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## Presidents Message:

The first outing at the Metolious was a great success. Steve Ashton and Chuck Devine had it well organized, and Alan Stout did a great job as well. There were 14 anglers for dinner on Tuesday night, and several day trippers as well, including yours truly. All in all around 18 people took part in the outing. So the outings season is off to a rousing success.

The next outing is at Diamond Lake, on June 18-20. The potluck will again be on Tuesday night, June 19. If you plan on going and have not yet signed up, please let Alan Stout know as soon as possible. Alan has purchased three rod, reel and line combos for members use, so not having the best gear in the world is no longer an excuse not to take part in the outings. Alan will keep the gear for this year, and we'll provide it for you on a check out and return basis.

Free Fishing Day is scheduled for the day after I write this, but I'm sure it will be another great event, in spite of the weather forecast. Thanks to Gary Gehlert for all his work organizing and coordinating it for us, and thanks in advance to the 60 some volunteers who showed up to make it another success.

Fred Foisset will be conducting a free advanced fly casting clinic for club members on Friday, June 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Three Rivers School. Attendance is limited to 7 people. To sign up email Pete Gustavson at [peter@prgustavson.com](mailto:peter@prgustavson.com).

Take a look at the accompanying article on the Crooked River legislation. If you agree that any legislation should not include a "first fill" right for irrigation, and that we need allocated space in the reservoir for down stream flows for fish, than I encourage you to contact Sens. Wyden and Merkley to express your views. I will be doing so.

The annual Fish Fry is coming up on Saturday, July 21, at Fort Rock Park. Ticket packages have gone out to all members. Lots of workers are needed for that one, as you all well know, especially for set up and take down. I'll be asking for volunteers again at the June 21 meeting. For those of you who are soliciting donations this year please get them in to me as soon as you can. And thanks for your efforts!

Speaking of the June meeting, club and board member Phil Fisher will present a very interesting program on his recent trip to Christmas Island, one of the world's top bonefish and trevally destinations. Phil will share tips, techniques, logistics, and some spectacular photographs. Don't miss it. The meeting will be at the usual time of 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 21 but will be at the SHARC, so don't show up at the fire hall.

Remember, the fish won't come to you!

Mal



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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>

## SRA June Board Meeting Highlights:

Present: Mal Murphy, Jack McDonnell, Alan Stout, Dave Schmerber, Gary Gehlert, Steve Ashton, Chuck Devine, Mark Baldwin

Special Guest: Cora Gangware

Absent: Dave Long, Phil Fischer, Pete Gustavson, Curtis Sexton

The Minutes of the May 3, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was given and approved. Our 2012 fund raising starts with the Fish Fry.

SROA Candidates' Attendance at the Fish Fry: The candidates are free to come and circulate. We will ask them to not bring their own tables. We will not formally introduce those choosing to show up.

Casting Clinic: Fred Foissett will hold an advanced fly-casting class June 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the field behind Three Rivers School. The class is limited to 7 people. Contact Pete Gustavson if you are interested.

Crooked River Legislation update: The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill moving the wild and scenic river boundary from the center of Bowman Dam  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles downstream. The bill also changes how water stored behind the dam would be allocated. Sunriver Anglers, other angling organizations, and most major environmental and conservation organizations are opposed to the bill. Our opposition is based on the new allocation priorities.

Free Fishing Day: A big thank you to all of you that have volunteered to help. Everything is ready to go. Now we just have to hope the weather cooperates.

Outings: Members just returned from a very successful trip to the Metolius. This year our emphasis is on promoting membership growth and teaching new and old members how to fish certain bodies of water. The club has recently purchased three new rods, reels, spools, etc. to be used by people just learning. Our next Outing will be to Diamond Lake June 18, 19, 20. Please call Alan Stout if you plan to attend.

Fish Fry Status: Volunteers are still needed for the tear down crew. Remember this is one of our two major fund raising activities of the year.

Report on ODFW Tui Chub Grant Application: We have committed \$2000 to this project. The money will help pay OSU Cascades students to assist ODFW personnel. This year fish will be trapped in East, Paulina, and Big Lava Lakes.

Blanket E-mail: Pete Reed is willing to send out complete statements pertaining to Anglers business. He will only do minor editing. Please make sure your correspondence is "camera ready" before it is sent to Pete.

Fund Raising: Cora Gangware presented many helpful ideas pertaining to club fund raising. First, the club needs to figure out how much does it want to raise each year. Then we need to develop a plan that addresses that amount. Once we have a tentative plan in place, we will ask Cora for her ideas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

## Free Fish Day, June 9th:

Plans are well underway for the June 9, Free Fishing Day at Obsidian Lake in beautiful Caldera Springs. The event will begin at 9 a. m. and runs until 1 p.m. Participants should sign in at the registration area not later than 10:30 a.m. to make sure they have enough time to complete all the activities and get in some fishing time as well. Signs and volunteers will be at the entrance to Caldera Springs to direct participants to the registration area.

Fall River Hatchery has once again been busy raising some sizeable rainbow trout that have been reared just for this event. In addition there are many large carry-over trout from last year some of which will easily reach 20 inches in length.

Youngsters will get to practice their casting skills, both bait casting and fly casting, learn about aquatic critters, visit with "Larry" the talking fish, along with a variety of activities as they progress on their way to the fishing area. Co-chairman Gary Gehlert usually encourages participants to practice catch and release but for Free Fishing Day kids may keep up to two fish if they wish. Kids, 14 years and under may bring their own fishing rods and reels or use the Anglers Club fishing gear. Bait will also be provided. Parents, Grandparents, and interested adults are asked to supervise the young anglers at all times. Angler Club volunteers will also be on hand to help out.

All events are free including a great BBQ lunch which is being provided by Sunriver Resort that begins at 11a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. Lunch will be served in the beautiful Lake-side Pavilion.

This event is made possible through a joint effort of the Sunriver Anglers, Caldera Springs, US Forest Service, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Sunriver Resort. This activity is once again a part of the Oregon Free Fishing Weekend, June 9-10 which encourages all ages to discover the joy of fishing. Questions may be directed to Sunriver Angler President, Mal Murphy at 541-593-2641.

The Sunriver Anglers have once again teamed up with the Sunriver Resort, Caldera Springs, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the US Forest Service to put on the event.

## Fishing Boat For Sale:

### **Fishing Boat - \$3800 obo**

1996 14' Lowe aluminum fishing boat w/trailer. Console driven, 25hp Johnson motor. Two live wells, rod holders, cup holders, extra storage, fish finder, trolling motor, bimini top and boat cover. Flat open front deck with seat, or remove for extra room to fish. Spare tire. Everything in great shape. Boat registration good through 2013.

Call Susan for evening/weekend viewing, 541-390-1180 (cell, leave message).

## SRA Upcoming Events:

June 9	Free Fishing Day, Caldera Springs
June 21	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC - <u>Note change in location!</u> Phil Fisher will provide the program.
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.
September 6	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge
September 20	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC
October 4	Board Meeting, 8:00AM, Lodge
October 18	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC
November 1	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge
November 15	Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, SHARC
December 6	Board Meeting, 8:00 AM Lodge
December 12	Christmas Banquet, Great Hall

## House Passes Crooked River Bill:

The US House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill to move the wild & scenic river boundary on the Crooked River from the center line of the top of the Bowman Dam to  $\frac{1}{4}$  downstream, and authorize the release of approximately 5,100 acre feet of water from the Prineville Reservoir into the river. Introduced last year by Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, the bill is known as the Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The Sunriver Anglers is opposed to the bill in the form in which it passed the House, as are all other fishing clubs in Central Oregon and most major environmental and conservation organizations. The opposition is based on what we see as two fundamental flaws in the bill; granting a "first fill" right to area irrigators, so that in drought years all irrigation water would be provided from the reservoir before any other use, including downstream flows, and the failure to clearly allocate space in the reservoir for downstream flows for fish and wildlife. We are hopeful that these defects will be remedied in the Senate, where both Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have indicated that they want agreement from all of the various stakeholders, including fishing groups and the ODFW.

If you are interested in improving this bill and preserving the wonderful fishery in the Crooked River now is the time to contact your Senators. The addresses are:

Senator Ron Wyden  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Senator Jeff Merkley  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

You can also contact them via email at [www.wyden.senate.gov](http://www.wyden.senate.gov), and [www.merkley.senate.gov](http://www.merkley.senate.gov) and clicking on "Contact".

## SRA June Meeting Information: Phil Fischer



How are you doing with your fly fishing bucket list? Sunriver's own Phil Fischer will speak this month about fly fishing Christmas Island. Christmas Island is truly a world class Bonefish and Trevally fly fishing destination that should be on everyone's bucket list. Located about a 3-hour flight south of Honolulu, it features endless bonefish flats, monster Trevally, excellent guides, and friendly people.

While the talk will focus on fishing the island, Phil will share his experience and share tips, techniques, logistics and more. Phil's presentation will feature spectacular photography of the fishing, the fish, wildlife and many other things that make Christmas Island a top fishing destination.

tography of the fishing, the fish, wildlife and many other things that make Christmas Island a top fishing destination.

The June 21 meeting takes place in the new SHARC meeting facility and begins at 7 pm with local fish talk at 6:45. Come experience this truly new great meeting facility.

Recently retiring to Sunriver, Phil counts his home waters as those throughout Central Oregon and Northern California. Phil has over 40 years of experience tying Flies, teaching fly tying and fishing around the world. He owns Phil's Custom Flies ([www.philscustomflies.com](http://www.philscustomflies.com)) and ties for customers in the United States. He is also a Whiting Pro Team member, and regularly demonstrates fly tying and has published articles in the California Fly Fisher magazine.

The Sunriver Anglers club invites members and guests (both fly fishermen and fly fisher ladies are welcome) to its monthly meetings. For information and the current club newsletter, visit [www.sunriveranglers.com](http://www.sunriveranglers.com). Direct questions about the club to President Mal Murphy, at 541-593-2641.



**Don't forget Free Fish Day Tomorrow—  
Saturday the 9th at 9 a.m.**

## Diamond Lake Outing:



It's time to get the tent or trailer out of storage and head to Diamond Lake. We expect a good turnout of the Club members for this popular annual outing. The outing is on June 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Most Club members will be camping at the Broken Arrow Campground on the south end of the lake. This is a large campground so even if you do not have a reservation, campsites should be available. If you want hook-ups for your RV, you can contact the Diamond Lake RV Park (541.788.7692). I know some members plan to stay at the Diamond Lake Resort.

The potluck dinner will be on Tuesday night at the I-loop area of Broken Arrow Campground. We need to get an accurate headcount so please contact us on or before Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at noon if you will be attending the dinner. We will send out an email with suggested categories of potluck dishes to bring. The Club will provide steaks and desserts. A small payment is requested to help defray these costs. If you cannot come to the outing, please try to come to the dinner.

Two weeks ago I fished Diamond Lake with three other Club members. We all caught a good number of healthy, fat fish. Most fish were caught on chironomids. A suggested list of flies to bring will be provided in a separate email.

If you have not already done so, please contact me, Alan Stout, at 541.593.1571 (work) or 541.598.7615 (home) or [alanstout1@msn.com](mailto:alanstout1@msn.com); or Rod Juranek at [rjuranek@q.com](mailto:rjuranek@q.com) if you plan on attending either the outing or the dinner or both.

## Let's go fishing!