

OLD KIRBY PLACE

on the Madison River



NEWSLETTER

2007 Highlights

■ **Management Team:** Karl and Nancy are returning as chef/managers. They spent the winter exploring India, and then North and South Carolina. They are looking forward to serving many new recipes such as Chocolate Molten Cake, Topsy French Toast, and the sourdough bread recipe provided by former OKP owners Jack and Janet Kirby. (The bread was a staple on the OKP menu when it served as a guest camp and stage stop in yesteryear.)

■ **Outside Changes:** The grassy view of the Madison (the former location of the parking lot) will be improved with the addition of a sprinkler system. The late summer heat tends to cause the grass to become dry and lose some of its color. Speaking of the parking lot, we are installing lighting from the roadside parking area to the main house to assist those guests arriving after dark. We are also restoring the turn-of-the-century cabin, aka Hernans Cabin, for Bruce and Renie's personal use.

■ **The Annual Hutchins Bridge Party:** We are currently planning the Annual Hutchins Bridge Party which will take place about July 20th. The committee meetings are taking place and the ideas are flowing. The last party was a foot-stomper, and the seven piece accordion band was enjoyed by the 200+ guests.

■ **Guest Photos Welcomed:** If you have a special photo from the OKP, send it along. We may use it in our newsletter or on our website, and will most certainly add it to our OKP photo album.

■ **How to Book a Reservation:** We are looking forward to seeing you during the 2007 season. 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, click on our e-mail address and give us your proposed reservation dates, how many in your party, and your e-mail, telephone number and address. Nancy or Karl will contact you soon after.

Events of Interest

People are always asking us, "When is the fishing best?", and "What other events happen on the upper Madison?". Here are your answers.

June 2007 - Nymphing and great subsurface action increases as the temperature rises. The best water visibility is between Hebgen and Quake Lakes and remains good until the West Fork of the Madison enters the river. Chironomid hatches are occurring.

June 1-3, 2007 - Montana Audubon's Annual Bird Festival. <http://mtaudubon.org>

Late June through Mid July - Salmon Flies begin and by July, huge hatches in the evening hours of Caddis, PMD's, Golden Stones, Flavs, and Mayfly.

July 3-4, 2007 - Ennis Parade and Rodeo. This year's theme - Celebration of the American Cowgirl.

July 14, 2007 - Friends of Ennis Library Annual Dinner and Auction

Mid July - Annual Hutchins Bridge Party, sponsored by the Old Kirby Place. Great fun-music-food-socializing!

Mid July through Mid August - Attractor dry fly fishing begins with great evening dry fly fishing using Caddis and Mayfly spinners. The small streams are at their best this time of year. Mid Summer begins the famous "Gulper" fishing on Hebgen and Quake Lakes with Callibaetis and Trico Mayflies.

July 31 through August 4, 2007 - Federation of Fly Fishers 42nd Annual International Show. www.fedflyfishers.org

August 4, 2007 - Annual Madison Valley River Guide weed fund-raising dinner and auction at the Wall Creek Game Range.

August 11, 2007 - Annual Madison Valley Arts Festival

August 18, 2007 - Annual Madison River Run. Walk or run 5k or 10k - a bit challenging over several types of terrain.

Mid August through Mid September - Hoppers, Ants and Beetles are best. Fishing improves as the water warms, and nymphing is good.

August 25 - 26, 2007 - Shedhorn Sports 13th Annual Hunters Rendezvous

August 31 through September 2, 2007 - Ennis on the Madison Fly Fishing Festival

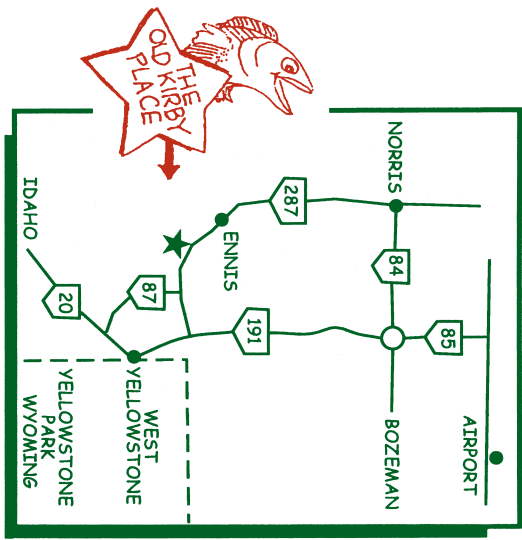
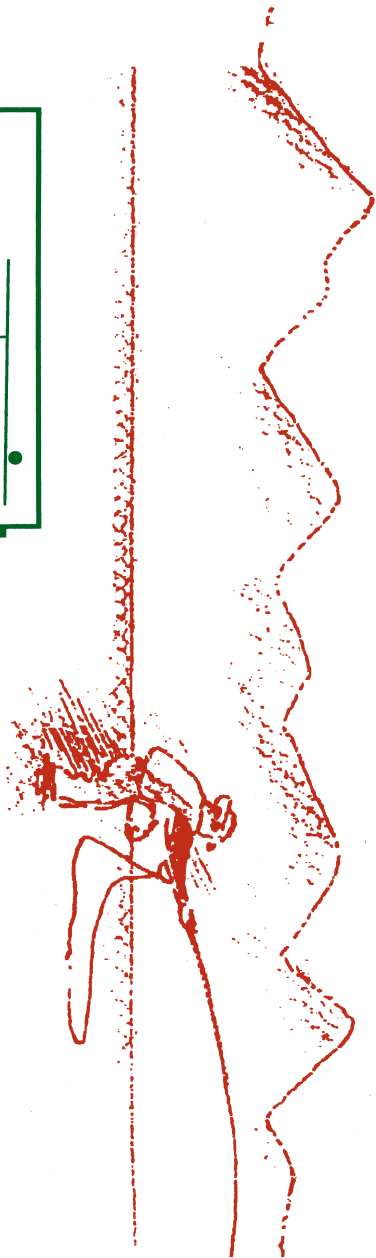
Mid September through October - Streamer fishing picks up as the weather cools down. Small Baetis nymphs and larger Stonefly nymphs are especially attractive now.

Need more?

- Tee off at the Madison Meadows Golf Club in Ennis. 9 Holes. One day advance reserved tee times.
- Sign up for a nature course about the area's wolves, bears, or fish. Ecological activities, as well as beginners rock climbing, can be found at www.outsidebozeman.com.
- Take a walk with the WOW's (Women of the Wild) every Tuesday morning. Women only!
- Learn about grizzly bears at The Grizzly Bear Center in West Yellowstone. Interactive museum and live grizzly bears and wolves.

So much to do, so little time!

Hope to see you in 2007,
Bruce & Renie Alverson



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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