

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

Recent Changes

We're still the same laid-back fishing lodge renown for its front-porch hospitality, but we've made some successful changes this year.

■ **Management Team:** The best addition to The Old Kirby Place this year was the new management husband/wife team, Karl Vess and Nancy Townshend-Vess. With all due respect to Walter, the meals and service have never been better. Speaking of Walter, he was a frequent dinner guest this year, and easily settled into his role as Host and poet laureate.

■ **High-Tech:** Not really, but we did install a wireless internet, so bring your lap tops. Also available for our guests are a fax, printer, and scanner. In addition, we now have an Ipod station for those who wish to bring their own music.

■ **Outside Changes:** We moved the driveway and parking area from the front of the lodge to the side along the road and have replaced it with grass. What a difference it has made. From the porch, we now have an unobstructed, grassy view of the Madison River with spectacular mountain scenery as a backdrop. We also removed the propane tanks from outside the main lodge and the Montana Room to a more distant location which opened up the area making it look more spacious. By removing some of the excess corral fencing, the area around the Montana Room was opened up even more.

■ **Inside Changes:** We converted Walter's old quarters into a guest room with two beds, and now call it the Rainbow Room. This allows us to put groups of up to six guests under one roof in the main lodge. The addition of screens to the windows also received a round of applause by many. We added a fresh look to the rooms with new bedding, towels and other upgraded furnishings.

2006 Highlights

In the Spring, the State of Montana conducted studies to estimate the number of fish in the Madison, and in the process raised a 26" brown trout right by the Hutchins Bridge. In June, a 32" trout was caught near Cabin Creek, setting the bar just a little higher for Madison River fishermen.

Fishing on the Madison is the best it has been in years. The guides marveled at the health and size of the trout being caught. For those seeking a change of pace, lake fishing and smaller streams provided terrific fishing as well this year.

The history surrounding the OKP and the Hutchins Bridge makes us special, we believe. And we do all we can to preserve and celebrate our historical setting. Jack and Barbara Kirby, former owners of the OKP, dined with us and brought the lodge's history into focus with their stories of living and raising their family in the old ranch house.

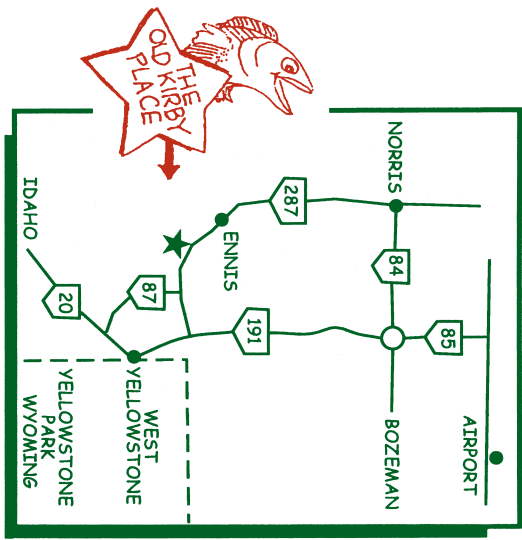
Later, and armed with information from Jack and Barbara, Walter gave a presentation on the OKP to approximately 35 history buffs during a tour of local historic places.

Johnny France, former sheriff of Ennis, and his wife, Sue, joined us for an evening of western bravado. For our guests, Johnny autographed copies of his book, Incident at Big Sky, which chronicled his capture of two mountain men who killed one man and kidnaped a woman training for the Olympics.

This year we made a concerted effort to get to know many more fishing guides in the area. Check our list of seasoned guides on the website or call us for more details. Because they are often invited to breakfast, cocktails and/or dinner to share their fish stories, guides love meeting guests at the OKP and provide them with the best of service.

Hope to see you in 2007,

Bruce & Renie Alverson



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