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Presidents Message:

Happy New Year to all members, and it's been a great start to the year. The Ducks are Rose Bowl champs for the first time since time immemorial, but more importantly the Michigan Wolverines were sweet (or maybe lucky) in the Sugar Bowl. A lot of us skiers are sort of frustrated by less than ideal snow conditions, to put it "mildly", but all the legal waters are readily available. The Crooked is fishing very well, the Fall is accessible without snowshoes, lots of other fishing holes are waiting, so get off the couch and get on out there. What's a frozen finger tip or two? Thaw them out with the stuff you carry in that flask in your vest.

We also started the year (actually finished 2011) with a very generous donation to the club from Lee Haroun in memory of her late father, who was an avid fisherman. Lee wants to do something meaningful to honor her dad, and it seemed to her that helping us carry out our missions would be the perfect fit. A group of us will be meeting with Lee shortly to identify specific ways that we can do this.

Welcome to our two new board members, Dave Long and Phil Fischer. They are great additions to an already committed and effective group of veterans. At our January meeting the board decided to "reinstate" an active outings program in 2012, and to really push for more participation by members and guests; in other words to see if we can't get back to the "old days". When I first joined the Anglers in 2003 it seemed like we had an organized outing every month from March through October. I was introduced to South Twin, the Crooked, and other water bodies through outings, had some great mentoring, and had some great lunches while hearing a lot of lies in the process. Let's see if we can't get back to that. Alan Stout has volunteered to coordinate the program, and we have tentatively identified 5 teams of 2 to 3 board members to lead outings from May through September. We'll have more on this in the next month or two, but clear your calendars.

The Christmas dinner was another big success. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed a wonderful meal from the Resort in the beautiful surroundings of the Great Hall, and got some great bargains at the auctions. We raised a net \$7,115, including \$5,000 which will be matched at a level to be determined by the board and devoted to the Fred Baker Scholarships at OSU and the Deschutes River Conservancy. Good job to everyone involved, and to those of you who missed it, you really need to mark your calendars to attend this coming December.



Who We Are:

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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

The January membership meeting on the 19th will feature Jen Luke and Mike Harrington of ODFW. Jen and Mike will report to us on the department's efforts, assisted significantly by us, to remove or control invasive tui chub from East, Paulina and Lava Lakes, the high lakes stocking program, fish population surveys at selected lakes, as well as plans for the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program and the popular Angler Education Program. Don't miss it.

One of the elements of the tui chub control program will be the introduction of Blackwater Trout from British Columbia into East Lake. These fish are known as aggressive feeders of forage fish, and it is hoped that they will target the tui chub. At the February meeting Ron Thompson, who guided on the Blackwater River for 40 years will talk about fishing that river, and discuss the characteristics of the Blackwater Rainbows. It should be a fascinating follow up to the ODFW presentation. Plan on attending.

Finally, a big thank you to Chuck Devine for his work as president last year and his wife Yvonne for all her efforts as well. I hope I can be half as productive this year.

Remember, the fish won't come to you!

Mal

SRA January Meeting Presentation: Mike Harrington

What do East Lake, Paulina Lake, and Big Lava Lake have in common as fisheries?

Sadly Tui Chub, an illegally introduced species that is considered an invasive species in Central Oregon Lakes. The chub reproduce at an alarming rate and the feed on zooplankton which also the prime diet of young trout. The end result, a decreased production of all trout species in these lakes.

On Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Sunriver Firehall, Mike Harrington, ODFW Assistant District Biologist will present an update on the department's and volunteer efforts to remove this unwanted species. Mike will discuss the success of the past two years trap netting of the spawning chub as well as plans for how volunteers can help with the program in 2012.

Sunriver Anglers are providing financial assistance to help introduce the famed predatory Blackwater rainbow trout to East Lake in 2012. Known as a ferocious feeder of forage fish this species is seen as another method to help control the chub population. In addition the Anglers club will assist in funding to hire two OSU-Cascades Interns to continue the mechanical removal of chub in East, Paulina and Big Lava.

Mike will also share the departments efforts to stock the high Cascade Mountain lakes. Recent surveys of 25 lakes in the Winopee and Irish and Taylor lakes will be discussed.

ODWF's STEP biologist, Jen Luke will also review the planned activities of the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program as well as the popular Angler Education Program.

The Sunriver Anglers club invites members and guests to its monthly meeting. For information and the current club newsletter, visit www.sunriverangers.com. Direct questions about the club to President Mal Murphy, 541-593-2641.

SRA January Board Meeting Highlights:

Summary of Christmas Dinner: Those involved in planning and organizing the Dinner will get together at a later date to make suggestions for this year's event. Dinner revenue was roughly the same as 2010.

Preliminary Budget for 2012: The officers will get together to develop a 2012 budget for presentation at the next Board Meeting.

2012 Outings Discussion: Alan Stout presented a detailed plan for club outings in 2012. He proposed that we plan five outings for the year with at least two Board Members assigned to organize each one. The goal is to encourage members to participate. Alan suggested that every member be called at least once and invited to participate in an outing. An introduction to the body of water to be fished would be included. It was suggested that a budget be developed for the outings so that some equipment items could be included for inexperienced members. Dates for the outings will be established at the February Board Meeting.

2010 Project List and Team Leaders:

- a. Kokanee Karnival Shevlin Park: Jack McDonnell
- b. Free Fishing Day: Mark Baldwin, Gary Gehlert
- c. Fish Fry: Mal Murphy
- d. Anglers Picnic: Dave Schmerber
- e. Kokanee Karnival Fall River Hatchery: Gary Gehlert, Dave Long
- f. Conservation/Legislation: Marv Yoshinaka
- g. Publicity: Rod Juranek
- h. Newsletter: Pete Reed
- i. Outings: Alan Stout
- j. Solicitations: TBD
- k. Interpretative Signs: Mark Baldwin, Bruce Stendal

New Business: Some of the suggestions made for 2012 were how do we grow membership, how can we involve Three Rivers School in more projects, and how can we develop and expand a mentor program so new members feel more welcome.

Dave Schmerber moved and Mark Baldwin seconded a motion that we pay our dues to the Association of American Flyfishers. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 7, 2012, 8:00 a.m. Sunriver Lodge.

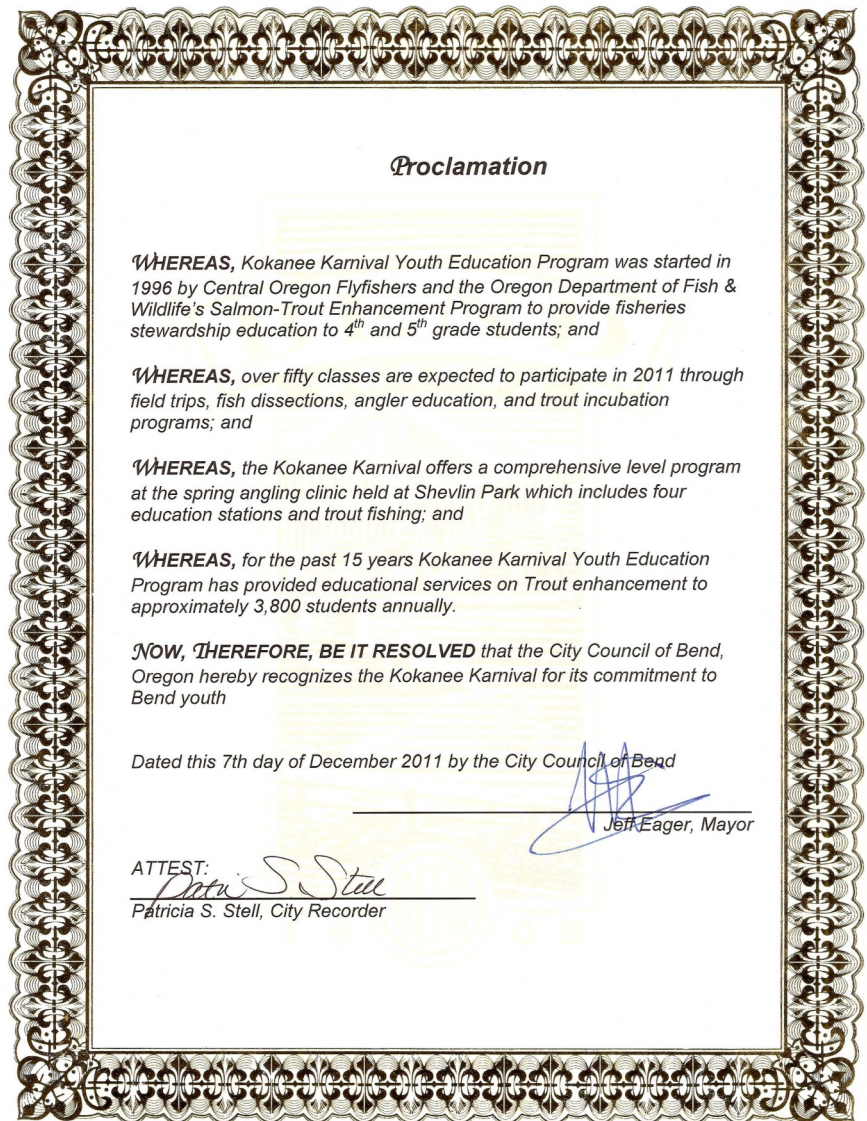
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gehlert, Secretary

City of Bend Proclamation:

At the December 7, 2011 Council meeting, the City of Bend Council issued a proclamation recognizing the Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program for our commitment to Bend youth. Counselor Kathy Eckman read the proclamation and presented it to Jennifer Luke, Central Oregon STEP coordinator for ODFW and Frank Turek, chair of Kokanee Karnival. Jen and Frank thanked the council for their recognition of Kokanee Karnival on behalf of all our volunteers. This is a real testimonial to the efforts of all our volunteers who work so hard all year donating their time to make this program such a success.



SRA Upcoming Events:

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| January 19 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM, Sunriver Fire hall. Speakers are Mike Harrington and Jen Luke of ODFW. |
| February 7 | Board meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge |
| February 16 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM, Sunriver Fire hall. Speaker- Ron Thompson on the Blackwater River in B.C. |
| March 6 | Board meeting, 8:00 AM, Lodge |
| March 15 | Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM Sunriver Fire hall. Speaker TBD |
| April 23-May 1 | Kokanee Karnival Shevlin Park |