

# OLD KIRBY PLACE

## on the Madison River



### NEWSLETTER

#### Recent Changes

- Guests loved the improved, larger Damsel room – now the preferred room in the main Lodge. The new decor in the great room of the Lodge has also been well received. The addition of western antique pieces and Kilim rugs has transformed the room from rugged-rustic to cozy-rustic conversation areas. We are continuing with plans to let in more light and air. The Lodge rooms now have more working windows and screens, and the Bunk House and Cabin are scheduled to have more windows placed by the 2008 season.
- “The Castle,” formerly known as Hernan’s Cabin, has undergone a complete transformation. It has been reinked and beautifully floored with Garnet Wide Plank Floors—Walter Kannon’s newest venture. Yes, Walter is still a regular, but mostly on the weekends. In the 2008 season Bruce will be taking up summer residency in The Castle.
- Our website [www.oldkirbyplace.com](http://www.oldkirbyplace.com) will soon display all of the updated accommodations.
- Old Kirby chefs Karl and Nancy Vess added game to the menu (duck, venison, antelope sausage) and plan to do more of the same next season.
- Plans are also underway to construct a boat ramp on the Old Kirby Place just down from the Montana Room / barn. This will allow quick and easy access to the Madison River for those guests wishing to take a float trip. It will also provide more convenient access to the water for fishermen wanting to wade.

#### 2007 Highlights

The Hutchins Bridge party at The Old Kirby Place in July was a huge success. 300 people attended to help raise \$5,000 for the Madison Valley History Association. Good ol’ Western Hospitality was the theme complete with a grilled, marinated flank steak dinner and generous libations. The Lone Mountain String Band provided the foot-stomping atmosphere against the backdrop of a perfect Montana big sky evening. The 2008 Hutchins Bridge party is scheduled for July 20th.

Expert fisherman and Madison Valley “classic,” Harry Townshend, shared his trout bible with many of our guests during cocktail hour. Harry, age 87 and a summer local, has been fishing the area for more than 75 years. Each page of his book has an actual tracing of a trout caught, where it was caught, and on what fly. Six pounders were common—the bigger ones were as big as a man’s arm!

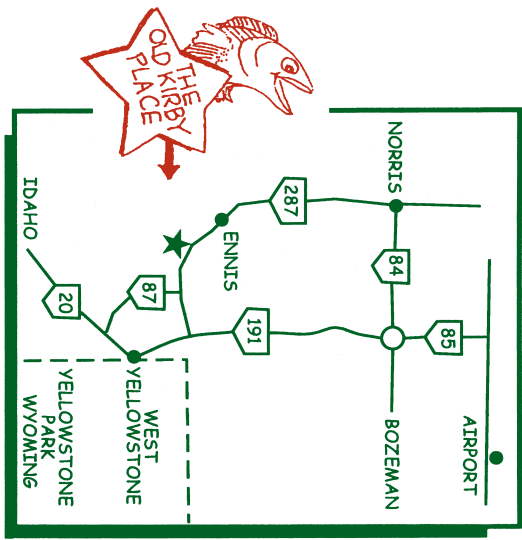
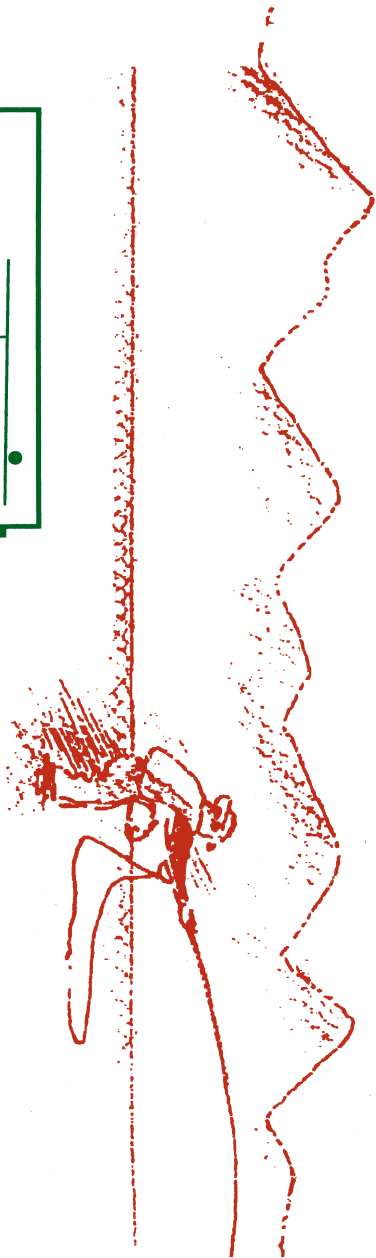
Although the 2007 season experienced one of the hottest and driest Julys on record, thanks to Hebgen Lake the Madison was one of the few rivers in Montana that was not forced to discontinue fishing activity in the afternoons. Through a controlled release of water from Hebgen Dam, the State was able to keep the water temperature cool enough to allow full fishing access on the Madison all summer.

It is fun to have groups at the Old Kirby Place who are out to relax and try their luck on the Madison. The OKP is also the perfect place for reunions, anniversaries, and maybe even weddings! Karl and Nancy will help plan any event you may have in mind.

We are looking forward to seeing you during the 2008 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](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. Karl or Nancy will contact you soon after.

Hope to see you in 2008,

Bruce Alverson



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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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