

# OLD KIRBY PLACE

## on the Madison River



### NEWSLETTER

#### Highlights

■ **The Annual Hutchins Bridge Party:** The annual Hutchins Bridge Party is currently scheduled for July 19th. It all starts with committee meetings to involve the community and last year resulted in the largest turnout ever. Over 350 people attended and \$4,000 was raised for the Madison Valley History Association and the Madison River Foundation.

■ **Green House:** The new green house is both a source of pride and excitement. Constructed of native material, it blends in perfectly with the historic nature of the Old Kirby Place. We have had several local "experts" offer their advice in planting and maintaining our new addition.

Please make your reservations as early as possible to ensure the dates and rooms of choice. Reservations can be made by going to [www.oldkirbyplace.com](http://www.oldkirbyplace.com), click on our e-mail address and give us your desired reservation dates, how many in your party, and your contact information including e-mail, telephone number, and address.

#### Fishing Report 2009

We are all looking forward to this fishing season as it is set to be epic. For those that don't know, the fish were hardly touched last season due to an insane record runoff that ran way into July. Then, in August, one of the gates on Hebgen dam broke and made the river all but unfishable until the end of September. SO, the fish have had some time off, since Sept. 2007 – that's 20 months! They will be in great shape this season. If you can come to experience the Madison only once, this is the year to plan it.

**JUNE FISHING** – June is usually the month of muddy waters with the runoff in full motion. However, the runoff usually lasts only 2 to 3 weeks and clears up as fast as it starts. Fishing this time of the year is down and dirty using big stone fly nymphs, and lots of weighted nymphs—the fish have to see the bug to eat it. With the salmon fly hatch only days to weeks away, the fish are looking for the big nymphs to crawl towards the banks, so fishing can be very productive. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park, and at the various nearby lakes, can produce some good dry fly action and great nymphing this time of the year.

**JULY FISHING** – We all wait for the famous salmon flies to appear on the upper Madison and we are floating, walking, and calling every day to see where they are. They usually arrive on the lower Madison in June and it can be a fun trip to go down towards Bozeman and hunt them down. The Madison is clearing up, the temperatures are rising and the hatches are in full swing. Along with salmon flies, PMD's, caddis, glays, golden stones, and little stones are all making a showing and provide surface and subsurface action. This is usually the busiest month of the year with the super hatches happening with intensity and the fish are particularly active and hungry.

**AUGUST FISHING** – If July is the month of the salmon fly, then August is the month of the caddis, with hatches going off like crazy and clouds of bugs lasting into the late afternoon and evening. We often fish after dinner until it gets dark and walk out of the water using flashlights—sometimes the last hour can be the best of the whole day. Because the days are warm and the nights short, the bug activity in early to mid August is super with almost everything trying to hatch and mate on calm evenings. Even the grass hoppers have started and can produce fabulous dry fly action with big hits. This is the time for ants and beetles also.

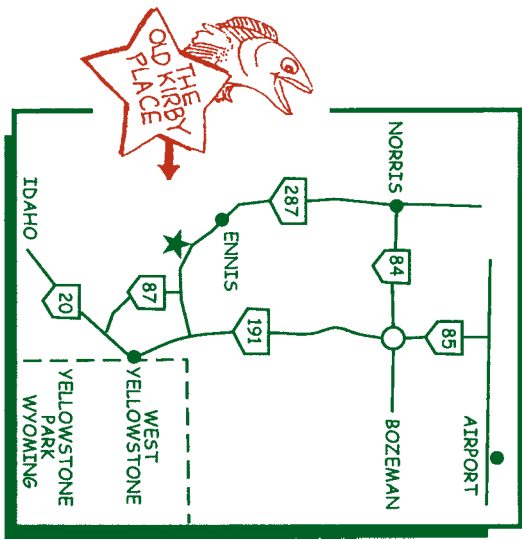
**SEPTEMBER FISHING** – This month is more of the same with good dry fly action, although tapering off through the month, and good nymph fishing. The baetis start showing up for dry fly action, the hoppers are still in play, and the nymphing gets even better as the month progresses. This is the best time of the summer to try your skills with the streamer. Streamers can bring on big hits from the famous Madison Browns and, although the action is not as hot as other parts of the summer, your arm will be tired after a day of bringing in these guys time after time. And there is no doubt about the hit—it is BIG.

**Fishing the Madison from and at the Old Kirby Place is always rewarding!**

#### Schedule of Events 2009

June 26	Madison River Foundation Gala Banquet
July 3-4	Ennis Rodeo
July 4	Parades in both Ennis and West Yellowstone
July 10	Arts and Craft Fair, Island Park, Idaho
July 19	Annual Hutchins Bridge Party hosted by the Old Kirby Place
Aug. 8	Madison Valley Arts Festival featuring an arts and crafts show, live entertainment and book signing.
Aug. 14-17	50th Anniversary of the Hebgen Lake Earthquake – events include geologic guest speaker, survivor talks and guided walks.
Sept. 4-6	Ennis on the Madison Fly Fishing Festival – celebrate the art and sport of fly-fishing in Ennis.

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**Reservations**  
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Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of a 50% deposit. American Express, Mastercard and Visa are accepted. Deposits are refundable if the cancellation is made 45 days prior to arrival. No pets.

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