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## Presidents Message:

Happy New Year! As I look out on the Deschutes river this afternoon, I see large slabs of ice flowing by. Three below last night and as low as minus 15 west of Lapine. It's definitely winter in Sunriver! Fishing is for the very hardy only right now but it's a great time to prepare for inevitable Spring that will fallow. Also if, like me, you enjoy the slopes, the snow on Mt. Bachelor couldn't be much better. I think they should be happy about the number of people they had over the holidays, and now that the crowds are gone, I plan on heading up much more.

As we look back on 2012, it really was a goofy year. The election, the continuing antics in Washington all seem like some very bad Kabuki theater, but for myself, I can still find many things to be thankful for. Not the least of which are the friends Sheila and I have made here in Sunriver over the last few years and many of them from being a member of the Anglers Club.

Fly fishing was a complete mystery to me as recent as a couple years ago, but with the help of club members and two fine fly shops we are lucky to have here I've learned enough to go out and just maybe catch something! If you are new to the sport or new to the area, or maybe haven't fished for a while, I strongly encourage you to come to meetings and outings and get to know some of the members who have vast experience fishing the area. I have found them all very willing to help a beginner.

What a wonderful time we had at the Christmas banquet this year. I thought the Resort did a great job with the food and service. Can there be a more beautiful venue in the whole world then the Great Hall? For me, it is really the start of the Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who helped make it another big success and a special thanks to Doug and Jane Vakoc for making the auction run smoothly. We raised money that we plan to put to good use this year.

Fishing outings were a great success this past year as measured by fishermen and women participating. Even when the wind was howling and the fish not cooperating, we had great turnouts and a great time! Alan Stout has again agreed to coordinate fishing outings this year (thanks Alan) so stay tuned for dates and locations.

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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

I want to welcome our new board members, Jim Adams, Dan Arnold, Vern Fugate and Chris Palle, and thank them for pitching in. After one meeting, I can see their contribution will be considerable. Along with the rest of your board, including many long time veterans, I feel confident we can continue to do the things this year that this club has excelled at for many years.

Coming up at our regular meeting on January 17 at 7:00 PM we are pleased to have Jennifer Luke, STEP Biologist ODFW. She will be joined by Kristen Harris and Dan Hammer, OSU Cascades interns, who will update us on the continuing Tui chub removal program funded in part by the Sunriver Anglers. This project includes East, Paulina, and Lava lakes. Are we making any head way or is it a losing battle? Come and find out! Also we will hear about the first "Blackwater Rainbows" being introduced into East lake. Come and hear why and learn about any new regulations that may apply to this popular fishery.

ODFW is also initiating an upper and middle Deschutes river fish monitoring project. Brett Hodgson will explain how and what they hope to learn from this important study. Remember our meetings are now at the SHARC in Sunriver, just off circle 2.

Finally, many thanks to Mal Murphy for his hard work and leadership as president this past year. He leaves big shoes that I can only hope to fill. Thanks to his wife, Jane Boubel, for her tireless work on the fish fry and other projects. Year after year these are two folks doing their part and more!

Remember: this is YOUR club. I invite you to let us know what you think! Get involved! Join in the fun! Go fish!

Dave

## From the SRA Mailbag:

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Kokanee Karnival and the ODFW Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program want to thank all our partners and volunteers for their help in making our 2011-2012 program a success. Want to know what our volunteers did, well they taught angler education classes, taught fish biology, instructed at the Fall River Hatchery, Spring Creek and Browns Creek, instructed at the spring angling clinic, delivered trout eggs to classrooms, trained new volunteers, donated funds, wrote grant applications, and attended organization meetings and put in a lot of time and effort. But most importantly they made a difference in a child's life.

Here are the Kokanee Karnival accomplishments for 2011 - 2012:

- 25 classes (750 students) participated in Angler Education

- 49 classes (1,470 students) participated in Fish Eggs to Fry

- 36 classes (1,080 students) participated in Fish Dissection/Fish Biology Basics

- 13 classes (390 students) participated in the Comprehensive Program that includes the Fall and Spring field trips

The volunteers donated at least 1,800 hours of their time to the program

Again, thanks for all your help and we look forward to working with you in 2013

## SRA January Board Meeting Highlights:

Present: Dave Schmerber, Mal Murphy, Gary Gehlert, Jack McDonnell, Alan Stout, Dave Long, Phil Fischer, Dan Arnold, Jim Adams, Vern Fugate

Absent: Chuck Devine, Chris Palle

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 8:12 a.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jack gave a detailed report of last year's revenues and expenditures and this year's projected revenues and expenses. A committee of the officers and other interested Board members will be formed to develop a budget for 2013.

Recap Christmas Banquet: Everyone was thanked for doing a great job. Net income was down about \$300 from the year before.

Preliminary Budget Discussion: Since we will have less to spend this year than last, a general discussion of what to cut occurred. The budget committee will come up with alternatives to present to the board as a whole.

Project Leaders: President Dave handed out a list of those willing to chair major club projects. Many of these have been chaired by the same people for quite a few years. Several Board members agreed to help. We still need some volunteers from club members.

Participation Program: All event chairmen need to make sure the club secretary gets a list of members that participated in their various projects.

Filming Meeting Speakers: Permission would be needed. There are issues dealing with proprietary rights and the number of copies made from a presentation. This will be discussed at a later date.

Winter Seminar: Phil Fischer volunteered to hold a no-host cocktail party the night before the Seminar for Board Members of SRA and COF. Seminar is scheduled for Feb. 9th and 10th, 2013.

Next Board Meeting: Feb 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m. Sunriver Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

## SRA January Meeting Information:

The state of Oregon's High Lakes Fisheries will be the topic of the Sunriver Anglers January 17, 7 PM meeting at the SHARC meeting facility. Deschutes District Fish Biologist, Brett Hodgson and STEP coordinator Jen Luke will discuss both projects and plans for 2013.

Tui Chub will obviously be at the head of their agenda. Ever since some unknowing fisherperson used these fish for bait back in the 1920's our fish populations have suffered the consequences. Sadly our high lake jewels, East, Paulina, Big and Little Lava lakes have taken the brunt of the decline in fish numbers. Luckily in 2010 ODFW began a three year plan to reduce the numbers of Chub in Paulina and East Lake as well as on-going removal at Big Lava Lake. Talk about a success story, Brett will share the results from 2012 that should make local anglers feel positive about the future. Using grant monies as well as donations from our local club and Central Oregon Flyfishers, the Department has made progress in reducing chub numbers as well as a noticeable increase in size of the fish. Envision removing 27,000 pounds of chub in one season, that is a lot of rose fertilizer.

Remember the Blackwater Trout eggs the Sunriver Anglers helped purchase? Those ferocious eaters designed to devour the pesky little chub. We will hear all about these bad boys and where they are now residing along with the challenge they presented to the Wizard Falls Hatchery staff. This Fall additional fingerlings were secured from the British Columbia Fisheries Department to ensure a supply for 2013 release.

The Department staff will also share in upcoming projects needing volunteers as well as funding. As the funds decrease due to license sales and decreased grants, volunteers will be asked to invest their time in carrying out essential activities to improve habitat and assist in gathering data. Looking to the future, you will also hear about the 25 Year Recreational Plan developed by the Department. Obviously our fishing resources faces some challenges but this document provides a roadmap to providing recreation for our grandchildren and that should be important to all of us.

Finally, the dewatering of the Upper Deschutes in early December will surely generate questions from local members. Maintenance work conducted by the Bureau of Reclamation on the discharge tube at the base of Wickiup basically dried up the Deschutes for the better part of three days except for the leakage from the toe of the dam. The consequences are not totally known but guaranteed the upper river has lost a great deal of macro invertebrates as they were high and dry during this time. Without a great deal of macro invertebrates as they were high and dry during this time. Without a doubt all Brown Trout redds were lost in the most prime spawning area of the river.

Meetings of the Sunriver Anglers Club are open to all (men and women), and we particularly extend an invitation to those wanting to learn more about angling and conservation opportunities in our area and meets others with the same interest.

For information about the club and the current newsletter, visit [www.sunriveranglers.com](http://www.sunriveranglers.com). Additional questions can be directed to club president Dave Schmerber at 503-851-7761 Or [fruitfamer@msn.com](mailto:fruitfamer@msn.com)