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I would rather cut a leg off a cooked Turkey than a head off a fish any day.

Who We Are:



Presidents Message:

It's hard to believe that Halloween is over and it is already getting close to the end of the year. It has been a fast year for me serving as President of the Club. I did not accomplish all of the projects that I had in mind, but perhaps we can carry on with them next year.

We have had a successful year with our events. The Youth Free Fishing Day in June attracted more children than we have ever had in the past and we may be getting close to capacity to serve the children. Both the Fall and Spring Kokanee Karnival events were very successful despite some transportation issues with one of the school districts. The Fish Fry was a lot of fun with live entertainment, a lot of great volunteers, happy customers and we earned the same amount of revenue as in previous successful Fish Fry events.

We put on a lot of outings this year; some of them were not very well attended but it wasn't for lack of trying. I want to commend our outing chairmen, Mal Murphy and Doug Vakoc, for all the hard work and planning they put into it. We may change our outing program to only have outings in the spring and fall since we do not get much response during the summer when apparently everyone is busy with other activities or fishing elsewhere.

We had an Introduction to Fly Fishing class that was well attended and we received many thanks and very favorable feedback from the participants. One of the major goals of the club is to get people out enjoying our wonderful sport of fishing, whether it is fly fishing or by other means.

The last big event of the year is our annual Christmas Party which is scheduled on December 14, 2010 with the reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Great Hall. We will have many auction items to choose from and entertainment. Please look further in the Newsletter for details about the dinner and how to sign up for it. This is one of our major fundraising events of the year so we are hoping for a good turnout.

Those of you who did not attend last month's general meeting by ODFW staff members Brett Hodgson, Jen Luke and Martyne Reesman missed out on a great program. Martyne explained what invasive species we have to deal with, and we do have some in our local area that we need to be concerned about. Brett and Jen were there to talk about the tui chub removal project at East Lake that seems to be going along well. This is an exciting program in which East Lake could be returned to the trophy fishery that it once was. I want to thank ODFW for addressing the chub problem at East Lake, which our Club and COF have been concerned about for some time. (cont)

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

Your assignment this winter is to watch less TV, quit staring at the computer and go fishing on the nice days. Fall River, Crooked River, the middle and lower Deschutes River will still be open this winter. If you can't fish, then read some books, watch some DVDs about fishing and get inspired. There will be a winter seminar coming up on February 12-13, 2011 at Aspen Hall in Bend with speakers Rick Hafele and Skip Morris. I hope to see you out fishing!

Alan Stout, President

Invasive Species:

Many of you did not attend last month's meeting. Apparently there was a football game involving the U of Zero! You missed out on an excellent program but we will try to fill you in.

Martyne Reesman of the Salem ODFW office had an extensive slide show regarding invasive species. Who knew there were so many and how destructive they can be. We want to make you aware of some of the invasive species that are here in the Central Oregon area. The **lower Deschutes** has New Zealand Mud Snail. These are very tiny snails, the size of a grain of sand, that can get into the crevices of wading boots around the soles, laces, etc. They are difficult to see. The recommendation is to take a stiff brush to these areas and hose off your boots and waders soon after using them. Another way to kill all invasive species is to put your boots and waders in a freezer for 4 hours or more. **East Lake** has some aggressive, noxious Watermilfoil weeds. After you finish fishing at East Lake, you should thoroughly wash your boat and trailer. Pressure washing is best. Please note that if the police catch you launching, or trying to launch, your boat with invasive species weeds either outside or inside the boat, they can stop you and issue a \$287 fine. The **lower Crooked River**, near where it enters the Deschutes, also has New Zealand Mud Snail problems. There is also concern that Chinese Mystery Snails are at **Crane Prairie**. These are larger snails that can get up to 2½". If you see these snails, please report them to ODFW. Please do not dump the contents of aquariums into local lakes, rivers or storm drains and please pass that information on to your family and friends. That is where some of these weeds and aquatic critters come from. The three things to keep in mind are:

1. Clean your equipment and boats away from areas where it will go into waterways, storm drains or ditches.
2. Drain live well, bilges, and internal compartments of your boats. Dispose of all weeds, even if they are dried because once they get in the water they may come back to life.
3. Dry your boats and equipment between use. That includes drying out the anchor line. Tip your pontoon and/or car top boats upside down and leave them in the sun for several hours. Once some of these invasive species get started, they are nearly impossible to control or stop.

We may ask Martyne to come back to the Club this spring to give us a refresher course and to have an opportunity for those of you who missed last month's meeting to attend.

Coming Events:

November 18: General meeting. Social time: 6:45 p.m., meeting: 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. Speakers: John Smeraglio of Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop regarding fishing the lower and middle Deschutes for trout and steelhead; and Tod Heisler of Deschutes River Conservancy with an update of what's happening with the DRC and Brad Chalfant of Deschutes Land Trust regarding purchase of land on Wychus Creek. There will also be an election of officers and Board of Directors for 2011.

November 23: Outing to the Crooked River. Meet at the North Store at 8:30 a.m. Group leader: Doug Vakoc.

December 2: Board Meeting at Sunriver Lodge beginning at 8 a.m.

December 14 Anglers Christmas Party at the Great Hall. Reception: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Deschutes County Chapter—Trout Unlimited Meeting Announcement:

Deschutes Chapter Trout Unlimited, General Membership Meeting.

Nov 11th, 6:30 PM at the Bend Senior Center

Program: Bull Trout in the Deschutes Basin; Potential Impact on the Salmon and Steelhead Reintroduction Project. This program will be presented by Don Ratliff, Senior Aquatic Biologist, PGE

The local Trout Unlimited website is www.deschutestu.org

Don Ratliff, a biologist for PGE at the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project on the Deschutes River near Madras, has worked with bull trout since the mid 1980s. In cooperation with ODFW and Warm Springs Tribal Biologists, bull trout in the Metolius River-Lake Billy Chinook system were provided increased protection through a series of regulation changes. Don conducted the first census (redd count) in 1986 and helped determine which habitats were critical to bull trout and needed increased protection. His work with bull trout in the Metolius led to investigation of the status of bull trout in other Oregon river systems culminating in primary authorship of the paper, "The Status of Bull Trout in Oregon" published by the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in 1992. It was this published status review that led to more protection for bull trout state wide and contributed information supporting their listing as a "Threatened Species" under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1998. Bull trout are still listed as a "threatened species", and most populations in Oregon are still tenuous.

Unlike most populations, Metolius bull trout are doing very well because of the tremendous amount of high quality spawning and juvenile habitat in the Metolius Basin coupled with rearing habitat in Lake Billy Chinook - where kokanee and other fish have historically provided abundant prey for this fish-eating species. However, they are now so abundant that major prey species populations in Lake Billy Chinook, including kokanee are below desired levels. Without some changes - which are difficult under the ESA - bull trout may limit success of the salmon and steelhead reintroduction effort.

Sunriver Anglers & Central Oregon Flyfishers Winter Seminar:

MASTERING WESTERN RIVERS & LAKES

Feb 12 and 13 | Aspen Hall

This year's winter seminar will feature Rick Hafele and Skip Morris. This workshop brings together entomology, pattern selection, presentation and fly tying. Skip and Rick, with their characteristic easy manner, will teach you how to fish trout rivers (day one) and trout lakes (day two). Information will concentrate on the Pacific Northwest and will cover how to recognize critical hatches, how to select and fish the patterns that match them, and finally how to tie a variety of effective nymphs, emergers, and dries.

COF and Sunriver Anglers will host this seminar. It will be held at Aspen Hall on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13. Look for more details in future newsletters.

For more information contact Gary Meyer education@coflyfishers.com 541-633-0934

November Board Meeting Highlights:

Board Members and Officers for 2011: Two new members, Curt Sexton and Steve Ashton have agreed to serve. We still need to find two more new members. The following will be presented to the General Meeting for approval. Two year Board Members for 2011: Pete Gustavson, Mal Murphy, Jack McDonnell, Steve Ashton, Ed Tank, Chuck Devine. One year Board Members for 2011: Gary Gehlert, Marv Yoshinaka, Herm Meister, Mark Baldwin, Alan Stout, Doug Vakoc. Officers for 2011: President Chuck Devine, Vice President Mal Murphy, Secretary Gary Gehlert, Treasurer Jack McDonnell.

Christmas Dinner: Cost will be the same as last year, \$55 per person. The menu will also be the same. Diners will have a choice of a fish, steak, or vegetarian entrée. Jack McDonnell estimated that we would have approximately 45 auction items. Mal Murphy agreed to do the program. Gary Gehlert will check on the availability of the Three Rivers Choir.

Nov 18 Meeting: Speaker will be John Smeraglia from a Maupin Area fly shop talking about fishing on the Deschutes in that area.

Outings: Crooked River Nov. 22, 2010. Meet at the North Store parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Because of the lack of participation, it was suggested that next year we limit outings to the spring and fall. Doug Vakoc and Mal Murphy were commended for the terrific job they did organizing the outings this year.

Winter Seminar with COF: Feb. 12, 13, 2011 Aspen Hall at Shevlin Park.

New Business: The new membership form was presented. Dues for new members will be \$30.00 and will include a nametag.

Next Meeting: Dec. 2, 2010, 8:00 a.m., at the Lodge.

November 23rd Outing to Crooked River:

The Crooked River fishing is improving and the whitefish will be spawning (egg patterns) and the trout will be gorging themselves on Blue Wing Olives. Lunch (Bratwurst) will be served at 2:30 pm - when the BWO hatch is over, and will be prepared by a world famous Czech cook, imported specifically for this event, complete with sauerkraut and Czech pastries. Bring your own beer however. At this time, all bragging and lying about your daily catch or how well your favorite football team did this year is permissible, and a waiver has been granted from the patron saint of Fly Fishing/Football, St. Wenceslaus - newly appointed. \$5 contribution for lunch.

Meet at 8:30 am at the Ted's Pretty Good Grocery (AKA North Store) Tuesday Nov 23 for car pooling, and then rendezvous at Big Bend campground (for those that want to go directly and claim the good spots before beats are assigned - just kidding!)

All are invited, Ducks, Huskies, Trojans, even Beavers.

PS: Ducks - you must be on good behavior and remember to be considerate to the "Little People".

SRA November Meeting Speaker: John Smeraglio

Sunriver Anglers Club Presents "Strategies for Steelhead"

The Sunriver Anglers Club will present a special program on effective strategies for pursuing steelhead on the Deschutes River on November 18. The November meeting of the club will feature John Smeraglio, owner of the Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop in Maupin.

John, a native Oregonian, has been fly fishing the Deschutes River since age 10. He has owned a fly shop in Maupin since 1985, and he still does 100-150 days guiding clients on the river each year. He is also an accomplished musician and artist and holds an A.A. degree in Commercial and Fine Arts.

Those who have fished for steelhead on our western rivers can tell you that these are fantastic, but elusive fish. Hooking one on a fly rod is a great thrill. Size does matter, after all.

John's presentation will focus on specific techniques designed to make you a more successful steelhead angler. These include how to insure you have the best casting angle to present your fly to likely steelhead holding spots, line handling and "mending" and fly selection. Attendees will receive many practical and effective tips and pointers on how to improve the success rate on hooking up with these wonderful fish.

Non-members of the Sunriver Anglers Club are cordially invited to attend meetings of the Club. The meeting will be held at 6:45 pm on Thursday, November 18 at the Sunriver Fire Hall. Additional information concerning the Anglers Club can be obtained by contacting Club president, Alan Stout, at (541) 598-7615. See, also, www.sunriveranglersclub.org.

Club member Ron Angell adds "this program should help us all turn the 'fish of a thousand casts' into one that might be caught after a couple hundred or so. John will be giving us some very specific and useful pointers on how to catch Steelhead, particularly on the Deschutes. He will cover casting, line handling, mending and all that is needed to make a good presentation. If you have any interest in Steelhead, don't miss this."

East Lake Tui Chub Removal:

Brett Hodgson and Jen Luke of ODFW reported on the tui chub removal program at East Lake. They estimate 67,000 tui chub were removed from the lake. Some of them were quite large. They estimate that 5-10% of the chub were trapped. They are going to continue the trapping program for the next 2 years. They have the equipment to do it but they need more manpower. There should be volunteer opportunities for Club members to assist in the trapping next year.

They are going to purchase rainbow trout eggs from strains of fish from the Blackwater River in British Columbia and Eagle Lake in California. Both of these strains of fish are very piscivorous (they eat other fish). These fish will have their adipose fin removed and they will be catch and release only. The hope is that these fish will remain in the lake and grow large eating the chub. If everything goes well, we could have the best of both worlds; a trophy fishery from the Blackwater River and Eagle Lake trout, less chub, and a more healthy stock of rainbows, browns, and kokanee.

ODFW and all of our volunteers should be commended for their efforts in attacking this tui chub problem.

Anglers Christmas Dinner Registration Form:

Sunriver Anglers Christmas Dinner



*December 14 * 5:30 pm Reception * 6:30 pm Dinner
At the Great Hall, Sunriver*

	Meal Choice: <u>New York Steak</u>	<u>Halibut</u>	<u>Vegetarian</u>
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 = \$ _____



*Make checks payable to Sunriver Anglers Club
and mail this form and check to:*

Sunriver Anglers Club
PO Box 4273, Sunriver, OR 97707

Reservations due by December 3

Please print this page and send it in with your check. Also please  any appropriate items.

1. I am happily adding \$30 to my/our dinner reservations for my 2011 dues to save time and postage. _____
2. I will bring my checkbook, or lots of cash, to the dinner in case I want to buy some raffle tickets. _____
3. I will seriously consider donating to the Anglers Scholarship Fund at this dinner. _____
4. I certify there are proper funds in my account so any checks I write won't bounce. _____
5. If possible, I would like to sit at the table where _____ is sitting.
6. Whatever you do, don't put _____ at my table.
7. If I am not at the dinner and you see my spouse, please tell him/her I was there and had fun. _____
8. On my honor as an esteemed member of the SRA, I will not hog the wine bottle(s) at my table. _____
9. Please make an announcement to everyone that I am collecting any meat scraps for my dog. _____
10. At the risk of being expelled from the SRA, I will laugh at all board members jokes. _____
11. If you call me, I would be happy to help in any way I can at the dinner. _____
12. If you call me, I would be happy to help before the dinner starts or after the dinner ends. _____
13. I/we cannot make it to the dinner this year, but happily here is my 2011 dues check for \$30. _____
14. I would like to pay my dues next year by the month. Enclosed is a check for \$2.50 for January. _____
15. If there is a chance, I would like to talk to the Treasurer about twice a month dues payments. _____
16. Enclosed is an extra \$100 in order for me/us to sit at the same table as our President. _____
17. Enclosed is an additional \$100 (\$200 total) in order for me/us to sit right next to our President. _____
18. I plan to attend the SRA Christmas Dinner with as much red on as I can find in my closet. _____
19. I will take charge at my table and make sure the water and coffee containers are never empty. _____
20. And lastly, I/we are planning to have a delicious dinner and a good time with all my fellow Anglers. _____

