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PROGRAM

Cheap Trips With Brian O'Keefe

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Cheap Trips is a program that evolved after years and years of going after some of the world's great fly fishing gamefish, without the budget required to stay in fancy lodges or be guided. So Brian learned ways to cut corners and in some cases, it actually lead to better fishing. In this presentation he talks about fish like bonefish, roosterfish, steelhead, brown trout, king salmon and more. DIY float trips, simple hotels, RV camping all come into play. He will feature destinations right here in Oregon and further locations like Montana, Alaska, the Bahamas, Baja, etc. A little something for everyone. "I have heard some people describe a big, expensive fishing trip as 'a trip of a lifetime.' That's great, but I would rather have a trip of a lifetime every year".

President's Message

Summer Steelhead season is upon us, I mean ME. It is my time of year, the time I enjoy the most. I can't wait until the next time I'm on the water. I really get motivated right from my first moments each day. Steelhead is what I thrive on. I'm like a kid in the candy store. My handshake even simulates the feeling of a Steelie on the end of my line. This time of year brings out the little kid in me. I get nervous, my palms sweat a little, I even do exercises to stay limber enough to still get my waders on in seconds.

We really have a very special area here in the Rogue Valley. I hope it is for you as well. We need to stay up on all the different happenings going on around us so that we can keep this very wonderful area of ours a paradise.

Speaking of Steelhead, our Annual Steelhead Tournament is happening on Oct 5th. This is a terrific opportunity to help support this wonderful fund raiser. Our boats are full as of now. John Ward is in charge of the Breakfast and I am running the dinner show. It will be a great time at TouVelle. Thank you to Will Johnson for stepping up to run the tournament this year.

I have been fielding questions about the club auction; we will be having it in May of 2014. So start thinking of ideas to donate. Perhaps you have a special place you would like to share, like a time share or cabin for a couple of days. We do not need well used items. Maybe you would like to donate a fishing trip or a dinner for two or more. We need the support of Every Member to help us keep up our funds for Conservation Projects and Scholarships.

Mike Masters

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Day and Bob Pierce

What an eye opener

I went to the DSL meeting on Monday, September 23rd at the Medford Library. This was supposed to be a meeting to make the suction dredge miners aware of the new laws that take effect in 2014. It was for the most part derailed by the angry miners debating with the DSL employee who wasn't there to debate and wouldn't debate. At one point she was called a criminal. The miners were angry with Senate Bill 838 that was passed in the recent legislative session.

Not all, but some of the miners were very vocal and rude. The passage of SB 838 was called the work of the Democrats and environmentalists who were all classified as communists. The individuals who were vocal and rude just couldn't grasp the concept that the meeting wasn't a place to argue their cause.

One miner said that he was the president of the Galice Mining District and then went on to state that he would not obey the new law because it was illegal according to federal mining laws. He further stated that he would also tell their members to ignore the Oregon law as well.

It is obvious that the miners are going to be very persistent and in your face vocal. We need to send the e-mails, letters, and make the phone calls to our legislators. We need to do our share for the cause and work with other like-minded groups. Working with other groups is a good way to leverage our strength of purpose and it is working to our advantage.

The federal mining laws are over 100 years old and need a serious makeover. That should be our next target after we handle our local business.

Tom Collett

Diamond Lake Outing

I will be hosting this outing on **October 11th & 12th**. The plans will be to meet at the south boat ramp on **Saturday at 7:30am** for a little briefing, fellowship, and strategy session.

I will be arriving on Friday about 2pm and setting up camp and will fish that evening. If you want to join in the camping experience please let me know by email that you will be coming up on Friday. Otherwise, I will see you on Saturday morning. So bring your vessel of choice and let's share some fun. Last year we had lake boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes to attack the lake with.

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From Where I Sit As Oarsman

(Or, Where Are The Most Hookups)

By Otis D. Swisher

When I am on the oars, I have a front row seat to all the action provided by the fisher in the front of the boat. But, depending on how big the fisher is my view is blocked. It reminds me of the problem the architects faced in Warsaw after WWII. They designed their replacement stadium for the one destroyed, without support columns, so that each spectator would have an unimpeded view. With the first athletic event they found to their chagrin, that with the exception of those sitting in the front-row seats, every other person was sitting behind a Pole.

Additionally, if the fisher up front is like my friend, Vince Zauskey, he is ambidextrous. His casting strokes cover the water on both sides of the boat equally well. This makes for a big blind spot upstream and behind me. (This is the usual start of any drift when using indicators.) So, what of the rest of the waters?

In going over my mental memories, not having kept a log of such things, I must rely on my perfect memory to be properly advised as to just where the most "hook ups" have taken place in the drift for those using indicators.

Only a very few hook ups took place up river behind me and out of my "cone of vision" , even when my head was swiveled awkwardly. Still three of these stand out because we were in a swift run each time, and the big fish in each instance just kept going UP as we sped DOWN. I missed seeing anything, but I did hear the loud SNAP of the leader as it parted.

Some hook ups took place directly opposite us. These would be called 3:00 o'clock (right), or 9:00 o'clock (left), and so easy to see. But most were below the point of the boat, and therefore hidden behind Vince's body. So, my one and only opening was as you might visualize, a very small one, RIGHT UNDER VINCE'S ELBOW.

The above situation does not apply, of course, if the fisher is "swinging the fly", or "twitching the fly straight downstream", or you are moving the boat from one side of the river to the other so as to cover all the water. Then smashing take-downs are open for all to see under those circumstances.

But, when the body of the fisher in the front of the boat leaves you, the rower, with that out-and-down-blind spot, just do as I do: Look under Vince's elbow for those hook-ups.

From the Editor

There have been several times when I have been out of town when it is time for the newsletter and website to be updated. It is sometimes difficult to get it done because of long distances to an internet connection. I am looking for someone that can take over when I am unavailable. It would be just two or three times a year. I will show you how to do everything and generally would be available via cell phone, though not always. If anyone is interested, please contact me. My e-mail is ost247@charter.net and phone is 541-772-0749

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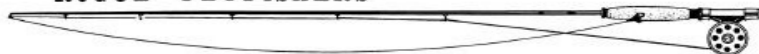
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