

## June Newsletter - Next Meeting Tuesday - June 9, 2009 - 7pm Ed's Oasis

He Speaks,

Just got back from fishing in Yakutat, Ak last night. We got there at a unique time of year where there were steelhead, sockeye, white kings, dolly's, lingcod, halibut, and black snapper. Caught some of each and had a blast. The Situk river was so clear you could watch the fish bite your bait.



While I was there I did my duty and signed up Yakutat Lodge as a RRGGA member and also got one of their guides to sign up too. Hugh Crawford, our New Member Director, was doing some work himself and signed up the La Quinta hotel in White City. Hugh and I will have lunch with one of their owners this week. Sounds like he is willing to let us use their meeting room for our member meetings. Plus they want to give our guides customers a discounted hotel rate. Oh, they'll also display your brochures at the hotel if you bring some in or mail them. Just tell your customers to mention the Rogue River Guides Association for a discount. They are located right next to the Big "R" Store. Thank you LaQuinta.

Our membership is over forty now. New members are any organizations life blood. They come with new ambition, new ideas, and can bring other new members. We really need your help to keep this stream flowing. Our goal is one hundred members by Jan 1, 2010. If you know a guide, have a store, restaurant, hotel, or other sponsor you think should be part of the RRGGA, you can call Hugh and he'll take over from there. 821-3617

Blackbird, one of our old time sponsors, is back in the RRGGA. I can't think of an event we ever did where Blackbird didn't support us. I stopped by there for some fishing supplies before my trip to Yakutat. I think I left about fifty dollars worth of tackle in the Situk River. It's great to have the Bird back on our side. We need to go out of our way to shop, eat, sleep, or drink at our sponsors places of business. That's why they sponsor us. Don't hesitate to thank'em.

Here's a thought. While talking to the Yakutat Lodge managers, they said that occasionally they need a guide to work for them part-time to full-time. Recently they lost their lead guide to illness and needed someone to fill in until he got back. So, what if we shoot a list of RRGGA eligible guides to a lot of lodges for possible part-time, full-time employment? Discussion at the meeting.

We will also talk about having our August meeting in Gold Beach. If we do, we will need to find a place. Suggestions?

I have asked Dan Vandyke from Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, also one of our members, to be at the next meeting. We'll ask Dan to talk about the salmon runs and I'm reasonably sure the incubator box, (Scotty Box) will be part of the topic of discussion. Hal Borg will have some new and very interesting information about the Scotty Box. I don't want to get in over my head but it sounds exciting.

One of our own, Don Kirkendall - Arrowhead River Adventures, has terminal cancer. The RRGGA sent Don and Anne a letter last week. Sounds like Don is toughing it out with his family at his side. Anne said they can't have visitors but cards would be nice. If you would like to send a card, his address is: 720 Greenleaf Drive, Eagle Point, OR 97524 You might recall an old memory on your card.

Get in the habit of going to our web site. [www.rogueriverguides.com](http://www.rogueriverguides.com) Our list of guides is now getting started. Email your information to Wade, our Web Site Director. He'll get it up and running so that we just might send a customer your way. Plus keep you up to date about events and other stuff. I use the web site for contact information myself.

Saturday, August 1st is our River Cleanup day. Our goal is 20 boats. The Shady Cove Boosters will provide us with people to help with the cleanup and will also have a BBQ afterwards. We need to show ourselves doing good things for the river we make a living on. We're also working on getting a little publicity to go it. Please call Robi Nelson for RSVP. 951-2673.

Should be a good meeting. As usual, we'll keep it to one hour and after the meeting we'll have a raffle. Got anything in your garage you want to donate for the raffle? Bring it. Got an issue that RRGGA needs to know about? Tell me 840 3663.