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Presidents Message:

Happy New Year,

Well I started out the year and my presidency with a real error. In my near complete ignorance of college sports I called for a board meeting on the night of the BCS game. That raised quite a howl- or should I say a quack! We rescheduled.

As the weather has been a bit cold for local fishing I hope that you all have other Winter pursuits to keep you busy. I also hope that you remember to get your 2011 fishing license before you venture to your favorite streamside spot. If you are looking for some inside flyfishing activity try the NW Fly Tye and Fly Fishing Expo on March 11 & 12 at the Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon. More info at <http://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=8f7df20e9f42afb65d69c5904&id=21474afd04&e=9c5301752f>

We have some dates to put on your spanking new calendar for the current year. The first event and volunteer opportunity is the Spring Kokanee Karnival April 25-May 3 (Monday-Friday only) at Shevlin Park in Bend. At this event we serve lunch to a few hundred hungry school kids who have been participating in the classroom portion of the program and are about to get to go fishing, many for the first time. No heavy lifting involved. Lots of smiles, laughter and thank you's.

The next great event is Youth Free Fishing Day on Saturday June 4th. This is our most conspicuous public service event and it requires a lot of work. Most of the hard work is done ahead of time by the committee. On the day of the event many volunteers will be needed to make it happen. Payment comes in the form of seeing the many excited faces of kids catching their first fish, and a hot dog lunch.
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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

Saturday 16 July is the date of our annual Fish Fry at Fort Rock Park. This event is our primary fund raiser and we need all to participate to make it a smooth running success. There are many parts to it so there is a place for every talent (including heavy lifting). Please be sure to set this date aside.

Next is our own Anglers Picnic on the 18th of August at the Fall River Hatchery. For most of us this is a come and be fed social event. If you must miss something miss this. It'll leave more for the rest of us. (But please come.)

Our Fall event is another part of the Kokanee Karnival and is also at the Fall River Hatchery. The dates are September 19-23. At this event our young scholars spend a half day at the Fall River Hatchery where they learn the differences between hatchery and native fish and half a day at Sheep Bridge where they observe Kokanee on their spawning run and learn about the habitat they need to thrive.

Perhaps a word about Kokanee Karnival is in order. Its purpose is to provide students with a hands-on, multifaceted natural resource education while helping them meet Oregon's education standards. Last year in our area year 390 students participated in the Kokanee Karnival (Spring and Fall). 1200 received the fish dissection class. 1500 participated in the eggs to fry program. All as part of the Kokanee Karnival. We help fund it and we support it through volunteering. More info can found at www.kokanee-karnival.org.

Our final event of 2011 is our annual Christmas Dinner at the Great Hall on December 14th. This is a great social and fund raiser as well as a time when we acknowledge our supporters, including our members. I hope to see all of you there.

Chuck

SRA Coming Events:

January 20	January Meeting, Fire Hall, 6:45
February 1	Board Meeting, Lodge, 8 a.m.
February 12 & 13	SRA & COF Winter Seminar, Aspen Hall, 9-4
April 25-May3	Spring Kokanee Karnival (Monday-Friday Only)
June 4	Youth Free Fishing Day
July 16	Fish Fry
August 18	Anglers Picnic
September 19-23	Fall Kokanee Karnival
December 14	SRA Christmas Dinner

SRA January Meeting Presentation: Bull Trout and Kokanee in Lake Billy Chinook

The January meeting of the Sunriver Anglers Club will feature a presentation on the status of two, key species in the effort to reintroduce anadromous fish to the waters above Lake Billy Chinook.

Don Ratliff, a fisheries biologist for PGE at the Pelton Round Butte project on the Deschutes River since 1971, will be the featured speaker at the meeting. Don conducted the first census (redd count) in 1986 and helped determine which habitats were critical to bull trout. His work with bull trout in the Metolius River led to his primary authorship of the paper, "The Status of Bull Trout in Oregon". Following this, bull trout were listed as a "Threatened Species", and most populations in Oregon are still tenuous.

Despite this, the Metolius bull trout are doing very well due to the high quality habitat found in the Metolius basin. In fact, they are doing so well that the kokanee populations in the lake are below desired levels.

Don will also update attendees on the results of the first year of downstream fish passage of salmon and steelhead at Round Butte Dam and the effort to manage water temperatures in the lower Deschutes River to levels which existed prior to the construction of the dam.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 starting at 6:45. The club meets in the Sunriver Fire Hall, and all interested persons are invited to attend. For visitors and newcomers to the area, the meetings of the club also provide an opportunity to meet other anglers in the area and to learn what is going on with our local fisheries. For further information concerning the club's activities, contact club president, Chuck Devine, at 541-593-1539. See, also, www.sunriveranglers.org.

SRA & COF Winter Seminar: Mastering Western Rivers & Lakes

Feb 12 and 13 | Aspen Hall | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | \$65

This year's winter seminar will feature Rick Hafele and Skip Morris. Please note these dates are weekend dates to accommodate more working people.

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 the following topics:

- recognizing critical hatches
- selecting and fishing patterns that match the hatches
- tying a variety of effective nymphs, emergers, and dries

This workshop is perfect for beginner to advanced fly fishers, as everyone will come away with a much deeper understanding about what patterns to use, how to fish them, and how to tie them.

Sunriver Anglers and COF will host this seminar at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park on February 12 and 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost for the two days is \$65 for Central Oregon Flyfishers and Sunriver Angler members. Cost is \$75 for non-members. Lunch, coffee/drinks, and snacks are included in the price. To register, mail your check to: Gary Meyer, P.O. Box 1396, Bend, OR 97709. For more information, contact Gary (541-633-0934 or education@coflyfishers.org).

Register early! Reserve your spot. Space is limited, and we anticipate this seminar will be very popular.

January Board Meeting Highlights:

Christmas Party: President Chuck ask that suggestions for improvement be e-mailed to him. It was suggested that the tables be sold and that all attendees be assigned a table.

Committee Chairs: Committee Chairs were asked to contact Chuck and let him know if they wished to continue. If not, they were asked to name a replacement. A list of all chairs will be sent out soon.

New Publicity Director: A replacement is needed for Ron Angell. If no new volunteer is found, Mal Murphy is willing to assume the duties after April.

Fund Raising: It was the consensus that we not participate in the Sage Brush Classic. Various fund raising activities will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Donation to Deschutes Land Trust: The Club voted to donate \$1500 to the Trust to purchase land along Wychus Creek contingent upon them acquiring sufficient funds to purchase the parcel. Their purchase will be verified.

Donation to ODFW to purchase Blackwater eggs for use in East Lake: It was moved by Doug Vakoc and seconded by Mal Murphy to donate \$300 contingent upon COF donating a like amount. Motion passed unanimously

Outings: We need a new chairperson. It was suggested that we concentrate on several large outings and announce some informal fishing opportunities at meetings. It was also suggested that we develop a buddy program for new members.

Speaker for Feb. 2011 meeting: We will have an experienced Alaskan guide.

Upcoming Events: Kokanee Karnival Spring-April 25-May 3; Free Fishing Day- Sat. 4 June; Fish Fry-Sat. 16 July; Anglers Picnic Thur. 18 Aug.; Kokanee Karnival fall-Sept. 19-23; Christmas Dinner- Wed Dec. 14.
PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDARS.

New Business: Mark Baldwin moved and Ed Tank seconded that we pay our annual dues to the Federation of Flyfishers. Motion carried.

Appreciation for our wonderful dinner was expressed to Mal and Jane and Chuck and Yvonne.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 1, 2011, 8:00 a.m., at the Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

Frederick J. Baker Passing:

Fred baker was an active member of Sunriver Anglers as well as a former member of the Board of Directors. Fred was instrumental in establishing the annual OSU Fisheries scholarship, named after him. **Fred, we will miss you!**

The following is copied from the Medford Mail Tribune.



Frederick J. Baker passed away Sunday, December 26, 2010, at home with his family at his side. He was born May 12, 1931, in New Haven, Conn., but was raised and educated in Medford, Ore.

After his tour of duty in Korea and Japan, he attended Southern Oregon College where he met his wife, Carol Lee Hamilton. They were married on April 26, 1953. Fred served in the U.S. Air Force for three and a half years, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star while serving in Korea. Fred retired following twenty-eight years as an air traffic control specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration. He was an avid fly fisherman and, in years past, enjoyed classic car restoration. He was also instrumental in organizing the Sunriver Anglers scholarship for post-graduate freshwater fisheries students. The scholarship was later named the Fred Baker Scholarship due to his dedication to the cause.

Fred is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Debby (Alan) Svitack, Kathleen (David) Culbertson and Ricci (Steven) O'Brien; and honorary son, Mark (Carol) Richerson; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at Perl Funeral Home, 2100 Siskiyou Blvd., Medford, OR., 97504.

Upper Deschutes River Update from DRC:

The storage reservoirs in the upper Deschutes Basin serve a wide array of agricultural uses. Wickiup Reservoir supports 50,000 acres of farming in Jefferson County. Those farmers have the "junior" water right in the Deschutes Basin which means their water rights are more unreliable, particularly in dry years, than other water rights. As a result, Jefferson County farmers rely more heavily on stored water. In order to ensure that they have the water they need, North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) has aggressively pursued conservation and management activities that provide incentives and also penalties for wasting water. The result is that Jefferson County farms use an average of about 2.5 acre-feet of water per acre on an annual basis. These farms are profitable family businesses that produce on average over \$40 million in farm income each year. Many of these farmers contribute in a significant way to global food production. For example, 80% of the world's carrot seeds are produced in NUID.

Crane Prairie Reservoir, the other large water storage facility in the upper Deschutes Basin, supports another 50,000 acres of farming, predominately in Deschutes County. Deschutes County was brought under agricultural production earlier than Jefferson County and therefore its farmers generally hold "senior" water rights. These water rights allow them to receive their full allocation of water under the law - sometimes as much as 9.5 acre-feet per acre - before other, more junior water rights, receive any water. Demographic changes over the past twenty years have resulted in the fragmentation of much of the productive farm land in Deschutes County, particularly in and around the Highway 97 corridor. While some larger farms continue to operate profitably, according to the most recent census conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average farm in Deschutes County loses money.

Turning to how this relates to flow restoration opportunities in the upper Deschutes River, it is the DRC's objective to see productive agriculture in Jefferson County maintained or improved while finding the right set of financial incentives to engage the support of Deschutes County water right holders, many of whom are not actually engaged in food production, to support this effort and ensure greater winter flow releases in the upper Deschutes River. If irrigation districts can discover new ways to support one another, opportunities for streamflow improvements would be enhanced. Currently, understandable fears of water shortages by commercial farmers drive water managers to reduce winter flows to their bare minimum. If we can successfully improve water reliability for Jefferson County farmers, then new opportunities for more flexible flow management in the winter below Wickiup Reservoir could be possible. Until this happens, however, a new flow management paradigm on the upper Deschutes will not be possible.

The DRC continues to seek cooperative, voluntary solutions to streamflow problems in the basin. We are engaged in discussions with water right holders throughout the basin to find solutions that will meet the needs of irrigators, municipalities and the river. We are convinced that this is the only pragmatic path to finding long lasting solutions for everyone.

We are very grateful for the Sunriver Angler's support of our work. The Anglers unrestricted contributions have provided critical support to our ongoing discussions and strategy development with key basin stakeholders.

Todd Heisler DRC