

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

The Old Kirby Guest Register

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from Walter...

It's only January and the Madison River area has enough snow pack to guarantee a solid water flow all summer long.

Again, the river will reign supreme and produce many large rainbows and browns for you to match wits with.

John Ohern of Danbury, CT has figured out that as of September 9, 2003, the Old Kirby Place has hosted guests from 49 states and 11 foreign countries! Take a look as his chart above.

After my fourteenth year of operating the Old Kirby Place, I am raising the price of admission to \$175 per day per

person. WHOA! Those of you who booked ahead last summer will remain at \$150 per day for the coming 2004 season.

Hernan and I have great plans for your comfort this year. We look forward to making your stay an enjoyable one.

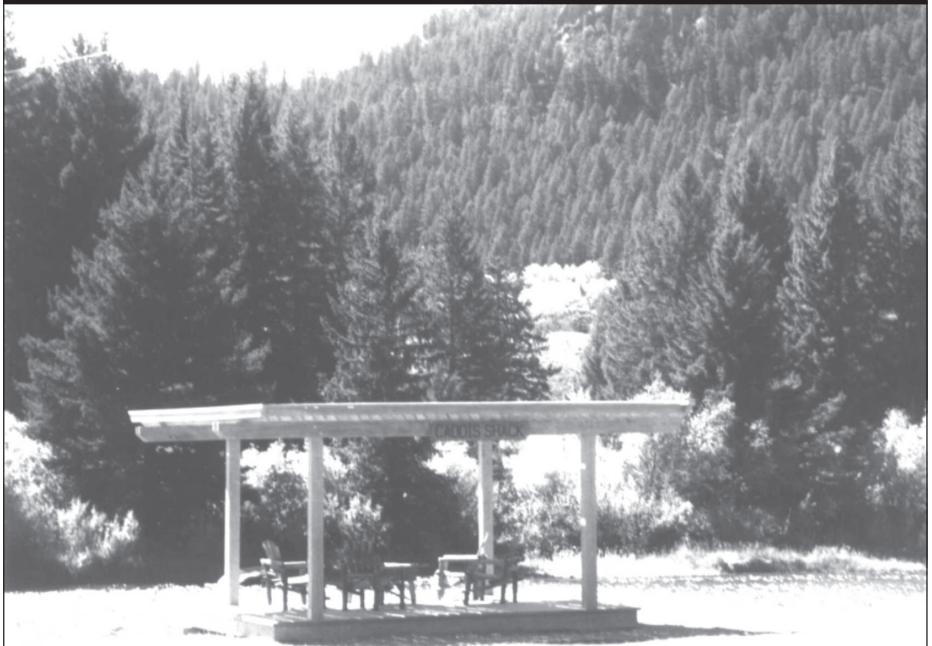
What's New?

Wednesday evening on the ninth of July, Mark and Jeannie Tanner, Frank Dovel, Jim, Carl Heilman, Scott Trerotola, John Wilson, Chris Bamford, Renie and Bruce Alverson, and I were enjoying dinner when I showed everyone a sketch of a pergola that I wished to build.

Frank and Mark, being builders, said, "Let's build it this weekend!" Well, the next day the material arrived and by Sunday the thirteenth, the pergola was finished!

Carl named the structure the "Caddis Shack." And let me tell you it is a great spot on the river bank to relax, read and weather permitting — have dinner.

THE CADDIS SHACK



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The Old Kirby Place
on the Madison
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*"Fly fishing is a unique way
to make love with the mountains.
It transcends the predator-prey relationship
and brings dignity to both the man and the fish.
You step into the river and leave much behind
— many things too serious,
many problems too worn.
There is no more real world
than the sunlight and the riffle
and the waiting fish.
There is no more important thing
than the moment
and the ballet of casting and drifting fly."
— Seldom Seen (David Hays)*

The Island Park Bugle

I Wish You Had Let Him Go

I raised the rim quietly and slowly, and the next instant the trout was doubled up in my deep-bellied net and I was holding the top of it shut with both hands while the fish, galvanized into a furious flurry, splashed water on my face as I strove to get my feet under me. John picked his way slowly down the still water, reeling up as he came, stumbling and slipping on the stones like an utterly weary man. I killed the trout with my pliers and laid it on the grass as he came up beside me; and he stood watching it with bent head and sagging shoulders for a long time.

"To die like that!" he said as if thinking aloud. "Murdered — nagged to death; he never knew he was fighting for his life until he was in the net. He had strength and courage enough to beat the pair of us, but we robbed him a little at a time until we got him where we wanted him. And then knocked him on the head. I wish you had let him go."

— Fishless Days, 1954