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Presidents Message:

Skiing is still great, but spring is just around the corner. Time to get out and work the kinks out of our casting strokes. The BWOs are coming off the Fall and Crooked, and some little Golden Stones will probably work on the Metolious as well.

The outings schedule for this season is coming together. I hope we will be able to give you all some firmer dates for the May, July, August and September outings at the March meeting. It looks like the Diamond Lake outing is pretty set for June 18-20. Make your plans. That has been a fun trip the last 2 years, and promises to be again this year. The rainbows should be nice and fat by then, and hungry. We plan on getting more detailed information into the newsletter prior to each monthly outing, including, for example, a selection of flies that should work, as well as techniques to prepare for. We are going to be aggressive in "recruiting" participation in outings this year, and are looking forward to a fun summer.

Speaking of participation, we are tweaking that program a little this year. Those who qualify by participating in the qualifying number of events will still receive a gift certificate to one of our local shops, and those meeting a minimum requirement of 10 events will qualify for a drawing for a club sponsored trip with one of our local guides. We still encourage each member to report his or her activity (outing, Kokanee Karnival, Free Fishing Day, e.g.) to Gary Gehlert, but each activity's leaders will also be responsible for compiling the list of participants and reporting the names to Gary. Additionally, certain activities should receive a weighted participation credit. For example, organizing the Free Fishing Day or the Fish Fry, should receive more credit than simply working a shift that day. Each major event's leader will determine how to weight participation, and to whom weighted credits should be given. By major events we refer to Kokanee Karnival (both in the spring at Shevlin Park and the fall at the Hatchery), Free Fishing Day, Fish Fry, Christmas Dinner, and any other activity the Board feels requires more organizing effort than the usual one-day event. We will also probably be developing a standard reporting form to hand out at club sponsored activities.

We have begun to look at various ways we can enhance the club web site to make it more helpful to the membership. If you have any ideas on how to improve, or add content, to the web site let me know. There are no bad ideas! (Editors Note: That goes for the newsletter too. Thanks.)



Have patience. I will be with you shortly.

Who We Are:

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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

The upcoming monthly meeting will be interesting, fun, and informative, so plan on attending. March 15 will feature Chris Pale discussing "Fictional Theories and Factual Techniques, the Fundamentals of Advanced Fly Fishing". Should be fascinating. April 19 brings Brandon Bischoff to talk about steelhead and smallmouth bass on the John Day. Brandon is the son of Angler Bruce Bischoff and his wife Jodie. On May 17 Fred Foisset will present a two part program on Trinity River steelheading and a new opportunity for a "classical" fishing trip on local waters. I'll let Fred tell you about it and fill in the details.

We'll also be asking for a vote at the March meeting. As we again experienced a successful Christmas dinner, including dedicated pledges to the Deschutes River Conservancy and the Fred Baker Scholarship Fund, the Board has approved a donation for 2012 to the Deschutes River Conservancy of \$7600, the same amount as last year. Under the by-laws any expenditure over \$3000 must be approved by the membership, so I will be asking for such approval at the meeting.

Mal

SRA Coming Events:

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| March 15 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM Sunriver Fire hall. Speaker - Chris Pale - Fictional Theories and Factual Techniques, Fundamentals off Advanced Fly Fishing. |
| April 23-May 1 | Kokanee Karnival Shevlin Park. |
| April 5 | Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge. |
| April 19 | Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM Sunriver Fire hall. Speaker - Brandon Bischoff on the John Day River. |
| May 3 | Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge. |
| May 17 | Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM Sunriver Fire Hall. Speakers, Fred Foisset on Trinity River steelhead and a "classical" fishing opportunity on the Upper Deschutes. |
| May (TBD) | Tentative outing to the Metolius, Chuck Devine and Steve Ashton, leaders. |
| June 7 | Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge. |
| June 9 | Free Fishing Day, Caldera Springs. |
| June 21 | Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC - <u>Note change in location!</u> |
| June 18-20 | Diamond Lake Outing, Gary Gehlert, Dave Schmerber and Alan Stout, leaders. |
| July 5 | Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge. |
| July (TBD) | Davis Lake or Lava Lake Outing, Dave Long and Mark Baldwin, leaders. |
| July 21 | Fish Fry, Fort Rock Park. |
| August 2 | Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge. |
| August 16 | Anglers Picnic, Fall River Hatchery. |

SRA March Board Meeting Highlights:

The Minutes of the Feb. 7, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jack McDonnell stated that Feb. was a slow month.

2012 Budget Adoption: Phil Fischer moved and Mark Baldwin seconded a motion to adopt the modified budget for 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

DRC/Baker Scholarship Allocation and Payment: Dave Long moved and Chuck Devine seconded a motion to recommend to the general membership that we allocate \$7600 to DRC in 2012. Motion carried. If approved by the general membership, the money will be disbursed this month. Scholarship needs will be reviewed next month.

Free Fishing Day June 9, 2012: Gary Gehlert and Dave Long met with Caldera/Lodge staff for a preliminary planning session. For the event we need cooks and food handlers with permits and a photographer to take pictures of kids with their fish.

Honorary Memberships for Lee Haroun and David Dietz: Dave Schmerber moved and Mark Baldwin seconded a motion to make them honorary members. Motion approved unanimously.

Request for a Donation from the Sunriver Nature Center: A \$250 donation was approved. It will be accompanied by a letter requesting that it be used for aquatic projects.

Outings: When the dates are determined for the outings, they will be published in the Newsletter.

Participation Program: The re-establishment of the outing program should make it easier for members to earn participation points. This year spouses/significant others points will be combined. Each family unit that earns 10 points is entitled to a \$25 gift certificate from a local merchant. There is a limit of one certificate per year per family. The leaders of the five major projects will be able to add points based on time spent. Leaders are responsible for notifying Gary Gehlert of the participants in their activities. Individuals doing fish dissection, angler education, etc. are responsible for doing their own notification.

Web Site Enhancement: The goal is to make the site more inviting and exciting. Alan Stout agreed to do a fly of the month for April.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday April 5, 2012 Sunriver Lodge, 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

March Meeting Presentation: Chris Palle

If you have read the March Scene you already know we are in for a treat at our March 15 meeting, 7 p.m. at the Sunriver Fire Station. Local resident Chris Palle will share some insights from his 20 plus years of guiding in Alaska, British Columbia, Montana, Colorado, South Dakota, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Costa Rica, and Panama. His resume states, "I have chased fish over a quarter million miles at sea and have guided over 3000 days" .

Chris won't be there to brag about his exploits but to share with us some of his insights that he has gleaned through his guiding days. His goal is to help take us to the next level in our pursuit and why some "blessed" anglers seem to catch all the fish. What he will attempt to leave us with is his concept of advanced fly fishing techniques

Some of his topics he has outlined include equipment and outfitting the modern angler, efficient casting: the reach cast and the reach mend, importance of the double haul, the hook set, stripping and reeling, steering fish, and an interesting philosophical topic of pure fly fishing vs. dirty fly fishing.

Last but not least is the concept of talking and sharing , cross referencing, trying other things and keeping an open mind. These topics will be covered as Chris shares stories from guiding to illustrate his points.

Chris is an Orvis endorsed guide and has competed in the "Best in the West" fly casting competition. In addition he operated the Sunnahae Lodge which is located on Prince of Wales Island in South East Alaska for 7 years and was an owner for 4 years. Take a look at it on the web.

As a side note, in 2010 during the BP oil spill he operated his 100' research yacht on a contract basis providing food and lodging for workers doing marsh clean-up in remote areas. Just this experience would be a program all by itself.

Press Release From Visit Bend:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 9, 2012

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Bend, Oregon to host 2012 Fly Fishing National Championships Oct. 18-20

(BEND, Ore.)—It's no secret Bend, Oregon has become a fly fishing mecca, with publications ranging from *Fly Fisherman* to *Field & Stream* to *Outdoor Life* declaring its pristine waters some of the best in the nation for the sport. Now, Bend has been tapped to host the 2012 Fly Fishing National Championships October 18-20.

The event is expected to draw approximately 100 anglers to the area, as well as 100 family members, fans, and event organizers. Participants will fish a combination of lakes and rivers on a catch-and-release basis.

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"This is an excellent opportunity to expose fly fishing experts from around the nation to see the amazing diversity of fishing in Central Oregon," explained Doug La Placa, President & CEO for Visit Bend. "We had the pleasure of hosting a regional competition for the last two years, and it's exciting to be recognized as a destination worthy of hosting a national championship."

The event will have three days of fishing in five different areas. Scoring is done by size and number of fish caught, with points awarded according to regulatory guidelines. Though anglers must qualify at a regional championship to participate, there are ample spectator and volunteer opportunities for fishing enthusiasts who wish to be involved.

"All of the waterways will remain open to the public during competition, and we're hopeful the dates we've selected will minimize impact on other anglers," La Placa added. "From a tourism standpoint, this is an excellent way for us to share Bend's amazing fly fishing opportunities with sportsmen and sportswomen from around the nation."

In recent years, Bend has been named #1 Town for Sportsmen (*Outdoor Life*), America's Top Adventure Town (*Men's Journal*), Top 10 Fly Fishing Towns in the U.S. (*Fly Fisherman*), one of the Best Fishing Towns in America (*Field & Stream*), best trail running town (*Outside*) one of the country's Top Five Ski Towns (*Travel + Leisure*), and the #1 mountain biking town in the United States (*Mountain Bike Action*).

About Visit Bend:

Visit Bend is a non-membership, non-profit economic development organization dedicated to promoting tourism on behalf of the City of Bend. We're a leading provider of information on Bend, Oregon hotels, restaurants, activities, and Oregon vacation planning. To learn more or to order a complimentary Official Visitor Guide to Bend, contact Visit Bend at 1-800-949-6086 or visit www.visitbend.com.

Do You Attend the SRA Monthly Meetings?:



If you do, here are a couple of reminders. Please wear your ID badge so new (and old CRsers) can identify you. Also, if you are wearing your ID badge you get an extra raffle ticket if you are participating in the raffle. Correct change is always appreciated when buying raffle tickets. A \$20 bill or higher will get you an unpleasant stare—unless, of course, you are buying at least \$10 worth of tickets. Please look at the tickets in the above picture. See how nice they are? They are not folded up at the corners, folded in half or crumpled up. It is being proposed that all altered tickets be thrown out to make it fairer for all participants to win the raffle. This rule is not official yet, but there is a strong lobby called "CHEAT" (Coalition Helping Everyone Against Tricksters) who is gaining strength. Play it safe—don't alter the tickets you submit.