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NEXT OWA MEETING

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Flying Pie Pizza

7804 S.E. Stark Street
Portland, OR 97215

6:00 pm

Social hour begins

6:30 pm

Club business and announcements

7:15-8:15 pm

Featured presentation

RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Install a roller bar on your flatbed trailer

Use one-inch galvanized piping to create the bar; then use 1¼-inch PVC pipe to create the roller action.

The photo is from Scott Ogren's trailer.
Photos and tip by Scott Ogren.



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[Click here for more information on the Rogue River at the OWA website](#)

Lower Deschutes River

MARCH 24-26, 2012 • Submitted by Suzi Richards

We launched at Buck Hollow Saturday morning around 9:00-10:00 am. All went smooth with everyone helping each other to get boats unloaded quickly and cars moved. Before we took off we had introductions and a safety talk. We were off and on the river by 11:15 am. We had only one Class III and a few II's before the camp ground at Beaver Tail. It was a nice big campground with pit toilets and lots of room for everyone. It wasn't long before the camp fire was going and Cary had the bar set up for drinks. He even had virgin daiquiris for the kids. Bea had put together some yummy munchies and all was good. It was cool, but no rain or snow.

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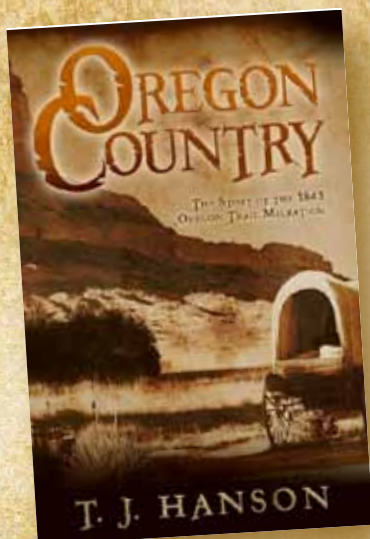
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BRENDA BUNCE

HAPPY SPRING FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS,

Join us April 11 at Flying Pie Pizzeria to hear our featured presenter, Zach Collier. Last summer Zach Collier guided a commercial trip to the Kaa-Khem River in Southern Siberia with his long time friend Vladimir Gavrilov. Zach will show a slideshow of their expedition and talk about some of the unique techniques his Russian friends use on and off the river. Vladimir Gavrilov is a well known Siberian River explorer who wrote the book Rivers of an Unknown Land about river running in the former Soviet Union. Zach will bring a few copies of his book for sale at the meeting. <http://www.riverhardware.com/shop/rivers-of-an-unknown-land>

May 11-13, OWA will be sponsoring a two-and a-half day Wilderness First Aid class taught by Rescue 3 West -Sierra Rescue. We will hold it at Dodge Park with a camping option. The class is based on the protocols set by the Wilderness Medical Society and instruction encourages the student's ability to think through body systems in an effort to determine the best response to traumatic, environmental or medical situations. Classroom sessions are followed with hands on practice to integrate the information in a field setting. 100% attendance is required. A comprehensive written exam is also administered. The course includes optional CPR certification that is OSHA approved through American CPR.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming email announcement for this first come-first served sign up. This is a limited class size.

Participate in the upcoming online Auction and help subsidize white water rescue training. The beginning of April, we will open a two week on-line auction for river shuttles donated by the following shuttle outfitters:

Owyhee River Shuttles, Deschutes River by Henry's Deli Mart, Rogue River Shuttle by Galice Resort, Lower Salmon shuttle by All Rivers Shuttle, and Hells Canyon Shuttle.

Our next board meeting will be held on May 22. Please let us know if you would like to participate.

See you at Flying Pie,
Brenda Bunce



“If my ship sails from sight, it doesn't mean my journey ends, it simply means the river bends.”

~John Enoch Powell



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the August 11th club picnic and gear swap at Eagle Fern Park. We will have games for kids and knot tying contests.

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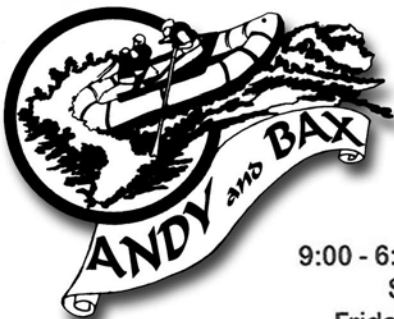
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Haul Systems

(a.k.a. Z-Drag)

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Haul systems involve various methodologies for organizing a pulley system to gain mechanical advantage. In whitewater rafting the main purpose is to pull a boat off a rock, or rather, a "pin" situation. The following pages contain diagrams of various haul systems along with their mechanical advantage. These range from 1:1 to 9:1.

Pulleys are normally connected to a rope via a prusik cord. These can be attached with a prusik knot or a Klemheist knot as shown in the photographs.

Take a moment to look at these various haul systems. In future newsletters we will include more information concerning equipment and techniques used in swiftwater rescue.

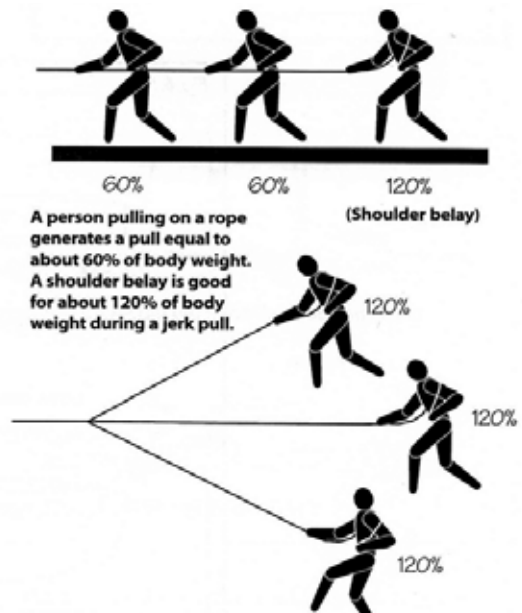
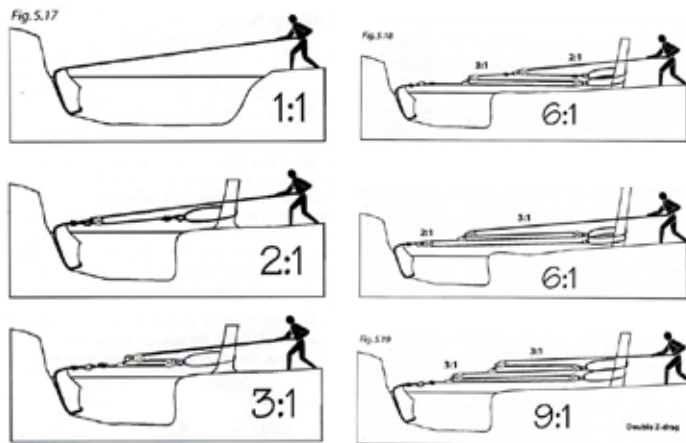
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Attaching a pulley to a rope using a Prusik knot.



Attaching a pulley to a rope using a Klemheist knot.





OWA Summer Picnic (and Gear Swap) at Eagle Fern Park

DETAILS

Saturday, August 11 11:00am-3:00pm
Eagle Fern Park (Area 1)

*27505 SE Eagle Fern Road
Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022*

- There is a large covered shelter, with picnic tables (so come rain or shine)
- Picnic tables located right next to the beautiful Eagle Creek.
- Throw rope and knot tying competition (bring a throw rope)
- Games will be provided for children – feel free to bring your own
- Located next to playground
- DOGS allowed
- Alcohol is allowed in the park, so bring your own

GEAR SWAP AND SALE:

Swap or sell your new or used boating gear. From boats to bags, all gear is welcome. This was a huge success last year!

PROVIDED: Meat (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, turkey burgers, veggie burgers) and beverages (pop and juice).

BRING: A pot luck side dish or dessert, lawn chair, the whole family

Fee: \$5.00 vehicle pass at the entrance gate

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Lower Deschutes

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Sunday we were up and at 'em again with a great breakfast to start the day. It was a 20-mile day with little or no rapids but outstanding scenery. We floated through several layered basalt canyons. I was wishing I knew more about geology but it was obvious we were looking at historical layers of an explosive time.

This was also a chance for all the kids to take turns rowing and give the moms and dads a break. It was very fun to see them rowing without a single thought as to what direction they were headed. This time we camped on river left across from the Harris ranch. The Harris ranch was at one time a working ranch but has long since been abandoned. Again

– a very nice big camp ground with a big compost toilet. It was so sunny and warm when we got to camp I was wishing I had brought some shorts. We had another great camp fire and dinner that night. Still no rain, YEA.

Monday morning was very cool but seemed to warm up after about an hour on the river. The water was running high and Scott was thinking

most of the Class III's coming up would be washed out. He was right, but they were still a fun ride. It wasn't long before we got to the take out at Heritage boat ramp. Everyone pitched in and helped get boats loaded up and we were off to get hamburgers in the Dalles. I think going on these trips is an excellent way to get to meet and know people involved in an activity we all love.



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Knot of the Month Figure 8 on Bight

By Steve Kasper

Each month we will showcase essential knots you should know for river situations

OVERVIEW

- The Figure 8 on a Bight forms a permanent loop in the rope.
- It is a very strong knot and can be tied anywhere on the rope (not just the end)
- Drawback: It cannot be tied around anything so you must clip into it with a carabineer or tie another knot/webbing into it.

USE

- At the end of a rope as an anchor point. Anywhere within the rope for a pig rig. In the middle of a haul line to pull against.



Tied: The same as a Figure 8 but you start off with a bight



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Trip Calendar

Submitted by Pat Barry

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1.1 Sun	Sandy River	II/III	Val Shaul	val.shaul@frontier.com	503-805-8991
1.28 Sat	Siletz River	III/IV	Tom Riggs	triggs@ashland.com	503-647-0690
2.18-20 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Bee Tyree	dillflet@comcast.net	503-753-4081
3.16-18 Fri-Sun	Rogue River	III/IV	Rick Carman	frederickcarman@comcast.net	503-642-9347
3.24-26 Sat-Mon	Lower Deschutes	III	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503-267-9785
3.26-30 Mon-Fri	Owyhee River	III/IV	Dan Alsup	rivermandan2698@yahoo.com	503-888-0569
4.14 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hanson	TJHRafter@earthlink.net	503-201-4428
4.20-22 Fri-Sun	Lower North Umpqua	II/III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360-931-4224
5.5 Sat	Green River Cleanup	III	Lyles Larkin	ik4fun@comcast.net	
5.11-13 Fri-Sun	Grand Ronde	III	Eric/Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509-201-4428
5.18-21 Fri-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Van McKay	vanm1@aol.com	360-737-3148
5.26-27 Sat-Sun	Lochsa River	IV/V	Steve Herring	stevenh@tektronix.com	503-646-6100
6.1-3 Fri-Sun	Upper North Umpqua River	III/IV	Suzie Richards	suzir47@gmail.com	360-601-0898
6.9 Sat	Klickatat River	III/III+	Doug Smith	Doug.Smith	503-232-5285
6.15-17 Fri-Sun	Lower Deschutes	III	Carol Beatty	caroldon1@comcast.net	503-816-6172
7.13-15 Fri-Sun	Lower Salmon	III/IV	Eric/Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509-201-4428
7.19-22 Thu-Sun	McKenzie River	III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360-931-4224



9.15-17 Sat-Mon	Hell's Canyon	III-IV	Mike Moses	mtymo@hotmail.com	509-240-4220
9.22 Sat	North Santiam River	III	Rick Hendon	gonetothedogsinc@msn.com	503-887-4305
9.29 Sat	Yakima River	II	Vance Cordell	pyloris58@yahoo.com	360-253-3013
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