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## Presidents Message:

Yippee! April is here and the opening of regular fishing season is only a few short weeks away! I hear North Twin is accessible now and some fish are being caught. With a smaller than normal snow pack (not necessarily a good thing) we should be off to a fast start this year as lakes become accessible earlier than normal. It's a great time to get that equipment ready and do a little practicing before you head out.

At our next monthly meeting, on April 18, you will have the opportunity to get help with Knot tying and setting up you rod. To take advantage, come early. Rod Juranek and friends will be set up to help with any rigging problems you may have. It all starts at 6:00PM at the SHARC with our guest speaker at 7:00 PM.

This month meeting we are pleased to welcome Brett Hodgson ODFW High Desert Region fisheries biologist. Brett will have several topics including fishing prospects for the coming season, state wide approach to improve the management of rainbow trout and much more. There will be time for questions you may have concerning your favorite Lake or stream so take advantage of a great opportunity.

Spring Kokanee Karnival is fast approaching and plans are in progress. If you have never helped with this fun children's educational program, I highly recommend it. SRA is responsible for making lunch for the kids and helping out fishing in Shevlin Pond west of Bend in the afternoon. It runs the week of April 22 and more help is always welcome. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April 18 meeting, or you can contact Jack McDonnell at 541-593-7680 or [jackmcd@chamberscable.com](mailto:jackmcd@chamberscable.com).

Your Angler Board is putting the final touches on this years Fishing Outing schedule. A total of five trips are still in the planning stage and we will send out a schedule as soon as we have firm dates. You can find the schedule on our web site soon too.

I want to thank Fred Foisset owner of The Hook fly shop for putting on a wonderful program last month on fishing in Slovenia. Fred has some beautiful photos of this little country. I was surprised how much it resembled the Northwest. If travel and fishing in that part of the world are on your "bucket list", Fred has contacts to make it happen.

As we head into the busy time of year for club activities, we will be looking to club members for help on a variety of projects. The Free Fish Day is coming up on June 1, at Caldera Springs and the annual fish fry on July 20 at Fort Rock Park. These are both fun and rewarding so put them on your calendar and take part.

As always we encourage your questions and comments. Until next time, here's wishing you the best...And go fish! Dave



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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 April Board Meeting Highlights:

The meeting was called to order by President Dave at 8:05 a.m.

The Minutes of the March 7, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

Outings: Alan Stout asks that chairmen get dates and locations to him. East, Diamond, the Upper Deschutes, and South Twin among others are still under consideration.

Meeting Room: The capacity of the small meeting room at SHARC is 44 people that we get rent free. We occasionally exceed that number. We are charged \$150 for the use of the large meeting room. We will ask if other organizations are being charged the same rate. We need to look at other alternatives. The consensus was that we stay for now at SHARC.

Kokanee Karnival: It appears that we have enough volunteers. Because of an early release day, we will not cook on Wed.

Replacement Rods: A generous donor gave us 3 Sage and 2 Reddington 4 and 5 weight rods to replace the ones that were stolen from our locker. Phil Fischer moved and Jim Adams seconded a motion to spend up to \$150 to replace the reels and line. Motion carried unanimously.

Federation of Fly Fishers Grant: Money is available from that organization for fishing related activities. President Dave asks that members contact with ideas.

OSU Scholarship 2013: Gary Gehlert reported that the only applicant did not meet our criteria for doing research in Central Oregon. It was agreed that we not award a scholarship this year, but award 2 in 2014 if there are qualified applicants.

Free Fishing Day: Some new construction has been approved at Caldera. We will meet with them to see how parking will be affected.

Fish Fry Tickets: It was agreed that we would keep prices the same unless our costs go up substantially. Jim and Gary agreed to check with SHARC to see if, in future years, their facilities would be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 2, 2013, 8:00 a.m. Sunriver Lodge

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary



Dennis "Pete" Patterson discussing eyed eggs with Three River Kokanee Karnival students before placing them in the incubators. (4/2/13)

## SRA "Of Interest Department":

Calling all Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory members and friends!! There will be a very informative FREE lecture on one of the jewels of our area, The Deschutes River, on Tuesday, April 16. This *Science Pub* lecture is sponsored by Oregon State University-Cascades and most months is held at McMenamins in Bend. The usual format is an informal setting, with food and beverages available, with an OSU professor enlightening the audience on his/her special research interest, in a very down-to-earth manner.

The lecture for April is being brought to Sunriver because the organizers are aware of the thirst for knowledge we have here, often nurtured at SNCO! To be held at the SHARC, doors will open at 5:30, Riptide Cafe will take orders for food and beverages (or attendees may eat ahead of time), the lecture will start at 6:30, and the program winds down at 7:30. **IMPORTANT:** While there is no charge for the lecture, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Seating is limited, registrations are stopped as of the day before the lecture, and half of the spaces are already reserved!!! Please see details below, and let's have a big SNCO membership presence at this informative event!

Please go to the following website to register. <http://www.osucascades.edu/sciencepubs>. In the body of the text that describes the lecture on their website will appear the text: "Use this online form to RSVP to . . .".

SHARC (*Sunriver Homeowners Aquatic & Recreation Center*) is located off Circle 2 in Sunriver.

### **Why is the Deschutes River So Peculiar? The Curious Case of Cascadian Rivers.**

Gordon Grant, USDA Forest Service; OSU Forest Engineering, Resources and Management, OSU College of Forestry; Institute for Water and Watersheds, OSU College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences

*"...the Deschutes is of especial interest to geographers, as it exhibits certain peculiarities not commonly met with"* *Early Oregon geographer Israel C. Russell in 1905*

It starts on the slopes of Mt. Bachelor, winds south then north, depletes to a trickle then swells into a river of enormous flow volume. Over time it has flooded and been dammed and adored by fishermen. The Deschutes River is spectacular - and peculiar, as you will learn. Research hydrologist Gordon Grant will explore how the Deschutes and other rivers of the Cascades teach us how rivers in the western U.S. - and beyond - are likely to change and where water is likely to be abundant and scarce in the future, issues important to all Oregonians.

## SRA Upcoming Events:

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| April 18    | Monthly meeting, 7:00 P.M. SHARC—Brett Hodgson, ODFW many topics       |
| April 22-30 | Kokanee Karnival Shevlin Park Bend                                     |
| May 2       | Board meeting  |
| May 16      | Monthly meeting—Bob Gaviglio Sunriver Fly Shop—Lake fishing techniques |
| June 1      | Free Fish Day, Caldera Springs   |

## SRA Upcoming Events: Continued

June 6	Board meeting (Note: All newsletter articles should be sent to Jack McDonnell this month)
June 20	Monthly meeting— Native Fish Society
July 2	Board meeting
July 15, 16, 17	Diamond Lake Outing
July 20	Fish Fry, Fort Rock Park
August 15	Anglers Picnic, Fall River Hatchery
September 23-27	Kokanee Karnival, Fall River Hatchery
September 20-21	Fly Fishing Festival, The Village at Sunriver
December 11	Christmas Banquet

## SRA April Meeting Information: Brett Hogsdon

April 27 marks the opening of the Trout Fishing Season on many of the Central Oregon Lakes and reservoirs. The Sunriver Anglers have invited Brett Hogsdon, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist to their Thursday, April 18, 7 PM meeting at the SHARC facility. Brett will bring local anglers up-to-date on what to expect in up-coming season as well as news of several local projects.

One such discussion topic will be the Department's efforts to implement a coordinated state-wide approach to improve the management of Rainbow trout in our lakes and impoundments. The plan will have positive implications for our area waters.

Changes in the plan to reintroduce Steelhead, Chinook, and Sockeye smolts to the Crooked river will be discussed. Recent fish surveys as well as angler observations have indicated some of last years smolts have chosen to stay in the upper river system rather than migrate to the ocean. Results of the success of the bypass facility on Lake Billy Chinook to both up-stream and down stream anadromus species will be a part of his discussion.

There will be an open forum for Brett to answer your questions regarding specific lake management, stocking levels, and regulations questions plus much more.

Want to learn or learn your improve your basic knot tying and rigging skills? Beginning at 6 PM club members will be hosting a hands on session to reviewing the knots and rigging method that Bryron Salaz, Hook Fly Shop Guide, shared in last months Crooked River presentation. A handout will also be provided.

Meetings of the Sunriver Anglers Club are open to all (men and women), and we 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).

## SRA Outing Schedule For 2013:

The 2013 outings season is beginning to take shape. Many of you have already reserved campsites for the Diamond Lake Outing on July 15-17<sup>th</sup> at the Broken Arrow Campground. I-Loop is now fully booked so future campers may want to find a campsite at H-Loop or another site near I-Loop. Our potluck dinner on Tuesday night, July 16<sup>th</sup>, will be at I-Loop and we will also have the orientation meeting there. Please contact me when you reserve a campsite and/or intend to come to the potluck dinner.

**First Outing:** will be May 15, 2013 at South Twin Lake led by Dan Arnold, Dave Long and myself. This is a good place to tune-up for the new season, check out your equipment and renew your technique and reflexes. Please call or email Dan at [arnolddb@aol.com](mailto:arnolddb@aol.com), Dave at [USNA03@gmail.com](mailto:USNA03@gmail.com) or myself (see below) if you intend to come to this outing. We hope to have a simple BBQ lunch.

**Other Outings:** would include an Upper Deschutes River outing on August 27, 2013 led by Phil Fischer and Jack McDonnell. We are considering a steelhead float trip outing on the John Day River in early to mid-October led by Chris Paille and Chuck Devine. The details need to be worked out but we would probably spend one night at a bed and breakfast on the river so it would be two days of fishing. Please send me an email if you are interested. We also plan to have an East Lake day outing led by Mal Murphy, Vern Fugate and Jim Adams. The date has not been established but it will probably be in September.

We encourage all of our members to come to all of our outings and to recruit new members. If you are a beginner, the first outing in May at South Twin is a good place to start and the outing in August with Phil Fischer will also be good for beginners.

We will have more details on these outings as the season progresses. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

## Let's Go Fishing!



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## What Every Flyfisherperson Should Know:

Fly-fishing is such a process-oriented sport that it's easy to become fixated on the specific task at hand—whether it's drifting a dry fly along a fallen log or high-sticking a nymph rig through a riffle. But there are lots of other things an angler needs to pay attention to if he wants to be successful. How many times have you hooked and lost a fish, only to ask yourself, "When was the last time I checked that knot?" or "Why did the tippet break there?"

Here's a brief checklist that every angler should run through periodically through the day.

**Hook Point** (every 10 casts): Is it sharp? Did you remember to crimp the barb? Is the point still there, or did you break it off on a rock behind you?

**Fly** (every 10 casts): Is it floating (or otherwise performing) as it should? Are all the parts still intact? Is there any schmutz (weeds, etc.) on it?

**Tippet** (every 10 casts): Are there any bad nicks that might weaken the test strength? Any wind-knots? A lot of abrasion from running over rocks?

**Knots** (every 10 casts): Do they look smooth and well tied? Give a little tug to check. And retie anything that looks suspicious.

**Ferrules** (every 25 casts): Are they properly seated? Are the rod sections aligned?

**Fly Line** (every 50 casts): Is it floating (or sinking) as it should? Are there any bad nicks in it?

**Wading Position** (as often as it changes): Are you in a safe spot, or have you accidentally wandered into trouble? Is the water rising? Are there any obstacles (fallen logs, holes, boulders) that will make getting out of the water difficult? Are there any really dangerous features—sweepers, waterfalls, etc.--you need to avoid if you do slip and fall?

**Personal Health** (hourly): Have you drunk enough water? Are you wearing enough sunblock? Are you warm or cool enough? Are your legs getting too tired to wade in fast water?