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**Happy Valentines
Day my dear. Now,
can I buy that new
fishing rod I want?**

Presidents Message:

Well, the seasons are a changing. The days a little longer, nights, not quite so brisk (for now anyway) and on some of these warmer days it can be quite pleasant out. For those who fish all year there are some fine opportunities for winter fishing right now. According to the ODFW Recreation report, the Metolius, Fall, Crooked, and Deschutes rivers all have sections that should be fishing well. So if you go, be prepared for winter conditions and be safe.

For the rest of us somewhat less diehards, it is a great time to learn some new skills and prepare for the opening of the regular season. We have some great opportunities coming up to do just that! This weekend, February 9th and 10th, Sunriver Anglers in cooperation with Central Oregon Fly Fishers is hosting what should be an excellent seminar on still water fishing. Renowned author Phil Rowley comes to us from British Columbia with many years experience. "Fly Patterns for Stillwaters" is Rowley's most recognized book. The two day event will cover all aspects of lake fishing from knots to casting to fly selection and where the fish may be hiding. It's not too late, but if you are not signed up you have to act fast. Contact Doug Vakoc 541-598-2048 for more information.

At our next monthly meeting, February 21, we are pleased to have Bryon Salaz who will discuss the many ways to approach fishing the Crooked River. Bryon comes to us from Cascade Outfitters and has fished the Crooked River since he was 12. See below for more information. Meetings are at 7:00 pm. at the SHARC. Come early and swap some stories!

In keeping with our educational theme, the Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo will be held at the Linn Co. Expo Center in Albany Oregon. The March 8th and 9th event will include 194 fly tyers, 50 exhibitors, and 116 classes to choose from! The event is celebrating it's 25th year and is billed as the largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi! For more information check out their website at nwexpo.com.

I want to thank Jennifer Luke, Terry Schrader, Kristen Harris, and Dan Hammer who presented an interesting and informative program on chub removal, upper Deschutes fish monitoring project, and the health of some of our crown jewels of sport fishing in Central Oregon at our last meeting. These include Crane Prairie and Davis that have suffered from illegal bass introduction and for Crane, many other species of fish. As for the chub trapping that has been on going in Paulina, Lava and East lakes, it does seem to be helping. Fish are measuring bigger and healthier. This project is funded through next season, in part by our club, and hopefully longer. We are also expecting that the "Blackwater Rainbows" introduced into East Lake will get their fill of small chub and grow to trophy size! They will be catch and release only so check out the new regulations for East Lake.

If you are new to fly tying or an old hand looking for a new pattern to try, you are invited to The Hook Fly Shop every Wednesday at 6:00 pm for "Tying and Lying" as they like to call it. John Olschewsky and Fred Foisset will hold the session up stairs at the shop and is meant to be both fun and informative. For more information: 541-593-2380.

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>

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Presidents Message: Continued

The Angler Board is starting to put together a group of outings for the season under the capable direction of Alan Stout. One already in the works is what has become the annual Diamond Lake Camp out. Scheduled for July 15th 16th and 17th this year should put us in better weather. See below for information on reserving your Camp site. Don't wait too long to reserve yours as they are sure to go fast! More dates and locations are in the works so stay tuned.

I want to extend a welcome to new members, and invite those who may be interested in joining to come to a meeting and check us out. Everyone is always welcome and that includes the ladies too! If you have ideas you would like to kick around on how to better serve the members and the community let me or any board member know. We value your input. After all, it is your club!

Wishing you all the best. And go fish!

Dave

SRA February Board Meeting Highlights:

The Minutes of the Jan. 3, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: See treasurer for details.

Budget: A budget was presented that will spend \$261 more this year than last. It was decided to add a \$3000 contingency for a grill.

Mal Murphy moved and Jim Adams seconded a motion to approve the 2013 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

IFFF Membership: It was decided to join this year. We will help members that are not getting the newsletter get on their list. We will also try to take advantage of some of their grant funding options.

Raffle Items at Meetings: It was decided that, as a money saving measure, we would limit the number of raffle items at each General Meeting to one instead of two.

Calendar Of Activities: Our yearly event calendar is still a work in progress. As new items are approved they will be included in our monthly newsletter. Please put April 22-30 in your planners and plan on helping Donna and Jack feed the kids at Shevlin Park. The other real busy day the first half of the year is June 1, Free Fishing Day. Please plan on helping. That activity takes almost our whole membership. Other Club Activities will be listed at later dates.

Outings: Alan Stout suggested that we have 5 formal outings again this year. Selected board members would be in charge of each one. July 15, 16, 17, at Diamond Lake is already scheduled. Contact Alan if you have other members you would like to work with. He will help determine where we will go and when each outing will occur. Like last year, we will call members and invite them to participate and hold an orientation before each outing for participants.

Introduction to Fly Fishing class: This is being tentatively planned for April or May.

April Meeting Speaker: Brett Hodgson from ODFW.

Participation Program: Tabled until the March Board Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

SRA February Meeting Information: Crooked River Manifesto



February means it's time to think about chasing rainbows in the beautiful Crooked River Canyon. With the increase in daylight and the temperatures inching up, it's a perfect time to experience some great fly fishing. To help you get out of the recliner, the Sunriver Anglers have asked Crooked River guide Bryon Salaz, from the Hook Fly Shop to explain how to be successful on this wonderful fishery. The February 21 meeting will be at the SHARC facility and the gathering begins at 6:45 PM.

Understanding the river begins with some basic entomology which is much different than the Fall River. Bryon will cover the spectrum beginning with midges, that are currently active on the water and proceed to describe the seasons of the river, which include Blue Winged Olives, the famed Mothers Day Caddis, Pale Morning Duns, as well as the lowly Scuds. He'll also share his personal patterns for each of these hatches as well as a detailed map of the river.

Rod weight selection as well as recommended lines will be covered and for beginners Byron will share several examples of successful nymphing setups as well as share his bias regarding recommended knots that everyone needs to master before heading to the water.

If you are someone who loves to see the moment of a dry fly take, well come prepared to learn the specifics of the hatches as well as samples of the flies.

Having grown up in Redmond, Bryon began fishing the Crooked River when was 12, so he has experienced the decline as well as the current rise in both fish numbers and size of fish. Beginning his sixth year of guiding he still enjoys each and every day on the river. "The serenity of the canyon and the changing views make me feel like I have my own little chunk of heaven".

Meetings of the Sunriver Anglers Club are open a 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 to meet others with the same interest,

For information about the club and newsletter, visit www.sunriveranglers.com. Questions can be directed to club president, Dave Schmerber at 503-851-7761 or fruitfarmer@msn.com



SRA Upcoming Events:

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| February 9 | Winter Seminar 9:00 A.M. SHARC |
| February 21 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 P.M. SHARC
Bryon Salaz, Crooked River |
| March 7 | Board Meeting, 8:00 A.M. Lodge |
| March 8 & 9 | Oregon Council of IFFF 25th Annual Fly Tying & Fishing Expo
Linn County Expo Center, Albany |
| March 21 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 P.M. SHARC
Fred Foisset |
| April 4 | Board Meeting, 8:00 A.M. Lodge |
| April 18 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 P.M. SHARC
Brett Hodgson, ODFW |
| April 22-30 | Kokanee Karnival, Shevlin Park, Bend |
| June 1 | Free Fish Day, Caldera Springs |
| July 20 | Fish Fry, Fort Rock Park |
| September 16-24 | Kokanee Karnival, Fall River Hatchery |
| September 20-21 | Fly Fishing Festival, The Village at
Sunriver |

SRA Welcomes New Members:

Jim Smith
Phil Dean
Marc Cameron
Chuck Dark
Bill Key
Rob Theodorson
Gary Locker

