout your life. Fishing is one of the few recreational activities where your skills and success actually improve with age. For registration, contact Marv Yoshinaka at mpyosh@chamberscable.com or Alan Stout at alanstout1@msn.com or 541-593-1571.

2010 Kokanee Karnival:

While Kokanee Karnival has several classroom programs, the Spring Angling Clinic is a hands-on learning experience for the students. Many catch their first fish during the afternoon fishing in Shevlin Pond and receive a "First Fish" certificate. During the morning the students learn about water safety, hypothermia, casting and fishing safety, knot tying, fish biology, care of catch and angling equipment. They also learn about the life cycle of salmon via a game where they see the impacts of dams, natural predators, recreation and commercial fishing and the benefits of conservation. The Spring Angling Clinic is a great opportunity for Kokanee Karnival volunteers to provide a positive influence to the future fishers in Oregon and to help them learn about our aquatic resources. The Spring Angling Clinic will be held at Shevlin Pond for seven days; April 26 to 30 and May 3 & 4.

Other Kokanee Karnival programs that are currently underway include the Fish Dissection where they learn about fish physiology and anatomy plus the internal and external features of the fish. In Angler Education the students learn about basic fishing skills, stewardship of aquatic resources, ethical conduct and water safety. On April 6 eyed eggs will be delivered to classrooms and placed in incubators. The students monitor the development of the trout eggs to alevin to fry and then can release them in locations designated by ODF&W. They also learn to monitor water quality.

Thanks to the Volunteers who met at Shevlin Pond on Thurs. March 18 to place sod in the area disturbed by the dredging contractor. Special thanks for working that morning when the temperature was in the 20s.

SRA April 21st Outing:

The April SRA outing will be held Wednesday April 21 at the Orvis Casting Course in the Old Mill District. This will be a time for everyone to learn and for some of you proficient fly casters to teach. We are going to have fun dammit! (Friendly side wagers are always in order for those who desire the thrill of "meaningful competition"). "The Orvis Casting Course at The Old Mill is the only 18-hole golf-style casting course of its kind in North America. It was designed for fun, education, and as an opportunity to practice essential casting skills before going fishing." While each hole/station offers 3 levels of difficulty the goal for this outing will be education and fun. Depending upon the mix of those who sign up we will create groups of 3-4 casters with at least one being the "teacher". These holes are very interesting and set up to simulate actual fishing situations. Rather than rambling on here check out the website: <http://www.orvis.com/bend>. At the bottom lower right on the homepage menu there is the opportunity to click on the "Orvis Casting Course" to learn more (includes a hole by hole description). We will meet at the Orvis store at 1:30 p.m. to set up the pairings and review the "rules" (a relative term used when having "fun"). The first group will start at 2:00 p.m. It takes about 1 ½-2 hours to complete the course. Then, it's on to Anthony's for beverages and appetizers during their great "Happy Hour" (3-6 p.m. No host function...depending upon individual side wagers of course). Time to get ready for some additional lakes to open on April 24 (Check those regulations first)! For more information and sign up contact Herm Meister (541-593-7469 or hermtres@chamberscable.com). Cut off for signing up will be the evening of the SRA meeting on April 15.

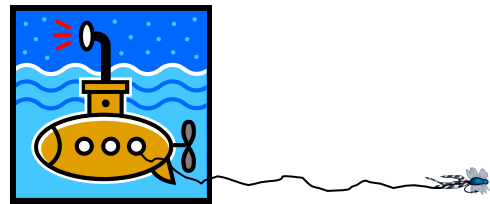
Rumor Has It:

That on Saturday, April 17th at All Seasons RV in Bend, the sheriff's office will be conducting a boat safety check to everyone that needs or wants one. Best to call All Seasons to check this out and find out the times of the inspections.

SRA April 29th Outing:

Our first outing after opening day of the 2010 general fishing season will be on *Thursday, April 29th* at South Twin Lake. This will also be the first outing after our spring club clinic and a great opportunity for your initial equipment shake down, a chance to grab your favorite rod and catch a few early season fish. This was really a fun and exciting outing last year and we hope you will join us for another fun day. We will ask a couple of our seasoned club veterans to hopefully provide a few minutes of basic instruction on how to effectively fish South Twin, correct rod/line set up and maybe even a couple of their favorite flies. Anticipate using standard lake flies. A floating device would be useful on this outing. We will assemble at South Twin Lake near the boat launch area at approximately 9:30am. (Remember your Forest Service parking pass) We will serve lunch and do ask those who plan on attending to please provide courtesy notification to either Pete Gustavson, peter@prgustavson.com or Rick DeMars, rmde-mars@msn.com no later than **Friday, April 23th**. We hope you can join us!

Special Outing Notice: We will ask members at the April SRA meeting if any are in need of assistance regarding watercraft. Depending on the need we will try to coordinate opportunities for people to join members with boats at the outing.



May 13th SRA Outing:



Brad Emery will lead an outing to Davis Lake for largemouth bass. The outing will start at 5:30 a.m. on May 13th at Lava Flow Campground.

We will be going early because:

Bass are low light feeders. They are ambush predators. And the wind picks up on the lake making it hard to maintain boat control. After the sun hits the water the fishing really slows down.

So for these reasons we will meet at the Lava Flow Campground about 0530 (sorry), that should give us 4 of the best hours of fishing. After fishing if people want to share a beer or pop and talk there should be plenty of shade. Everything will be "BYOLDE" bring your own lunch, drinks etc.

If there is any interest - Brad can help with fly tying (for anybody wants to tie their own bass flies). He ties quite a few different styles, but could show a top water (spun deer hair), a mid level (Sluggo), and a deep lure (rabbit leech). Please let Brad know you will be attending the outing so he knows who is interested. bdemery1@aol.com or 541-536-5799.

2010 SRA Outing Plan:

Date	Place	Leader	Type	Fun?
April 21	Orvis Fly Casting Course	Meister	Day (afternoon)	YES!
April 29	South Twin Lake	Gustavson/DeMars	Day	YES!
May 4-7	Krumbo	Vakoc	Overnight	YES!
May 13	Davis Lake	Emery	Day	YES!
May 10-19	Owyhee/Duck Valley	Vakoc	Overnight	YES!
May 27	Little Deschutes	Yoshinaka	Day (Pontoon/Drift)	YES!
June Mid	Diamond Lake	Juranek	Overnight	YES!
June Late	Three Creek Lake	Yoshinaka	Day	YES!
July 20-21	East Lake	Murphy	Overnight	YES!
August TBD	Donner & Blitzen	?	Overnight	YES!
August TBD	Crane Prairie	?	Day	YES!
Sept TBD	Wickiup	?	Day	YES!
Sept 3-7	Chopaka WA	Vakoc	Overnight	YES!
Sept 12-15	St Joe ID	Vakoc	Overnight	YES!
Sept TBD	Lava Lake	?	Day	YES!
Oct 7-8	Deschutes River (Maupin)	Stout	Overnight	YES!
Oct TBD	Owyhee/S Boise	Johns/Vakoc	Overnight	YES!
Oct 19	Hosmer	Murphy	Day	YES!
Nov 16	Crooked	Vakoc	Day	MAYBE!



Krumbo/Owyhee/Duck Valley Outings:

May provides several opportunities to fish Eastern Oregon and Idaho lakes & streams. There is some flexibility for these trips so see if any fit your plans.

Krumbo: Dates are May 4-7. This is a 3.5 hour drive so will involve at least one overnight stay to make it worthwhile. Requires pontoon craft, electric motored boats, or other floatation means. The outing will begin on Tuesday May 4 and end Friday May 7, or if desired could carry over to the weekend, but you better be aware Sunday is Mother's Day. Plans can be flexible; you can come for any of the days or all, although due to the drive I would highly recommend at least one overnight. We likely will stay at Page Springs campground near Frenchglen but it is not out of the question to camp along the extremely low traffic road in from Burns. If interested contact Doug@Vakoc.com 541 598-2048.

Owyhee: There are two opportunities, May 10-12, or May 17-19 there will be groups going. 20"+ brown trout are the attraction. Again if interested in either time, contact Doug@Vakoc.com 541 598-2048.

Duck Valley: Again there are two opportunities, May 13-16, or May 19-22. This is a nice add-on to the Owyhee trip as you would be halfway to Duck Valley - a 9 hour drive from here. Duck Valley is pay to fish place on the Duck Valley Reservation on the Idaho/Nevada border, with three lakes to choose from (fees vary by lake - \$10-\$25). Pontoon boats or other floatation means required. Gas motors are allowed except for Lake Billy Shaw which is a catch and release lake. Once more contact Doug@Vakoc.com or 541 598-2048 if interested.



And some people think there are fish in our lakes.

Board Meeting Highlights:

Conservation Projects. Review of the 3/31/2010 meeting with ODFW and COF.

East Lake: ODFW has proposed a five year plan for the control of the Chubb in East Lake beginning this year. The first three years will consist of mechanical trapping of the fish. This year the trapping will occur Between June 14 and July 2. Volunteers will be needed to help empty the traps. The effort will also include the planting of 10,000 Blackwater female triploid trout that are extremely vociferous. Future years' activities are still in the planning stages.

Little Lava Lake: A mark and capture program designed to help determine if our past trapping efforts have been successful will be implemented. A limited number of volunteers will be needed in July.

Davis Lake: ODFW will continue electrofishing for large bass in May. The ultimate goal, if possible, is the eventual removal of all bass from Davis. Anglers are encouraged to keep all of the bass they catch out of this fishery.

Mann Lake: This fishery will be poisoned this year. A limited number of volunteers may be needed in July.

Crooked River: An electro-shock sampling will be done on the upper Crooked River June 14-17. 6 helpers a day are needed. **Help also may be needed on the Metolius this month to help with the sampling of Bull Trout.**

Intro to Fly Fishing Class: This will be held the last week in May or the first week in June depending on the availability of the school.

Questionnaire for Outings: Paul Oles will develop. More information will be available in May.

Meeting Speakers and June General Meeting date: April 15: ODFW presentation on Chubb eradication in East and Paulina Lakes. Fishing clinic will be presented by club members. May 20: John Anderson on the Crooked River. June 16: Rick Hafele on successful lake fishing.

Youth Free Fishing Day: June 12, at Caldera. This was a great first time event last year. It also requires considerable help from club members. Please mark your calendars and volunteer to help. We will publicize the fact that this event is for kids 14 and under. The Board approved an amount not to exceed \$400.00 for necessary equipment and supplies for this event.

Fish Fry: Doug and Alan will contact the Trout House and ask them about Trout for this year's event. Report will be presented at the May Board Meeting.

FFF Membership Renewal: Mark Baldwin moved and Herm Meister seconded a motion that we renew our yearly membership. Motion carried. Alan Stout moved and Dave Jendro seconded a motion to provide FFF with club members' names and addresses so that they would start receiving FFF's mailouts. Motion carried.

Publicity for the Club: Alan urged that we make a concentrated effort to see that we get credit for the good things we do in the community. Recent habitat work in Sunriver and the upcoming Youth Free Fishing Day are a few of the many examples.

Participation: Gary reminded activity leaders to get him the names of participants so they can get the proper credit.

Trout Unlimited—Deschutes Chapter:

General Membership Meeting

6:00 PM, April 22nd

Senior Center Bend, 1600 SE Reed Mkt Rd.

Program: The McKenzie River: Fishing and the Future of Wild Fish. Carl Mueller, McKenzie Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Secret Trails to Special Places: the Wild and Scenic Canyons of the lower Crooked River and Middle Deschutes. Thomas Mottl, District Recreation Planner, Prineville BLM

August 13-15: Orvis Casting Tournament & and Central Oregon Trout Festival. Details forthcoming.