

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

from Walter...

What's New?

■ After a year and a half of being closed, the Hutchins Bridge will be open early this spring. You'll remember how this bridge lets us walk and drive across to the upper Madison river and fish those great fishing spots on the west side. The Sletten Construction Co. began the renovation process in November of 2004. They are replacing the beams and planks and adding a new iron fence rail. A 103-year-old treasure to the area, the Hutchins Bridge is listed in the National Historic Register.

■ The Old Kirby Place family has grown! This season we welcome Gaspar who will join Hernan and me so that we can provide you with the most comfortable and enjoyable stay ever.

■ This winter the snow has been falling (and falling, and falling) in the Madison River Valley. With all the run-off and constant water flow draining into the river, the Madison is — as you know — the best trout fishing in the country.

Robert W. Service was born on January 14, 1874. On January 15, 2005, Mary Claude and Raymond Londa of Elizabeth, NJ, hosted a dinner party for twenty-two people to celebrate Service's 131st birthday. The ambiance was perfect — the genial hosts, good friends, delicious food, drink and blazing fireplace set the stage for reciting R.W.S.'s works — "Cremation of Sam McGee," "The Spell of the Yukon," "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and lots more. Ray Londa, Ed McCready and Walter Kannon did a masterful job of reciting these works of art. Susan and Jack Callahan, Mary Claude and Raymond Londa, Marion and Walter Kannon were the Old Kirby Place ambassadors.

One of the greatest pleasures of operating the Old Kirby Place is the joy I get in welcoming my guests back each year. They have become dear friends. Montana is beautiful and having your company would make it even better. Please call me in Sugar Loaf, NY at (845) 469-4380, or leave me a message at (888) 875-8027.

WOLVES ARE BACK



WOLVES HAVE RETURNED TO THE AREA IN MASS. WITH THREE DENS WITHIN A TEN-MILE RADIUS OF THE OKP, WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY HERE IS AS MUCH FUN AS CATCHING A LARGE RAINBOW TROUT.

Photo by OKP guest Dan Bartel of Goodland, Florida

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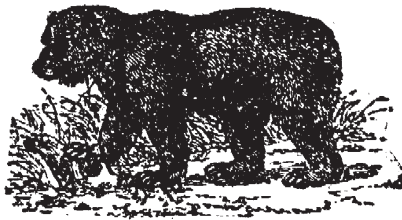
FOR YOUR FRIENDS AT THE OLD KIRBY PLACE TO SAY THANK YOU!

Old Kirby Place remembrances: What is your favorite memory?

"Just having the time to spend with my sons — particularly with 'Uncle' Walter as our host and friend — is the chance of a lifetime for a father to try and make up for all that time he spent away from home when they were growing up.

Since I am blessed with a saint as a wife who did a great job of raising them, I actually enjoy this time with them more than I would have enjoyed their early years. And, I think, they benefit from the relationship more now than when they were younger."

— Retired U.S.A.F.
General Clifford "Ted" Rees
Pinehurst, South Carolina



"The day on horseback up to fish in the mountain lakes is an experience that is as rare an experience as a fisherman could ask for. Friendship, nature, the feel of the horse, the fishing, the lunch, and the opportunity to tell the story over and over again to anyone who will listen, and some who don't want to but are trapped, make that a very special day."

— David Rees
Montgomery Alabama

"It's impossible for me to select a single favorite moment at The Old Kirby Place. There are so many — a patchwork quilt of remembrances stitched together with affection.

I recall the first time my son and I drove up to the Old Kirby. There was Walter with a great smile and his infectious enthusiasm. I remember the thrill of a large rainbow surging to my *Royal Trude*. I remember a lunker brown hooked on a *Royal Trude* jumping high in the air.

I remember great meals and happy evenings in the company of fine people. And I remember Walter and Hernan."

— Jon Browne
Plano, Texas

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