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Catch & Release? I have never heard of the term.

## Presidents Message:

By the time you read this Newsletter, I should be fishing on several streams in southeast British Columbia and Alberta. Fishing in Oregon is great but it's nice to go somewhere else and try some different waters once in a while. I hope you have had a great summer out exploring and finding your own fishing paradise. Even if you don't fish, it's great just to get outdoors and be around the streams and lakes that we have in the Northwest. In pursuing my fly fishing adventures, I have had the chance to visit many beautiful places and meet many nice people I would not have found in my backyard. So get out there, pursue your own fishing adventure or join one of our Club's outings.

The Fall Kokanee Karnival is coming on September 20-24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great experience to interact with local grade school children and help them understand the fisheries in our area and also explore the Fall River Hatchery. Perhaps you will have a chance to read some of the thank you letters that we have received from the children during the Spring Kokanee Karnival and that will give you an idea how much the children enjoy it. Really, the Club members probably enjoy it more than the children. The contact person for volunteers is Gary Gehlert, 541-593-6141.

A reminder...our next general meeting is not going to be the third Thursday of the month as we normally have. Instead, the general meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the same place, the Fire Station, and same time, 6:45 p.m. for social time and 7 p.m. for the meeting. Please come and hear about fishing opportunities on the Grande Ronde and Wallowa Rivers from our speaker, Paul Arentsen of Winding Waters River Expeditions. We hope to put together a steelhead float trip on the Grande Ronde at the end of October, early November.

Remember, you can't catch a fish unless your line's in the water! Get out there and have fun.

Alan Stout  
President

## 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>

## Steelhead Fishing and Rafting on the Wild and Scenic Grande Ronde River to be Featured at Sunriver Anglers Club Meeting:



The September meeting of the Sunriver Anglers will feature guest speakers and a topic that are appropriate for the beginning of autumn: Steelhead Fishing. Steelhead fishing in a designated Wild and Scenic River reach of the Grande Ronde and Wallowa rivers will be the subject of this month's meeting. Paul Arentsen, co-owner of Winding Waters River Expeditions, and Tom Farnam, lead fishing guide, will present a program about steelhead fishing and rafting in one of the most scenic areas of the Northwest. Winding Waters River Expeditions is a company based in Joseph, Oregon, that offers whitewater rafting, camping, fishing, and hunting trips on the Snake, Salmon, and Grande Ronde rivers. Of particular interest are their fishing trips that combine rafting with flyfishing for steelhead and trout in the Grande Ronde River.

The Grande Ronde River is nationally famous for its steelhead fishing and catches of 20 fish a day on a fly are possible. Steelhead fishing in the Grande Ronde River is unique due to the willingness of these fish to take a dry fly and because of the relatively inaccessible location of much of the river. An exceptionally large run of steelhead is now migrating to the Grande Ronde River and will be providing excellent fishing in the months to come. October and November are the prime months to fish the Grande Ronde for steelhead.

Paul Arentsen and Morgan Jenkins, the co-owners of Winding Waters River Expeditions, have more than 30 years of combined river guiding experience. Tom Farnam has 30 years of fishing experience in the Grande Ronde River and other nearby waters. Paul and Tom will discuss rafting and steelhead fishing trips that Winding Waters River Expeditions offers including one known as the "supported steelhead trip." This trip is for experienced anglers and boaters who would prefer to row their own pontoon boats down the river and fish on their own. Meals and sleeping accommodations for this trip are provided by Winding Waters River Expeditions. Guided raft trips are also available for those who would rather be transported down the river and taught how to fish by an experienced guide.

In addition to the rafting expeditions Winding Waters offers trips on the "Steelhead Train" for those who want a unique experience that features a train ride to less accessible river reaches for opportunity to catch steelhead in a lightly fished setting.

September's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, which is the fourth Thursday of the month. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunriver Fire Department meeting room. As always, the public is invited to attend this meeting. We invite you to come and enjoy this presentation about a remote and scenic part of Oregon. For additional information please contact Alan Stout at 541-598-7615.



And keep those slimy and smelly fish out of our meeting room!!

## Project Healing Waters:



Central Oregon Project Healing Waters is being launched in Bend this year. We have been actively recruiting supporters (tyers, guides, businesses etc) to be ready when needed. The response from our supporters has been very positive and gracious.

As most of you know, Project Healing Waters is an organization that helps Veterans and Active Duty personnel who have a disability - physical and/or emotional. Our mission statement states "PHW FF is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings". There is no age limit on the veterans served by COPHW. The original program was started in 2005 at Walter Reed, and has grown into an active rehabilitation tool for the VA to help the men and women coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of fly fishing and tying help the vets to improve their motor skills and develop self confidence. Being out in nature combined with the art of fly fishing is, as we all know, very soothing for stress relief.

We have planned to start out with fly tying, fly fishing 101, and casting as the main curriculum and hopefully have outings on a private lake. Later on, it is possible that COPHW will invite the three other Oregon chapters of Project Healing Waters and host an outing at one of the local lakes. The main difference in our local chapter will be that our chapter will serve more of an 'out-patient' clientele, whereas the other chapters in Oregon are near VA hospitals.

More information can be found on the national website of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing at [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org). Anyone interested in helping, please contact Brad Emery at [bdemery1@aol.com](mailto:bdemery1@aol.com).

## Kokanee Karnival Thank You Letters:



The club received numerous thank you letters from children at Mrs. Pitner's class at Three Rivers School and LaPine Middle School for the work our members performed at the Spring Kokanee Karnival event. As you can see from a sample of their letters, they were very happy to learn about raising trout, getting away from school and enjoying the delicious hot dog lunch. Our volunteers get as much fun and worthwhile interaction with the kids as the children do.

You have another chance this year to assist with Kokanee Karnival during the Fall Kokanee Karnival event at the Fall River Fish Hatchery the week of September 20-24. Please contact Gary Gehlert at [ggehlert@chamberscable.com](mailto:ggehlert@chamberscable.com) or 541-593-6141 if you want to volunteer.



I sure wish I had gone to the Angler's Picnic this year. I hear it was well attended, the food was delicious and exquisitely prepared, the weather was perfect and most of my friends were there. Next year I am going to make sure I have nothing planned in late August so I can attend. Who made this jaw-busting muffin anyway?—probably my Mother-in-law.

## Belated Update of the Kokanee Karnival From COF:



School is over and the Kokanee Karnival electives were completed. Capt. Caddis is preparing a summary of Anglers Education and Tom Walker estimates more than 900 students participated in the Fish Dissection program. Kokanee Karnival is assessing the potential to move the Fall Streamside for the Comprehensive Program from Browns Creek to Sheep Bridge. There are several advantages including more wildlife, more Kokanee salmon, better parking and less travel time. The KK board will visit the site in August to determine the logistics. If the Sheep Bridge site is used, a USFS biologist will monitor potential effects on Bald Eagles.

The KK Board agreed the Spring Angling Clinic at Shevlin Pond was a success. The stocking of additional trout by ODF&W during the clinic gave the students a greater catch success rate. Students, teachers, parents and the KK volunteers were all happy. The students were so successful that things backed up at the fish cleaning station.

Kokanee Karnival is a very successful youth education program and participation is increasing. The KK Board is evaluating the need to limit some participation. Currently, the Comprehensive Program is limited to 14 classes. Participation in the Electives is currently not limited. The Eggs to Fry Elective Program is controlled by the 50 incubators in classrooms. The Anglers Education Elective Program may be limited to 30 classes. The need to limit Anglers Ed is the amount of time it takes the volunteers to deliver the materials, teach the course and then all the follow up paperwork. The Fish Dissection Elective Program may be limited to 40 classes with 20 taught by KK volunteers and an additional 20 taught by the teachers. The limiting factor with Fish Dissection may be the availability of fish for use by the classes.

## **Coming Events:**

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| September 20-24 | Fall Kokanee Karnival at Fall River Fish Hatchery, Contact Gary Gehlert at 541-593-6141.  |
| September 23    | General membership meeting. Social time: 6:45 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. Speaker: Paul Arentsen of Winding Waters River Expeditions.   |
| October 8       | Board Meeting at 8 a.m. at the Trout House.   |
| October 21      | General membership meeting. Social time: 6:45 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. Speakers: Martyne Reesman, Brett Hodgson and Jen Luke of ODFW. Subject: Invasive species and East Lake Project. |

## East Lake Chub Trapping Update:

Here's the updated information about the East Lake chub trapping project that was promised in last month's newsletter. From June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup> at least 15,000 lbs of chub were collected, which is about 60,000 fish.

The trout that were less than 14 inches that were caught in the trap nets were very "snaky" according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff.

Overall, it appeared that the trapping got off to a good start in 2010. The ODFW staff thinks that we could collect twice as many fish next year if we had more volunteers and possibly another boat/truck-trailer.



### Outing - Donner und Blitzen River Sept 14-16:

September 14-16 we will travel to the Frenchglen area to sight see, relax, bird watch, and oh yeah fish the Donner und Blitzen River. At this time of year, you can also travel the Loop Highway (if you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle) up Steens Mountain. This is a beautiful time of the year to visit this unique area about an hour south of Burns. If interested, we can plan a group dinner at the historic Frenchglen hotel.

Camping for those with RVs or tents will be at the Page Springs campground, just south of Frenchglen, if you are interested but cannot camp, accommodations may be had at the Frenchglen hotel, phone (541) 493-2825. If you plan to attend, please send an email to [Doug@Vakoc.com](mailto:Doug@Vakoc.com) or call Doug Vakoc at 541 598-2048. I will be out of town until from the Sept 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, but let me know and I will be in touch concerning details.

### Outing - Owyhee and South Boise Rivers Oct 7-15:

For those wanting to go to the South Boise River, this is your opportunity. Adam Johns (Richard Johns' son) is well versed in the techniques and places to fish on that river for frisky rainbows, both nymphing and dries. 5 weight rods with floating line are suggested. Adam will show us the ropes, both places and flies/techniques. Although pontoon boats can be used, bank and wade fishing is recommended this time of year. We will fish that river Oct 8-10, longer if you want to stay. Camping/RVing on the river (semi-rough) or if desired you can stay in a motel approx 20 miles away from the fishing area.

Either on the way, or coming back, you can stop at the Owyhee River for some of those big Brown trout. Again, this is bank and wade fishing with 5 weight rods and floating lines, both nymphing and dries. The water will be shut off Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and the river may be lowered a little prior to that as the irrigation season comes to an end. You can plan on fishing either before the South Boise or after. RV camping along the river for those wanting to spend a night or two is the way to go.

It is a 6 hour drive to Boise, and then another hour and 30 minutes to the South Boise. Approximately 5 hours to the Owyhee. If interested in this trip, please contact Richard Johns [rcjsunriver@chamberscable.com](mailto:rcjsunriver@chamberscable.com) 541 593-7675 or cell 541 306-0117. More information and details will be provided at the Sept meeting Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Outing - Hosmer Lake Oct 19:

We will make our annual late season trip to Hosmer on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Mal Murphy has promised to provide a dazzling lunch (I'm thinking porterhouse steaks but we shall see what Mal comes up with). This is always a great outing on a beautiful Central Oregon lake, fishing for Brookies and Atlantics. Floating devices and 4 or 5 weight rods with sinking lines generally are the ticket. Let Mal Murphy know if you plan to attend. There will be a \$5 charge for lunch - how Mal can provide porterhouse steaks for \$5, is beyond me. Mal's email is [mrmurphy@chamberscable.com](mailto:mrmurphy@chamberscable.com) phone 541 593-2641. This outing will be just before the Oct. meeting.

### Outing - Orvis Fly Casting Course Sept 22:

We've rescheduled the "weathered out" April SRA outing for Wednesday, September 22nd at the Orvis Casting Course in the Old Mill District. Since the National Casting competition just took place in August the course is now in excellent condition. The Orvis Casting Course at The Old Mill is the only 18-hole golf-style casting course of its kind in North America and we have it right in our backyard - let's use it. It was designed for fun, education, and as an opportunity to practice essential casting skills before going fishing. These holes are very interesting and set up to simulate actual fishing situations.

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! (Friendly side wagers are always in order for those who desire the thrill of "meaningful competition"). We will meet at the Orvis store at 1:30pm to set up the pairings and review the "rules" (a relative term used when having "fun"). The first group will start at 2:00pm. It takes about 1 ½-2 hours to complete the course. Then, it's on to Anthony's or another nearby watering hole for beverages and appetizers ("Happy Hour's" 3-6pm. No host function...depending upon individual side wagers of course). For more information and sign up contact Herm Meister (541-593-7469 or [hermtres@chamberscable.com](mailto:hermtres@chamberscable.com)). Cut off for signing up will be Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.