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## Presidents Message:

What a difference a month can make. It feels like we have gone from January to April!

Fortunately we haven't or we'd have missed some events that I hope are of interest to you. Events like -

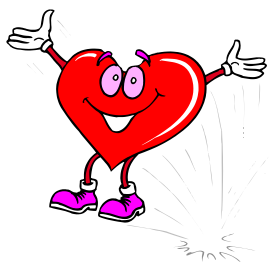
The COF/SRA Winter Seminar at Shevlin Parks Aspen Hall February 12 & 13 from 9:00-4:00 each day. More information on this is below and in our last letter.

Or the Angler Educator Class to be held February 19 at the ODFW building in Bend. After this day of training you can be officially certified as an ODFW Volunteer Angler Educator and can participate in the classroom portions of the Kokanee Karnival. From my own experience I highly recommend it. Contact Jen Luke (541-388-6363) for more info.

Or the Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo that will be held at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany on March 11 from 10:00-5:00 and March 12 from 8:00-5:00.

Or the Team USA fly-fishing qualifying competitions that will be held March 26 & 27 at Haystack Reservoir and the Crooked River. Anglers qualify for the team by participating in a series of competitions held around the country. COF will need help in organizing and hosting this qualifying competition. Competitors will fish the Crooked River one day and then fish from the shore at Haystack the other day. The National Trials will be held in Vail in April so this event will be the only chance some anglers will have to qualify. COF needs our help for these competitions to run smoothly. Twenty-four volunteers will be needed to measure fish as the anglers catch them. The club has helped with this event twice before. The popular Czech, Polish or European-style nymphing are a result of these competitions. If you are interested in participating in this fun event, contact Lee Ann Ross (rossleeann@yahoo.com or 541-312-2568).

Something is happening concerning the Crooked River. Congressman Walden is planning to introduce legislation that would move the portion of the "Wild and Scenic" boundary line from the top of the Bowman Dam down stream about one quarter mile to allow for a small hydro-electric generator; allow the City of Prineville to draw water from the river; and give the irrigation district "first fill" rights. In all of the planning the needs of the river as an ecosystem seem to have given the too little consideration. Stake holders have noticed and have been meeting together and with representatives from our Congressman's and Senator's field offices. SRA has been among the stakeholders and will hopefully have some more news on the progress at upcoming meetings.



I caught a fish at least  
this big yesterday, honest,  
cross my heart.

Tight lines,

Chuck

## 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>

## SRA Board Meeting Highlights:

The minutes of the Jan. 4, 2011, meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is a positive balance as of 1/30/2011. Board members agreed to contact some members whose memberships have lapsed.

**SNCO Running for the Birds Sponsorship:** It was moved by Mal Murphy and seconded by Steve Ashton that we contribute \$250 to this cause. Motion carried unanimously.

**Crooked River Legislation:** Legislation has been introduced that would move the boundary of the wild and scenic river area downstream from the dam. This would allow a small hydropower facility to be constructed. The bill also contains language allocating the City Of Prineville water and a section concerning irrigation. We will continue to monitor the legislation.

**Fund Raising:** There was a discussion of what types of items seem to sell best. Before the Christmas Dinner we need to tell members what types of items we are looking for. The idea of working at some of the large events in Sunriver and donating the earnings to the club was also discussed.

**Upcoming Events:** SRA and COF Winter Seminar, Aspen Hall Feb. 12 & 13, 9-4. We need to talk with COF about cost sharing, advertising, speakers, etc. before next year's event.

March Meeting: 17 March @ 6:45; Kokanee Karnival (Spring) 25 Apr.-3 May;  
Free Fishing Day, June 11; Fish Fry, July 16; Anglers Picnic, Aug. 18; Kokanee Karnival (Fall) Sept. 19-23; Christmas Dinner, Dec. 13.

**New Business:** A New Budget will be developed this month. Doug Vakoc agreed to be our Membership Chairman for this year. He will develop a packet of information that will be sent to new members.

**Next Board Meeting:** 1 Mar. at 8:00 a.m. Sunriver Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

## SRA Coming Events:

February 17	February Meeting (Correct change for raffle tickets is always appreciated)
March 1	Board Meeting
March 26 & 27	Team USA fly-fishing qualifying competitions
June 11	Youth Free Fishing Day (Please note this date is a correction)

(See Board Minutes for Other Important Dates)

## **SRA February Meeting: North to Alaska!**

On Thursday, February 17, the Sunriver Anglers Club meeting will feature a presentation by Jesse Graham, an Alaskan fishing guide.

Jesse went up to Alaska about 6 years ago to attend college but immediately became involved as a fishing guide which he has been doing ever since. He operates out of the Sitka area and specializes in fly out trips to remote rivers to fish for those enormous Alaskan rainbow trout. He also provides opportunities for halibut and salmon fishing in the ocean waters close to Sitka.

This program will be of special interest to anyone who has wondered about the possibility of a fishing trip to Alaska but who has been dismayed by the shockingly high prices of the lodges which cater to trout fishermen. Jesse has access to remote camps and cabins which provide comfortable accommodations at reasonable prices. If you have never had the opportunity to experience Alaska, this program will be a real "eye-opener".

If a fishing trip to Alaska is not yet on your "bucket-list" the presentation by Jesse will make you start thinking about it.

The meeting of the Sunriver Anglers will be held on February 17 at 6:45 pm in the Sunriver Fire Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend. Newcomers and visitors to the area are very welcome, and the meetings and programs provide an opportunity to get acquainted with fellow anglers and fishing opportunities. For further information, contact club president, Chuck Devine at 541 5931539. For additional information concerning the club and its activities, see also, [www.sunriveranglers.org](http://www.sunriveranglers.org).

## **Kokanee Karnival News From COF:**

It is that time of year when we need to recruit 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 25 through April 29 and May 2 and 3. We have 14 classes in the program and two classes attend each day. Morning activities include: Fish Biology/Care of Catch, Knot Tying, Fishing Tackle/Angling Methods and Casting/Water/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 small 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 [waldolft@msn.com](mailto:waldolft@msn.com). We will have sign up sheets for volunteers at both the February and March COF meetings.

## Deschutes Chapter Trout Unlimited General Membership Meeting:

Feb 24th, 6:30 PM  
Bend Senior Center  
1600 SE Reed Mkt Rd

Speaker: Robert Spatehotls, Pelton Round Butte Project Aquatic Habitat Team Leader

Program title: "Habitat quality and production potential for reintroduced steelhead and spring chinook salmon in the Crooked River, Ochoco Creek, and McKay Creek"

## Central Oregon Project Healing Waters:

The local Chapter of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has been hard at work organizing and creating outlines for upcoming events, outings, fly tying lessons and getting well educated in learning what to expect when dealing with veterans in our community.

Recently a group of about 6-8 people were trained by Gary Hunter. Gary is the lead counselor here in Bend for the Veterans Center and oversees their operations and a staff of six people. At this informal training, everyone was given an opportunity to find out what types of issues our Vet's are coming home with, and techniques on how to help them when they get here. With better education on what to expect, how to actively listen and best help, along with a great deal of reassurance from Gary, we are all on the right track to mentor our veterans.

As the program unfolds, we will be reaching out to all the local angling groups for volunteers who would like to help. We have already been receiving a great deal of support from COF, Sunriver Anglers, Orvis, Fly and Field, Deep Canyon Outfitters, and Trout Unlimited.

With mentor training, and the support we are already getting, we are hopeful that our efforts will get these veterans into the outdoors soon, enjoying and reaping the benefits of fly fishing activities.

If you would like to find out how you can help, please contact Brad Emery at [bdemery1@aol.com](mailto:bdemery1@aol.com) or by calling 541-536-5799.