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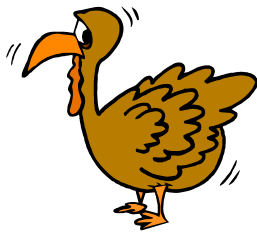
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Oh no! Not another
November!

Presidents Message:

It's beginning to look a lot like... well the Willamette Valley! I don't remember seeing it rain so long and steady around here like it has the last few days. Not complaining mind you. We can always use moisture of any kind on this side of the mountain. Would be nice if it would translate into higher river flows but I don't see it.

As we head toward Thanksgiving I would like to say how thankful I am for the friends I've made in the Sunriver area. The list is large and growing every year. A few of you are aware I tried my hand at acting with the Sunriver Stars Community Theater production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" this last month. What a hoot that was! I'm thankful to Victoria Kristy-Zalewsky for getting this whole thing started. It is a great asset to our community. If you are even curious about getting up on stage, I highly recommend giving it a try. You can find out what is coming up on their website. Last but not least, I'd like to thank my wife Sheila for all her help this year as I learned to hammer things out on the computer. And I'm thankful I still have my old health insurance!

I want to make you aware of a change in our speaker line up for the general meetings. Coming up November 21 we will have Jen Luke STEP biologist with ODFW give us an update on chub removal including the on going netting program and the introduction of highly predatory trout. Our club has supported this project several years now and it has made a big difference. Previously scheduled for November, Phil Fischer, a member of our club, will be with us January 16th to give us some tips on fishing locally. As always, our meetings are open and free to the public so bring a friend! Meetings are at the SHARC in Sunriver, starting at 6:45pm.

✓ The annual Christmas Dinner and Auction is fast approaching. Plans are well under way. We will have the same menu choices, the Dessert Dash, and children from Three Rivers school to sing us into the Christmas season. You can help the club by donating items for the auction or coming and bidding! Attached to the email that brought you this newsletter you will find more information and a form to send in to reserve your seat(s). If you are new to the club, I highly recommend joining us. It's a great time to get to know some of your fellow members and you may just find that perfect gift for someone special on your Christmas list! This event is our biggest fund raiser of the year so come, help, and have fun too! And while you are at it, you can re-up your club membership for next year, all on the same form!

Time is running out on my term as President, and we are still looking for a successor. If you have been a board member or President in the past, you know it can be fun and rewarding. Perhaps you have been on the sidelines for a while and would like to get back in the thick of it again! No better time than now, so let us hear from you!

Have a wonderful start to your holiday season.

Dave

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>



A Very Important SRA Concern:

OUR CLUB NEEDS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Your club really needs volunteers to step forward and serve as officers and board members; especially officers. Jack McDonnell and Gary Gehlert will continue their service as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, but after a lot of effort and many contacts the Nominating Committee has been unable to find anyone to be our next president or vice president. We seriously need to fill those two vacancies, as well as get at least 3 additional members to fill vacancies on the board, hopefully before the Christmas Dinner on December 11. The current board is discussing ways to get more members involved in order to reduce the work necessary, and spread the load, so to speak. And when enough people pitch in, as has been the case in the past, the actual work required of the president is not really that much. We critically need two members to fill these two offices, however. Without a president, and vice president, to serve next year the club would essentially go out of business. New blood is essential each year if the club is to continue to be as successful as we have always been. No club can survive with the same limited number of people actively leading it and doing the lion's share of the work year after year. I really encourage all of you to seriously consider joining the board next year, and to serve as one of the two principal officers. It can be a lot of fun, and quite rewarding.

If you are interested, or want to even discuss it, please get in touch with me at mrmurphy@chamberscable.com, 541-549-2641, or cell # 541-815-4353; or Dave Schmerber at 503-851-7761 or fruitfarmer@msn.com.

Mal Murphy

SRA Upcoming Events:

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| November 21 | Monthly meeting SHARC 6:45 pm— Jen Luke STEP biologist ODFW
Chub removal and more! |
| December 5 | Board Meeting 8:00 am Lodge |
| December 11 | Christmas Banquet |
| January 2 | Board meeting 8:00 am Lodge |
| January 16 | Monthly meeting SHARC 6:45pm
Phil Fischer Local fishing techniques |

A "Hats Off" To All Our Volunteers:

THANK YOU TO KOKANEE KARNIVAL FALL STREAMSIDE VOLUNTEERS

Frank Turek

We held our Kokanee Karnival Fall Streamside September 21 through 25. We had 12 classes of 4th and 5th grade students from the Bend La Pine and Redmond School Districts attend our sites at Sheep Bridge, the Fall River Hatchery and Spring Creek. The program was a success thanks to all your help. Many of the students told me how much they enjoyed Kokanee Karnival and how much they learned. Teachers and parents told me how valuable this program is to them and how much they appreciate all the time the volunteers donate to make Kokanee Karnival a success. I echo their feelings.

There were lots of Kokanee in the streams this year and the students had a great time spotting fish in the shallows. At Spring Creek we saw spawning Bull Trout too. We had a total of 36 volunteers participate and several were first time volunteers. We hope these new folks will volunteer next fall to be station leaders. The students were excited but well behaved, willing to participate in discussions and very attentive. Our thanks to the teachers because they prepared the students for these outdoor activities. Our volunteers had a lot of fun too. Working with these students is very rewarding.

We want to thank the people below who volunteered to make the Fall Streamside a success. These folks donated a total of 568 hours of time and 4,833 miles.

Andy Smith, Angela Sitz, Bill Figley, Bill Lincoln, Bill Raleigh, Bruce Cockrell, Cheryl Miller, Cliff Price, Corol Ann Cary, Curtis Sexton, Dan Pebbles, Dave Dunahay, Daryl Loveland, Dennis Patterson, Dick Olson, Doug Williams, Frank Turek, Gary Cima, Gary Gehlert, George Pagano, Herb Blank, Jen Luke, Jerry Criss, Jim Adams, John Anderson, Kathy Schroeder, Marti Cockrell, Marv Yoshinaka, Nan Loveland, Ron Angell, Ron Kaye, Sandy Dunahay, Terri Grimm, Tom Walker, Van Lewing and Vern Fugate

Now that the Fall Streamside is complete, the Kokanee Karnival Board will start planning for the Spring Angling Clinic in April. I hope to see all of you there.

Frank Turek

Of Interest to SRA Members:

The Deschutes County Historical Society is hosting a symposium "Seasons of Fire and Smoke: Past, Present and Future of Fire in Central Oregon". Topics include fire ecology, landscape fires of the past decade, wildfire response and cooperation, public perceptions of fire, and the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project. Panel discussion moderated by Joe Stutler.

When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 AM to 5 PM
Where: Aspen Hall, Shevlin Park
Cost: \$20 including lunch and refreshments



Registration form:

http://www.deschuteshistory.org/CEDocuments/Downloads_GetFile.aspx?id=428852&fd=0

For Your Information:

NEWS RELEASE

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Oct. 23, 2013

Drought, migrating fish may have contributed to Deschutes fish stranding

BEND, Ore. - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish biologists in partnership with the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) investigated how a suite of unusual conditions, including drought, better than average fall flows in recent years, and fish migrating out of Wickiup Reservoir, may have contributed to the death of about 450 trout on the Deschutes River near Bend last week.

The dead fish were found in a side channel of the river near Lava Island southwest of Bend. According to ODFW fish biologist Erik Moberly, the dead fish were reported last Thursday afternoon and on Friday morning volunteers and ODFW staff were able to rescue about 750 trout (a combination of redband rainbow and brown trout) and 500 sculpin that were still alive in a handful of water pools.

In addition to trout, about 1,220 mountain whitefish and a similar number of sculpin died when declining water levels left them stranded in the natural lava side channel, which normally has water only during higher flows. Redband rainbow trout are listed as a sensitive species by the state of Oregon. No other listed fish, including bull trout, were found.

All the dead fish were found within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile stretch of side channel.

Water levels in the Deschutes River normally decline this time of year as releases from Wickiup Reservoir are reduced by dam operators. Every year, the ramp down rate is conducted at a rate lower than the maximum ramp down rate set by the U.S. Forest Service Upper Deschutes Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, which was developed in collaboration with ODFW, OWRD, and irrigation districts.

Consistent with that plan, this year's ramp down occurred at a slower rate than previous years. ODFW and OWRD will continue to investigate whether ramp down levels were a factor and if necessary, work with partners to make adjustments in the future. However, a slower ramp down rate is considered to be better for fish, leading water and fishery managers to look for other explanations why so many fish were stranded in the channel.

ODFW believes that two good years of water in 2011 and 2012, when the channel did not completely dry up, resulted in more fish in the side channel this year than would normally occur. In addition, there appears to be more fish in the river that emigrated from Wickiup reservoir, which was low this year due to drought conditions.

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More Important Stuff:

To: Concerned Citizens about the Recent Deschutes River Fish Kill
From: Tod Heisler, Executive Director, Deschutes River Conservancy

This past week a large quantity of trout and other fish species became stranded and died in a side channel of the Deschutes River, near Meadow Camp and Lava Island, southwest of Bend, Oregon. The staff at the DRC is deeply saddened by the death of these fish on the Upper Deschutes River. This tragedy highlights the complexity of the flow issues that have been affecting the Deschutes River for decades.

Unfortunately, this year we are experiencing the unintended consequences of water management policies and practices that have been in place for many years. In a dry year like this year, the reservoirs, Wickiup, Crane Prairie and Crescent, were drawn down very low and water managers are obligated to refill them to serve existing water rights for irrigation season next year. These low streamflows led to this side channel drying up, stranding hundreds of trout and other aquatic species, many of which perished.

The DRC launched the Deschutes Water Planning Initiative in 2012 to tackle this complex water management issue. It is a collaborative stakeholder process with the goal of restoring streamflows in the Upper Deschutes River while simultaneously meeting the water needs of irrigators and municipalities. The DRC's streamflow goal is to restore 300 cubic feet per second to the Upper Deschutes River, meeting the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's instream water right and flow target for a healthy, thriving fishery and ecosystem. Lasting solutions will not occur unless all basin stakeholders, including all water right holders, are invested in a collaborative process to develop an integrated water management plan. The DRC and partners hope that this plan will provide the basis for water management agreements to consistently restore streamflows in the Upper Deschutes River while meeting agricultural and municipal needs. As the next critical step in this process, the DRC, the Deschutes Water Alliance and other instream interests have formed a Basin Study Work Group to obtain a Bureau of Reclamation Basin Study. This study will provide the modeling and empirical data needed to move forward with streamflow restoration in the Upper Deschutes River.

You can help this process by becoming more aware of how our river is managed and the efforts currently underway to restore streamflows in the entire river system. At one time, the Upper Deschutes had a stable flow regime that supported a blue ribbon trout fishery. As we make progress devising solutions to meet the needs of the fish, farmers, cities and the Tribes, hopefully, these types of tragedies will be a thing of the past. For more information about the DRC: www.deschutesriver.org.



Sunriver's Famous Flyshops: (Thanks to both of you)



A Message From Mal:



The Christmas Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, at the Great Hall is fast approaching and it is time to get all of your auction items in. If you still have any solicitations to complete please do so ASAP. If you have already done so, thanks. We also would like as many personal donations, such as wine/coffee & tea/cookie/baked goods/personal items, etc. baskets, or any other items you have that you think might bring some value to the auction. Please get your items to Doug Vakoc no later than Monday, December 2nd. Don't forget to fill out a donation sheet for each. If you don't have any get a hold of me at 593-2641 or 815-9853, or mrmurphy@chamberscable.com, and I'll get you however many you need.

Thanks for your help and participation. We could not pull off these events without you all.

Mal

SRA November Board Meeting Highlights:

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 31 Oct. 2013 \$15,961.73. We are approximately \$5,000 ahead of where we were at the same time last year. Most of this is due to the fact that we didn't award an OSU scholarship this year and the fact that Kokanee Karnival asked for, on a one year basis, \$2,000 less than previous years.

Christmas Dinner: Most solicitations are in. Menu is the same as last year. There will be two bottles of wine per table. There will be a dessert auction. We could still use some gift/wine baskets for the raffle.

New Board and Officers: We are continuing to solicit members to serve as Board Members and Officers. There will be a note in the November newsletter urging members to volunteer.

Getting More Members Involved: There was a general discussion of how to increase involvement. Suggestions included: recruiting more members to help with projects, inviting new members to become involved in various club projects, publicize upcoming activities in the Scene and other venues, recruit new members from outside Sunriver, and develop a brochure outlining what the club does and promotes.

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

Next Meeting: December 5, 2013, 8:00a.m. Sunriver Lodge

Respectfully submitted
Gary Gehlert, Secretary