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Presidents Message:

Spring is coming. Trust me, it will be here eventually. Time to clean those lines, check your waders for leaks, clean out the old banana peels from the pockets of the pontoon boat or float tube, tune up the boat motor, and replenish your fly boxes. Some of us will be heading for Monroe Reservoir later this month for some big fish, and even bigger stories.

The outings schedule for this year has come together nicely, starting with the Metolious in early June. The entire schedule can be found later in this newsletter. Alan Stout deserves a whole lot of praise for all the work he has done, and continues to do, in coordinating the outings this year. It is a big effort, so thank Alan when you get a chance. Thanks also to Steve Ashton and Chuck Devine for putting together the Metolious trip. Plan on making as many of these outings as you possibly can this year. They are going to be a lot of fun, with some great mentoring, lots of fish, and unmatched camaraderie.

Kokanee Karnival at Shevlin Park is coming up the week of April 23. Jack McDonnell reports that it is coming together very well, but he can always use more volunteers. As you know The Anglers prepares and serves a gourmet hot dog meal to the kids each day. It is not much work, and the smiles from the kids are absolutely worth the drive into Bend. Let Jack know what day or days that week you are available to help, at 541 593-7680 or jackmcd@chamberscable.com. Signup sheets will also be available at the April 19 membership meeting.

Free Fishing Day is also coming up on Saturday, June 9th, at Caldera Springs. Gary Gehlert is again leading the way for us. He will be asking for volunteers/making assignments at this month's meeting as well.

The April 19th meeting will again be at the Sunriver Fire Hall, at 7:00 PM. We will be moving to the SHARC starting in June. The program that Brandon Bischof will be presenting on steelhead and smallmouth bath fishing on the same river promises to be both entertaining and educational. I'll see you all there. No excuses.

The Club is again supporting two extremely deserving organization this year. At the April 5 meeting the Board voted to donate \$1000 to Central Oregon Healing Waters. Their Mission Statement explains the reason for our support better than I ever could:

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

"It is our interest and desire to provide meaningful fly fishing opportunities to interested Central Oregon veterans in cooperation with local veteran service providers. Fly fishing and related experiences is a vehicle through which we are able to give back in a small way to those deserving veterans who have made great sacrifices in the service of our Nation."

The donation we make is our (your) way of saying "thanks" to those who so richly deserve it. We are also again supporting the Upper Deschutes River Coalition; this year by contributing \$500 in the form of a sponsorship denoted "Rainbow Trout" to the UDRC Todd Lake Camp Site Restoration Project.

Remember, the fish won't come to you!

Mal

SRA Schedule of Upcoming Events:

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 Bischof 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.
June 4, 5 & 6	Metolius outing, 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 9	Big 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
August 28	East Lake Outing, Mal Murphy, Pete Gustavson and Curtis Sexton, leaders.
December 12	Christmas Banquet, Great Hall

A Check Presentation in March:



At the March meeting of the Sunriver Anglers, President Mal Murphy presented a check for \$7600 to Kate Fitzpatrick, Deschutes River Conservancy, Program Manager.

April Meeting Information: Brandon Bischof



Ever heard of a river that supports Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, and smallmouth bass all in healthy numbers? The John Day River meets the challenge and Brandon Bischof will share his knowledge of this unusual fishery at the April 19 Sunriver Anglers meeting, 7 pm at the Sunriver Fire station.

The John Day spans 280 miles from its beginnings high on the west slopes of the famed Blue Mountains, the Strawberry Mountains, the Elkhorns and land to the southeast of the town of John Day. The river supports the largest population of Wild Chinook Salmon and Steelhead in the Columbia Basin where steelhead numbers approach 15,000. Brandon's discussion will focus on October thru December as he drifts the area below Cottonwood for these wild anadromous fish. Anglers then wade and swing flies in the traditional manner. Brandon will share his knowledge of methods and areas that hold fish.

The middle stretch of the river below Service Creek holds large numbers of Smallmouth bass with some reaching the 20 inch mark! Brandon concentrates his efforts during mid-June and July, obviously dependent on the snowpack and water levels. Anglers will learn of unending action with flyrods using surface poppers and other flies. Forty fish days are not uncommon and the scenery is fantastic in the canyon section which also supports a sizable herd of Bighorn Sheep.

Brandon is the owner of Bischof's Flyfishing Guide Service headquartered out of Hood River and has been guiding on the John Day for the last four seasons for both Steelhead and Smallmouth. Prior to that Brandon began his career on the lower Deschutes in 1998. Many of you will recognize Brandon as the son of Bruce and Jodi Bischof and at the age of five was following his father on the upper Deschutes which was a phenomenal river in the 1980's. Brandon attended the Sunriver Preparatory School and became a successful guide on the Upper Deschutes while still in High School.

In 1998 he open his guiding business in Maupin, Oregon and has been guiding on the lower Deschutes, the Sandy River, and the John Day. Brandon lives in Hood River, Oregon with his wife Mary and their four year old son Ryder. For additional information you can reach Brandon at 541-977-2796

The Sunriver Anglers Club invites members and guests (both fly fishermen and flyfisher ladies are welcome) to its monthly meetings.

For information and the current club newsletter, visit www.sunriveranglers.com

Direct questions about the club to president Mal Murphy at 541-593-264.

New Outings Program for 2012

This year we are going to try to make the outings more user-friendly, especially for new anglers or those anglers who may be reticent to participate. When we meet at the outing site, we will have an orientation meeting. At the meeting we will assist with your equipment to make sure you are set up properly. We will discuss the body of water and where to fish, as well as how to present the fly. Ahead of the outing, we will suggest flies to use and where they can be purchased. If you do not have fly rods and reels, we will have a few available to loan out for the day, so don't let that stop you. (We will need to know ahead of time if you need equipment.) We do not have waders available. If the outing is at a lake and you do not have a watercraft, then we will also need to know that ahead of time. Boats can be rented at Diamond Lake, Big Lava and East Lake. I am requesting that some of our more experienced anglers volunteer to help out the newer anglers.

We are not fishing guides so please do not expect that level of assistance.

We hope to see you fishing this year and experiencing this great sport.

Sunriver Anglers 2012 Outing Schedule

<u>Outings</u>	<u>Outing Dates</u>	<u>Group Leaders</u>
Metolius River	June 4, 5, 6	Steve Ashton & Chuck Devine
Diamond Lake *	June 18, 19, 20	Alan Stout, Rod Juranek, Dave Schmerber & Gary Gehlert
Big Lava Lake	July 9	Mark Baldwin & Dave Long
East Lake	August 28	Mal Murphy, Pete Gustavson & Curt Sexton
Hosmer Lake	September 24	Phil Fischer, Jack McDonnell & Alan Stout

* Diamond Lake Potluck Dinner Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Alan Stout

Are You Going on the Metolius River Outing?



If you are, be sure and look at the "Hatch Chart" attachment on the email that brought you this newsletter. It will add inches to the length and girth of the fish you will catch. See what this angler caught by "matching the hatch". Just think how happy your wife will be if you can walk into the kitchen displaying your catch like this angler.

Metolius River is the Club's First Outing for 2012

The Club's first official outing for 2012 will be on June 4, 5 and 6 on the Metolius River. Steve Ashton and Chuck Devine will lead this outing. Camping for this outing will be at the Smiling River Campground for the above three nights. Details will be provided on how to book your campsite. Most of us already know that the Metolius is one of the most beautiful rivers in Oregon. Fishing can be challenging but hopefully there will be hatches of green drakes, pale morning duns, caddis and perhaps some golden stones to entice the fish. We will have suggestions for flies to bring along. See hatch chart information below for the Metolius. The Metolius is fly fishing only with barbless hooks above Bridge 99. Below Bridge 99 it is restricted to artificial flies and lures.

Several hiking opportunities are available, including beautiful trails along the river. Black Butte Ranch, Kokanee Café and Suttle Lake Resort restaurants are nearby if you want to splurge on dinner. There is also a mountain bike trail around Suttle Lake.

Please contact Steve Ashton at steve@leanpower.com or 541.593.7656 or Chuck Devine at cedevine@chamberscable.com or 541.593.1539 to advise them of your participation or to ask them questions about camping, fishing, flies, etc.

Fly of the Month: Clark's Golden Stone

(Concept taken from *Fly Tying with Poly Yarn* published by Frank Amato Publications. Pattern originators Lee Clark and Joe Warren. This fly tied, with text and photographs, by Alan Stout

This is a fly to consider using at our Metolius River outing in early June. Steve Ashton, who will be one of the outing leaders, highly recommends this fly. The prime time for Golden Stones is in July but Steve has had good success with this fly at other times.



Hook: Tiemco #2312 or 5212, size 10, 2 x long or use sizes 12 or 8 or Mustad #9672.

Thread: Orange color

Tail: 5 to 7 stiff moose hairs

Abdomen: The original pattern calls for just gold tinsel. I tied on rust colored poly dubbing or superfine and then wrapped gold tinsel over the top as ribbing.

Underwing: A blend of rust, orange and gold antron or sparkle polypropylene or SLF or other synthetic dubbing or seal fur. Comb it out or use your fingers to tease it out so it has a translucent thickness. The end of the underwing should be slightly behind the bend of the hook.

Overwing: Deer hair for a darker wing or bleached coastal deer hair for a blonde wing. Overwing should extend just past and over the underwing.

Optional: I tied some flies adding 3 or 4 strands of rootbeer krystal flash between the underwing and the overwing to give the fly some flash.

Hackle: Use brown saddle hackle or rooster neck hackle to tie in front of the eye.

Fish the fly in the seams. Cast it upstream or quarter the cast upstream and try to maintain a drag-free drift. A fly similar to this may be sold at the Camp Sherman store.

Next month, we will have a Green Drake pattern.

SRA April Board Minutes Highlights:

Last month's minutes were reviewed. Dave Long moved to approve and Chuck Devine second. Passed unanimously.

Healing Waters: Brad Emery talked to us about the good work they are doing to help returning veterans adjust to a life back in Oregon after stressful tours of duty. Activities they are involved with include fly tying, rod making, and going on outings. To help in their efforts Pete Gustavson moved and Steve Ashton second to donate \$1000.00 dollars. Passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: Jack McDonald reported that not much happened this month and that we will be sending \$3000.00 to the Kokanee Karnival soon.

Upper Deschutes River Conservancy: UDRC plans to make improvements to the campground at Todd Lake and to stock Rain bow trout. To help in their efforts, Alan Stout moved and Pete Gustavson second too donate \$500.00. Passed.

Fish Fry and Auction July 21: Many people needed to make it a success. Group leaders so far:

Solicitations: Mal Murphy

Setup : Chuck Devine

Take down : Phil Fischer

Grill: Dave Long

ODFW Tui Chub Removal: Alan Stout reported on a meeting he attended in Bend on the proposed project to remove by net Chub from East, Paulina and Big Lava Lakes. A decision will be made on funding the project which SRA has committed \$2000.00, at another Meeting April 20 in Ontario Oregon.

Outings: Members will be called and reminded of the outings at least once during the year and encouraged to attend. See schedule of events for a list of up coming trips.

Nature Center Donation: The use for the \$250.00 dollars donated to the Nature Center last month was revised to go toward " running for the birds". An education program.

Motion Made: to sponsor seminar on still water fishing: Passed.

Discussed: moving our monthly general meetings to the SHARC center. Club will be able to use the facility at no charge.

Next meeting May 3, 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Schmerber