

## See unique and fascinating wildlife in comfort

*Feeding birds: a fun activity for people of all ages*

Feeding wild birds is an excellent way to see a unique and fascinating collection of Utah's wildlife. And you can do it from the comfort of your easy chair. Just place some bird feeders outside your favorite window, and then sit back and enjoy.



Place your feeder where you can see it easily from inside your house and well away from cover that cats can use to sneak up on birds.

*Photo by Ron Stewart*

But bird feeding is more than just entertainment. It can also keep birds alive, especially in areas hit hard by winter snow and cold temperatures.

### **Birds can use your help**

Artificial bird feeders or feeding stations can play a key role in supplementing the diets of wild birds.

As urban development continues in Utah, natural habitats and traditional food supplies continue to be lost. During long winters, feeding stations can supplement natural food supplies. They can also supply emergency rations during storms or when nature covers the countryside with snow or ice.

During the spring and fall migrations, feeding stations provide quick energy stops for birds.

As winter approaches, most of the birds that eat insects leave Utah. The birds that remain face reduced food supplies, short days, below-freezing temperatures, snowstorms and frost-forming inversion layers. Only birds that are capable of finding seeds, berries, dormant insects and other limited food supplies can survive the rigors of Utah's winters.

Because birds have a high metabolism, they need large amounts of food to maintain their body heat. As a result, they're constantly searching for reliable food

supplies in the winter. Bird feeders attract birds by taking advantage of their constant need for food.

And once you start feeding birds, you'll find that one bird is all it takes to attract a crowd; once a bird finds your food source, its actions and calls will usually attract other birds.

## **Feeding tips**

Setting up a feeding station can range from simply scattering food on the ground to positioning 30 or 40 feeders, with different types of seeds, openings and perches, from ground level to the tops of trees.

Their constant search for food, and the result of not finding it, has forced most bird species to specialize. Birds have evolved physical adaptations and behavioral traits that allow them to find specific foods quickly and efficiently.

Wild birds will most likely find artificially supplied food if you place it where they're naturally inclined to search for it. For example, the rufous-sided towhee is a natural ground feeder. He's more likely to find your food if you place it in a ground-feeding station instead of a station in the branches of a tree.

Four basic feeding locations—ground, tabletop, hanging and tree trunk—can accommodate most of the birds that eat seeds:

Quail, juncos and most sparrows and towhees are ground-level feeders. Chickadees, finches, grosbeaks, siskins, jays and humming birds usually search for food in the branches of trees. Tabletop and hanging feeders are easy for them to find. Nuthatches, creepers and woodpeckers prefer tree trunk stations.



If you want to attract a greater variety of birds, try using more feeders and foods, and place them in different areas.

While commercial feeders are readily available, homemade feeders work just as well. Fortunately, birds are more interested in the foods you offer than how your feeder looks!

### **What you should feed them**

Most of Utah's winter birds like sunflower seeds, especially the little black oily type and the grey-striped ones. If you're interested in attracting smaller birds, such as finches, sparrows, chickadees and siskins, white and red proso millet, canary seed and thistle or niger seeds also work well.

You can also use suet and fruit to attract birds. Suet (another name for fat) is a rich source of energy that some birds can use. Great suet feeders can be made by simply stuffing the suet into cracks in the bark of a tree.

Birdseed comes in bags that contain a mix of seeds. You can also buy bags that contain a specific type of seed.

Many stores sell bulk bags of mixed birdseed that will attract a variety of birds. But depending on where you live, you may end up with seeds in your bird feeder that few, if any, of the local birds will eat.

Bird enthusiasts often control some of the species they attract by purchasing specific seeds and creating their own seed mixture by mixing them together. In addition to attracting specific birds, mixing seeds also reduces the number of seeds that are wasted.



As you set up your feeding station, remember that birds need not only a constant, reliable source of food; they also need a safe, protected place to perch.

The best place to put a feeder is in a natural setting that will block the birds from the wind and other weather and offer them escape cover from housecats and other

predators. Another good place is in a protected yard. If you place your feeder in your yard, make sure you place it away from cover that cats can use to sneak up on feeding birds.

Also, try and place your feeders close to windows, balconies or other places where you can see the birds without disturbing them.

Finally, remember to feed your birds on a regular schedule. Most birds develop feeding patterns and move from food source to food source on a regular daily route. These birds learn to rely on feeding stations, especially during winter storms, cold snaps and other critical times.

If they visit your feeder and the food isn't there, the birds will not have time to find other sources to last them through an emergency.

Bird feeding is fun. It can supply hours of entertainment and enjoyment to bird watchers of all ages. And while you're having fun, you'll also be supplementing food resources birds need as natural habitats dwindle.



## **Bald Eagle Day at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**

Saturday, February 9, 2008

11:00am - 3:00pm

Activities

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** - “Des Ta Te” - a LIVE bald eagle - along with DaLyn Erickson - will be here from the Ogden Nature Center for a presentation. Learn all about bald eagles!

**12:00 - 2:00 PM** - Family craft activities. Make a bald eagle hand puppet from a paper sack; color a finger puppet or do a word find puzzle.

**1:00 - 3:00 PM** - Join staff for a guided car caravan tour to the refuge to look for winter birds. Eagles NOT guaranteed - Salt Creek & Farmington Bay will have more eagles to view than the refuge.

**All Day** - Displays and information available on bald eagles. Free bird posters while supplies last.

**All Day** - Pick up maps and directions to bald eagle roosting sites in northern Utah. Look for eagles at your leisure.

**Location & Directions:**

The James V. Hansen Wildlife Education Center (visitor center) is at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. From Interstate 15, take exit #363 (Forest Street) and turn west. The Center is ONE block west of I-15 on the south side of the road. Watch for our sign.

**Wildlife Education**

**Center Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm;

closed Sunday and federal holidays. (435) 723-5887 - TTY /Voice: 711. Website:

<http://bearriver.fws.gov>.

This family day is sponsored by Friends of the Bear River Refuge

**Fee is \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per family**

**Bald Eagle Day** events are also being held today at Salt Creek WMA near

Corinne ( <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/waterfowl/mapinfo.html> ) and Farmington Bay WMA ( <http://www.greatsaltlakenaturecenter.org> or 801-589-2373) across the freeway from Lagoon - between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Join biologists,



Audubon Chapter members and other enthusiasts for a day of watching and learning about our National Symbol, the Bald Eagle!

## Utah Fishing Report

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR:** Last weekend, one angler had good luck fishing in 10 feet of water with rainbow or chartreuse PowerBait molded onto a cheese hook. The bait was suspended about five feet from the bottom.

**GIGLIOTTI POND:** Use small jigs, tipped with worms, mealworms or salmon eggs.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** In open water stretches, try worms or artificial flies, such as Montana nymphs, San Juan worms or hares ears.



**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (also known as Mammoth Reservoir):** Fishing pressure is very light, due to snow depth and ice thickness. Try a 1/8 ounce chartreuse jighead, tipped with half a nightcrawler. Keep the bait moving, slightly off the bottom. Strikes are very light, so set the hook at the first hint of a bite. This reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings.

**JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR:** Dedicated Hunter Calvin Jensen reported excellent fishing at Joe's Valley last weekend for one party, which fished near the dam. The person who caught the most fish used a hot pink octopus jig with a white head. Most fish were caught just off the bottom in 25 feet of

water. Calvin recommends jiggling the bait almost constantly. Fishing was best between 8 and 10 a.m. The group near the dam hooked a number of 18-inch splake

and a couple of 20-inch cutthroat trout. Another party caught a lot of 14- to 16-inch trout in 12 to 15 feet of water. They used jigs tipped with a mealworm or salmon egg. A third party near the boat ramp used gold attractants over jigs and chub meat. All groups agreed that fishing was very good.

**LAKE POWELL:** Visit [www.wayneswords.com](http://www.wayneswords.com) for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS:** All mountain lakes are snowbound. Access is by snow machine only. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake two weeks ago, and landed 10 fish in two hours, using a jig, tipped with a nightcrawler. The bite is very light.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** No recent report. Try small ice flies, tipped with a piece of nightcrawler or a green marshmallows/worm combo.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) Most ice anglers report "fair" success for trout. Small Jigs tipped with bait is the most popular method. Most anglers report at least six inches of ice but shoreline can get soft if weather warms up. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1



through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) Lots of anglers now using both sides of the reservoir. Success for perch and trout was reported as fair to good. Some ATVs have even been using the ice but please use caution if on foot—ice

conditions can change. Some snow and slush on the surface so use waterproof boots. Though bass fishing is very slow during winter, bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) (Hotspot!) Strawberry Project Biologist Justin Robinson reports "Fishing at Strawberry continues to be very good. If you go up and are not catching fish, move away from the crowds or just find another hole to try. The fish are there—keep moving until you find them. Snow is deep and slush can be really bad in patches. I checked a fish last Friday that went just short of 28 inches that was caught by Nick Garcia on a tube jig tipped with bait. Nice fish, Nick!"

Wear tall waterproof boots! Most anglers are using small- to medium-size jigs or plain bait. Plowing is occurring at Chicken Creek East, the ladders area and at Strawberry Marina. UDOT is plowing some pulloffs as well. Please reconsider going up to fish on snowy days because the plows can't plow too well with vehicles in the way. Vehicles can't drive on the west side of the reservoir beyond the turnoff to the Strawberry Marina. Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!



**UTAH LAKE:** (Jan. 31) Most ice anglers are using tents to stay out of the wind. Most anglers are sticking close to docks at the marinas. Success for white bass and crappie was reported as spotty to fair. Most anglers are using very small jigs tipped with bait (bluegill require a small lure). Walleye limit is 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) (HOTSPOT!) Fishing for perch was very good and many anglers are catching their limit of 10 perch within a couple of hours. At least eight inches of ice in most areas reported by anglers. Most anglers are still ice

fishing on the Painted Rocks portion of the reservoir (eastern/HWY 28 side of the reservoir). Many report catching perch with most going over eight inches long. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

### **Smaller lakes, reservoirs & ponds**

**BURRASTON POND:** (Jan. 31) Open water. Slow to fair fishing success using traditional baits and lures.



**MILL HOLLOW:**  
Drained! No fishing until 2009!

**PAYSON LAKE:**  
(Jan. 31) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes.

**SALEM POND:**  
(Jan. 31) Mostly open water. Slow to fair success for trout. Slow success reported for catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example:

one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

**SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS:** (Jan. 31) Many ponds have unsafe ice so stay away until ice has melted off! Light pressure and slow to fair fishing success in the open water.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) Gate closed and City states that it's closed for the season.

**SPRING LAKE:** (Jan. 31) Don't venture onto any formed ice. Slow success for trout and catfish in open water.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (Jan. 31) Trout are still being caught at the inlet to the reservoir. Though there is ice on the reservoir it has many soft spots where you can fall in due to warm springs. Ice fishing is not encouraged.

**VERNON,  
GRANSTVILLE &  
SETTLEMENT CANYON  
RESERVOIR:** (Tooele Co.)  
(Jan. 31) Many ice anglers seen on Grantsville Reservoir this week. Reports of fair success (mostly for brown trout) have been reported. Ice anglers also seen on Settlement and Vernon but success was reported as slow.

### **Rivers & streams**

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (Jan. 31) Snowy canyon—be wise when looking for a parking spot. Some nice new fishing holes created at the newly decommissioned power plant (brown trout seen in the newly-constructed clear pools of water). Light fishing pressure and fair success.

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (Jan. 31) Snowy conditions. Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cuts are similar in size on the



newly-opened stretch (about 10 to 12 inches). The previously closed area above three forks opened up to angling on January 1!

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (Jan. 31) Fair fishing success. Worms are bait of choice. Don't ice fish on the catch basin—ice is unsafe.

**PROVO RIVER:** (Jan. 31) Cold weather has lessened the angling pressure. Fishing is considered fair to good by using small nymphs. Parking areas in canyon are limited with snow. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

**THISTLE CREEK:** (Jan. 31) Low pressure due to the snow and cold weather. Fair success. Snowy conditions so wear waders and stay dry.

**BIG SAND WASH RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair ice fishing for rainbows near the dam/boat ramp. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out—



especially the edges—as it may be filling.

**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** No new reports. Reservoir has ice. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out—especially the edges—as it may be filling. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray

Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines, it should be signed. Follow this road approximately two miles following the signs. Road can be quite rutted.

**BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE:** No new reports. The area has received several snowstorms and lakes have ice. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out. Roads closed, accessible by skis or snowmobile. Warning: whirling disease was found in this area, so please make sure to clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Also do not clean fish or dump fish parts taken from one water into another lake or stream, as this will also move whirling disease.

**BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS:** No new reports. Both reservoirs have ice but check conditions carefully before venturing out. Reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

**CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS:** Anglers have reported fair to good ice fishing. No road access—anglers are using snowmobiles from the Jones Hole Road. Calder regulations include: flies and lures only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** Lake has ice, several reports of good fishing. Anglers are going in from the dam and have fished in several different depths with good success for trout. Check ice edge thickness carefully before



venturing out. Area received more snow last week. The road was kept open to the dam.

**EAST PARK / OAKS PARK:** No new reports, access by skis or snowmobile. Reservoirs have ice. Check ice edge condition carefully before venturing out as reservoirs are likely being filled.

**FLAMING GORGE:** As of January 24 launching

boats is still possible at Mustang ramp but the canyon up reservoir is frozen at Cedar Springs. All other boat ramps are frozen. Ice has formed in most areas. Ice is mostly fishable from Big Bend north and at some other locations south of Big

Bend. Ice is about eight inches at Marsh Creek. Buckboard is frozen and lake trout, rainbows and burbot are being caught. Ice is in Linwood, Antelope and Sheep Creek but check conditions carefully since ice has only formed for about a week. Ice is seven inches thick approximately 400 yards off of the Antelope ramp.

Lake Trout Fishing: Good to excellent fishing for 16- to 24-inch lake trout on most areas of the reservoir. Smaller lake trout will be concentrated in the northern end of the reservoir. If ice fishing, try fishing from the confluence, south to Big Bend. Use tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow, brown tipped with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons also work. Look for fish to be located in or near the old river channel. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon.

First ice is typically good fishing. Use no stretch line to feel

strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see suspended fish and put your jig in their face. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fair with orange flesh and taste as good or better than a rainbow when cooked up on the grill. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish.



Larger lake trout ice fishing should be good from Big Bend south to Anvil Draw once fishable ice forms. Use larger tube jigs and jigging spoons on the ice. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept. Big lake trout eat big food so lures and jigs can be big also.

Kokanee Fishing: Kokanee fishing is slow because the schools are difficult to locate under the ice. If you can find schools of fish, try vertical jigging with buzzbombs or jigging spoons. Tipping with a mealworm or fish egg may help.

Rainbow Fishing: Good fishing for rainbows is being reported on most of the reservoir. Ice fishing for rainbows in Wyoming was good if you can find fish. Jigs, spoons and other typical rainbow gear work well. Look for suspended fish on your graph at 10 to 30 feet. Drop your lure in front of them to entice a strike. Most colors of spoons and minnow lures will work but go with lures in the one- to two-inch size.

Burbot (Ling) Fishing: Ice is solid in Wyoming end and we've been getting reports of burbot being caught in Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek and Confluence, Buckboard and Marsh Creek areas. Try fishing with jigs late in the afternoon, early morning or at night on points coming into the reservoir. Use white or glow tube jigs two to three inches in size about 1/4 to 1/2 ounce in weight. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat will help catch fish. Use of smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish seem to help. These fish are fairly shallow (six to 30 feet) in the Wyoming end of the reservoir. Many anglers are reporting fast catch rates.

Recent netting in the area north of Buckboard has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are 30 inches and up to four or five pounds. Burbot activity increases under the ice as these fish spawn in winter. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population as they were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot after Jan. 1 but you cannot

waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir and they can be released



there.

Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried or boiled and dipped in melted butter. You can use six lines on the ice in Wyoming so take advantage of tip-ups and harvest some burbot.

Smallmouth Bass Fishing: Smallmouth fishing is slow, as smallmouth tend not to bite well at temps near or below 50 degrees. Use twist-tail grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits in about five to 30 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Crayfish imitation colors will work the best. Drop shot techniques will also work.

**GREEN RIVER:** (upper) The flows on the river are currently 800 cfs. Due to low inflows into the reservoir in 2007, flows should remain steady at 800 cfs throughout the winter to conserve water. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows.

Fishing on the river slows a bit during the winter, as water temps are low. Dry fly fishing is typically slow during the winter. Nymph action was good. Please remember the slot limit size range has changed from 13 to 20 inches to 15 to 22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Try fishing with glo-bugs and San Juan worms with smaller nymphs as a trailer, this combination was a real workhorse. Small midge patterns will work on some days. Streamers are working well and have been extremely good some days as well. Try size 2-4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white.

Spin fishermen should try small rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); small spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and small jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs contain no fish attracting scents, as they are illegal to use in the river.

New Zealand Mudsail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear; and if possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

**GREEN RIVER:** (lower) Water level is low and the river is much more frozen than normal, but as the currents move and undercut the ice it is unsafe.

**MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:** No new reports on fishing success. The area is only accessible by skis or snowmobile due to snow and deep drifts. The Reservoir has ice and is probably good fishing.

**MOON LAKE:** No new reports. Should be iced over and good fishing as observed at lakes at similar elevations.

**PELICAN LAKE:** Ice over a foot thick with the possible exception of those areas close to shore, which get exposed as reservoir fills. Anglers report good fishing for bluegill and bass in shallow waters. Try small brightly colored jigs tipped with bait such as a meal worm or piece of a night crawler. Anglers catching fish recommend trying several areas including those in or near the reeds in three to seven feet of water.

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** Reservoir has ice and we've gotten several reports of good fishing for rainbows with a few browns being taken.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:** Reservoir is iced over; some ice fishing activity was noted but few reports on success rates. Starvation Perch Search: on Thursday, January 31, biologists, park personnel and anglers will be saturating the ice in an attempt to locate the yellow perch. This excellent summer fishery seems to disappear under the ice so we'd like to find out where



they go. Everyone is welcome to participate. The boat ramp will be used as an informal staging area on the morning of the 31st. Check ice conditions carefully as the ice along the edges will be thinner due to water filling reservoir also expect thinner ice in the deeper areas near the inlet or along the main channel.

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** Reservoir has good ice and we've been getting numerous reports on the good fishing for rainbows and a few nice browns. Anglers should check ice conditions carefully before going out. Reservoir is being filled which will make the ice edge thinner and some areas froze almost a month before other areas.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** No new reports. Lakes and streams have ice but check it carefully before venturing out. Area has received

several snowstorms. Ice fishing on high elevation lakes and reservoirs is almost always good. Fishing success on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty so if one isn't producing try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent unexpected storms and high winds. Note: The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see proclamation for details.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY:** No recent report. A week ago, good fishing was reported at Blanding #3 and #4 with PowerBait or worms.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** Dedicated Hunter Calvin Jensen surveyed anglers on January 25th and reported slow fishing with light pressure. Calvin indicated that the west side produced a few more fish than anywhere else. The best end tackle consisted of a green jig, tipped with a mealworm or salmon egg. Orange PowerBait, molded onto a green jig, also attracted a few bites. One party reported catching two fish per hour on Friday, but had little success the following day. Bruce Sherman, Sr. interviewed anglers last Friday and Saturday and reported slow fishing on both days for most anglers.



**STRAIGHT CANYON:** In open water, try a prince nymph, hares ear or ugly in sizes 14-18. You will need to drift a fly through the hole several times to draw a strike.

**BAKER RESERVOIR:** The lake is covered with thin ice, but is not safe for ice fishing. Ice should remain until the weather warms up. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout at Baker, as long as there is open water. Try minnow-imitating lures and flies, or dead minnows.

**BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES:** All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing through April 20. Dougherty Basin is closed until July 12. All lakes are frozen over. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** All lakes are frozen over. Access to most lakes by snowmobile only.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** Much of the river is frozen over. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** Most of the river is iced over, making fishing difficult. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



**BOULDER MTN LAKES:** Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing through April 20. Check the Utah Fishing Guidebook (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Access on most of the mountain is limited to snowmobile and ATV. One report of good success at Blind Lake for 17-

to 19-inch splake. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

**CHALK CREEK:** Small stream east of Fillmore. Access can be difficult in winter. Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

**CLEAR CREEK:** Water is clear and low. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.



**CORN CREEK:** Access can be difficult in winter. Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Though trout get sluggish during the

winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:** Closed to fishing until April 20. This closure includes Duck Creek stream.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER—KINGSTON CANYON:** Much of the river is frozen over, making fishing difficult. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER—BLACK CANYON:** Unlike Kingston Canyon, the river here doesn't freeze over and can provide some good winter fishing. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.



**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER—ABOVE TROPIC RESERVOIR:** Much of the river is covered with ice, making fishing difficult. Access is limited.

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR:** (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir was drained for dam repairs. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout

in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, see [fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**FISH LAKE:** 10 to 12 inches of ice with some snow on top. Some slushy spots near the edges. Fishing is good to excellent for 12- to 18-inch splake by jigging just off the weedline in 15 to 25 feet of water. Tip your jigs with sucker or perch meat for best success. A few rainbows also being caught while jigging for splake. Perch fishing can be fast around the weedline using small jigs tipped with meal worms or perch meat. Remember that the perch limit here is 50 and harvest of perch is encouraged. A few lake trout are being caught by very patient anglers. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here—one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** Mixed reports of slow to fast. One angler reports fast action for fat and healthy 14- to 19-inch splake in 10 feet of water. Anglers fishing deeper had less success. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat. Action was steady through the middle of the day. A few tiger trout also caught. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



**FREMONT RIVER:** Flows above Mill Meadow are low and clear. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private

land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:** Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, see [fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** Musky fishing will be nonexistent until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches—all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must



be immediately released.

**KOLOB RESERVOIR:** Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches.

Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** Plenty of ice, but fishing is slow.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** Limited access due to snow. Fishing could be good if you can get there.

**MAMMOTH CREEK:** Flows are generally low and clear. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89—please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek—check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Ice is 12 inches thick. Fishing is good to excellent for nice-sized perch. Try small jigs tipped with worms, meal worms, or perch meat. Anglers fishing in deeper water are catching numerous small browns, with an occasional rainbow or splake. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:** Ice is 10 to 12 inches thick with some



slushy spots on the edges, especially on warm days. Pressure is moderate on weekends. Fishing is fair to good for 16- to 21-inch rainbows. Fish are being caught on the bottom in eight to 12 feet, as well as suspended 12 feet down in 20 feet of water. A variety of jigs (marabou to plastics) in 1/8 ounce or 1/16 ounce are producing well. Color varies with the day, but at times any color seems to work. The key seems to be almost constant action. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** The gate is closed—access by snowmobile. Ice is safe. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows.

**NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR:** Ice is six to eight inches thick. The top may be soft to slushy on warm days. Fishing is fast for eight- to 10-inch rainbows using small white jigs tipped with mealworm or nightcrawlers. Slow



for everything else. Note: Dead golden shiners are no longer legal to use as bait. See the Utah Fishing Guidebook (page 27) for details. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, see [fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR:** Ice is 10 to 12 inches thick. Use caution on the north end—springs in this area can make the ice thin. Lots of pressure on weekends. Fishing is good to excellent for 15- to 20-inch rainbows in eight to 10 feet of water. Best success with white jigs tipped with mealworm, fished on the bottom or suspended halfway up. Fish are very fat and healthy. Many anglers have reported catching three- to four-pound fish. Fishing slows down in the afternoon. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**PANGUITCH LAKE:** Ice is 14 inches thick. Fishing is fair to good, with the best times being from 9 to 10 a.m. and then again from 4 p.m. until dark. Fish are being caught on the bottom in eight to 10 feet. Best success with white or light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or night crawlers. Stillfishing with PowerBait is not as consistent and is not recommended because it is more likely to injure fish that you need to release. All fish are very fat and healthy but most are in the slot, so don't plan on keeping a limit.



Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12—check the Utah Fishing Guidebook for which streams are closed.

**TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15 to 22 inches):** If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, but digging the

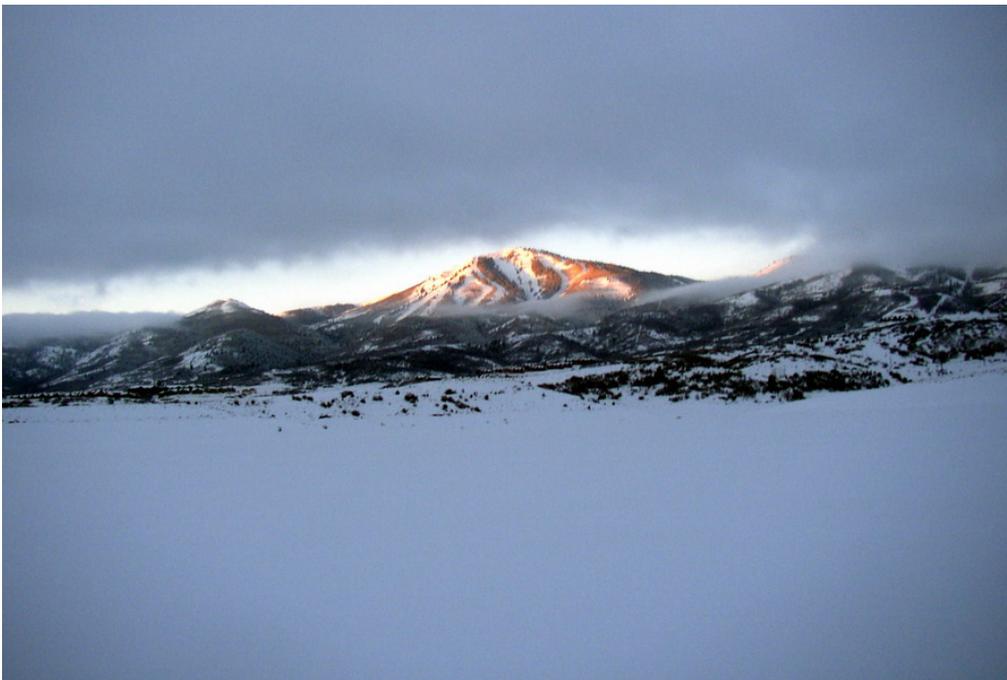
hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks.

**PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR:** Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Larger vehicles are not recommended—some people have got stuck trying to drive to the reservoir. Ice fishing could be productive, if you can get there. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

**PINE LAKE:** Should have safe ice. The road is not maintained in the winter, so you may need a snowmobile, ATV, or 4WD. Fishing could be good, if you can get there.

**PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR:** No recent reports.

**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** Ice is 10 to 12 inches thick. Much less pressure than at Otter Creek. Fishing is fair to good for 15- to 20-inch rainbows using light-colored



jigs tipped with mealworms. Fish near the bottom in eight to 10 feet.

**QUAIL LAKE:** Not much pressure. Fishing is good for rainbows—both for recently

stocked catchables as well as quite a few larger fish held over from last year. Bass fishing is slow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

**SAND COVE RESERVOIRS:** Slow.

**SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish during cooler weather. The keys to success are a slow retrieve (often "deadsticking") and moving around to find the fish. Also fish deep. New regulations—bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

**SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK:** Ice often forms and melts off and on in this stretch. Whitefish will be concentrated in some of the deeper pools and runs through the winter and will take a nymph pattern or wax worm on a dead drift. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

**SEVIER RIVER—MARYSVALE CANYON:** Ice covers much of the river, making fishing difficult.



**THOUSAND LAKES MTN:** Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing can be productive in the Solomon Basin lakes.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** Ice should be safe, but the road is not maintained in the winter, so don't try it without at least 4WD (may need ATV or snowmobile). There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

**URBAN PONDS:** Washington County ponds: Trout have been stocked several times since early November in all the ponds. Fishing should be good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Stratton (Hurricane) Pond was refilled and fish have been stocked. Also, the pond has a fishing pier now.

**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** The state park reports that the ice is safe and fishing is good for trout, bass, and bluegill.

**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Ice is 12 to 14 inches thick. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV if the ground is frozen with no new snow. One report of fair fishing with PowerBait.

### **Ogden Nature Center hosts Bookworms**

The Ogden Nature Center is hosting Bookworms, a book club for anyone interested in reading nature related titles. The meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of February's meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 7 pm, hosted in conjunction with Weber Reads.

All Bookworms meetings will be held in the Discovery Room at the Ogden Nature Center, 966 W. 12th Street. Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost for Ogden Nature Center members and a \$3 admission fee for those who are not members of the Nature Center.

The booklist and yearly schedule is as follows:

February 28 at 7 pm -- Beowulf, translated by Seamus Heaney  
March 25 at 5:30 pm -- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver  
April 29 at 5:30 pm -- Arnie the Darling Starling by Margarete Corbo  
May 27 at 5:30 pm -- The World Without Us by Alan Weisman  
June 24 at 5:30 pm -- The Man Who Planted Trees by Jean Giono  
July 29 at 5:30 pm -- A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella L.  
Bird  
August 26 at 5:30 pm -- Letters from Yellowstone by Diane Smith  
September 30 at 5:30 pm -- Sense of Wonder and/or Silent Spring by Rachel  
Carson  
October 28 at 5:30 pm -- The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are,  
How They Live and Why They Matter by Colin Tudge  
November 25 at 5:30 pm -- Laughing Boy by Oliver La Farge and/or The World

of Chief Seattle: How Can One Sell the Air by Warren Jefferson

For questions regarding the Nature Center's book club, please call Jenny Frame or Sabrina Foster at 621-7595.

### **Extreme Weather Shortens Dog Sled Race Course**

Day three IPSSSDR course shortened due to weather for first time in race's history



Jackson, Wyoming  
- January 28, 2008  
- The course from Cora to Pinedale, Wyo., in Day Three of the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR) was shortened from 33 to 18

miles due to extreme weather conditions, said Race Director Frank Teasley. Visibility along the route was restricted by winds measuring 60 mph, making the course dangerous. "It was like being in a wind tunnel. People were standing sideways. I had to make a decision in about three minutes," Teasley said.

In an unusual turn of events--and for the first time in IPSSSDR history--teams left the starting line thinking they were racing a 33-mile course and were relieved to find the finish 18 miles later. "I'm not always Mr. Popular on the race," Teasley

said of his Race Director role. "But today, I think people are pretty happy."

The 2008 IPSSSDR takes place from January 25 - February 2. With its unique "stage stop"



racing format, the IPSSSDR stops in a different community each night, allowing host towns to show their hospitality. The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For more information, visit the race at <http://www.wyomingstagestop.org> , contact the race via e-mail at [wystagestop@blissnet.com](mailto:wystagestop@blissnet.com), or telephone at (307) 734-1163.

### **The Cookie Chaser 5k race scheduled**

The Fifth Annual Cookie Chaser 5k race and 2k fun run/walk will be on May 3, 2008 at Riverton City Park (12765 S. 1400 W.) All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help Girl Scouts of Utah. We anticipate 250-300 participants this year. More information can be found at [cookiechaser.com](http://cookiechaser.com).

Costs are as follows:

Adults single race \$15, both races \$20

Youth, single race \$10, both races \$15

Family, \$50

Girl Scouts of Utah serves more than 9,000 girls and 3,500 adults from every county in Utah, as well as Wendover, Nevada and Fredonia, Arizona.

We have great opportunities for sponsors to become a part of this wonderful tradition by donating cash and/or merchandise to help make this year's race our biggest and best event ever. The following are a list of potential items:

1. Course materials, such as barricades and traffic cones
2. Cash to pay for organizing costs and awards
3. Drawing prizes  
(sports equipment, socks, hats, water bottles, etc.)
4. Post-race snacks  
(cookies, fruit, sports drinks, drink cups, etc.)
5. T-shirts for racers and volunteers
6. Samples for goodie bags

In exchange for a sponsorship of \$100 or more we will include their name and or logo on our website and race t-shirts and put flyer, coupon or other promotional item in our race goodie bags. For \$200 or more will throw in two free race entries.

As far as cookie sales go, door-to-door sales started last Saturday and run through February 3. We will be having cookie booths starting up in March.

## **US Open Snowkite Masters at Skyline, Utah**

March 1 & 2nd

In its 4<sup>th</sup> winter, the US Snowkite Masters has grown to become a world wide series of events, hosting national titles in several different countries. This year the SKM has already hit France and Germany, with upcoming dates in Switzerland and the USA. Each location provides unique terrain and challenges for Snowkiters and invites riders of all abilities to rally together for a weekend of freeriding, racing and freestyle exhibition. Held at Skyline in Utah, the American leg of the Snowkite Masters presents the U.S. Open national championship, and has become one of the largest Snowkite events in the country.



The philosophy of the SKM is to share the positive vibe of Snowkiting while enjoying mountain conditions with friends. The Freeride format allows riders to do what we love most, RIDE. Go on tour down the ridge, follow friends

up steep slopes, push your freestyle to the next level, or just chill and grill at Basecamp while tunes flow through the air. For those that like the thrill of competition and want to go head to head with other riders in a battle of speed and tactics, there are the U.S. Open races featuring Kiter-Cross & Winduro courses. The SKM is the perfect time for Snowkiters, media and newcomers to come together on the same field and share this amazing sport in a world class setting.

We would like to THANK all who make these events possible, including this years supporters: Dakine, Ozone Rossignol, Zeal Optics, Ska Brewing, Magellan GPS, Yamaha & Kite Utah Guides.

## **Brian Head News**

We've got more POWDER! The storms over the past few days have left us with a total of 23" of new powder! Current base depth is 50". The sun is out, winds are calm, and the snow conditions are amazing. 4-wheel-drive or chains are required

on Highway 143 from Parowan. All chairlifts and the Tubing Hill are expected to be open today, with 65 runs open, and terrain parks off Chair 3.

Join us for the President's Day Weekend, February 16, 17 and 18! We'll be having our annual Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Extravaganza, which is FREE to the public, at dusk on Saturday, February 16.

## **2008 OUTDOOR RETAILER WINTER MARKET HAS STRONG FINISH**

### ***\$289 Billion Industry Shows Resilience, Solidarity and Leadership in Innovation; Over 200 new exhibitors add to energy of 17,000+ in attendance***

**SALT LAKE CITY (Jan. 31, 2008)** – Ending an energetic week in Salt Lake City that included a preview of fall '08 apparel, gear and accessories, plenty of natural snow, and fashion shows packed to capacity, Outdoor Retailer Winter Market closed on a high note showing a resilient industry continuing to grow and to lead in innovation. Over 200 new exhibitors joined the international bi-annual gathering to conduct business in a celebratory environment. Technology was front and center, along with a commitment to sustainability and the clear pledge to grow participation in the industry by appealing to the next generation of consumers. In addition Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), the premier trade association for the active outdoor lifestyle industry, and Nielsen Business Media (NBM), parent company of Outdoor Retailer, announced a 15-year strategic alliance that will boost efforts to ensure the long-term success and growth of the \$289 billion outdoor industry. Over the next 15 years, new benefits to the industry will include increased support for industry projects and programs to sustain industry health and an increase in discounts and services to Outdoor Industry Association members.

“The celebration and festival aspect of this year’s show has never been stronger,” said Kenji Haroutunian, show director. “The crowd at Backcountry Base Camp, the product demo day prior to the show, showed that backcountry, nordic and alpine touring are surging as a vital component for outdoor winter activity, capturing younger consumers. With strong attendance on par with last year’s record breaker, this show proved that the industry has never been more vibrant. Companies are celebrating their passion and partnering in unprecedented ways to ensure future success in the market, and of the market.”

Technology continues to play an important role as many manufacturers are incorporating everyday comforts into their product lines, for example heated jackets and gloves, hats with speakers and Bluetooth-enabled ski helmets.

“The Outdoor Retailer Show continues to impress me as a growing and diverse venue that helps our company stay focused on differentiation and unique product offerings for our customers,” said Will Manzer, president and CEO of Eastern Mountain Sports. “We are increasingly sending larger numbers of our people to this show because of its usefulness and relevance.”

Wool is making a very strong comeback in base and midlayers with the industry developing its own certification standards for place of origin and authenticity. Sustainability continues to be top of mind for product managers in footwear, gear and apparel.

“The show is always great in that in just a few days you see many customers and friends and acquire lots of information, something you definitely couldn’t do in months on your own,” said Skip Yowell, co-founder of JanSport.

“The show was excellent,” said Colin R. Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing, Lorpen North America, Inc. “It’s a great opportunity for us to meet with customers, new prospects and our own strategic vendor partners. We’ll be back. Probably one of the best trade shows we attend.”

### **This weekend is the Championship Friends & Family Race at Park City Mountain Resort**

You must pre-qualify to participate in the race. We have sent out emails to all who have qualified, but if you believe that you should have qualified and you did not receive an email please reply back to the email. In order to qualify you must have participated in two of the Friends and Family Races this year or have medaled in at least one of the races. We have 78 people qualified for the race so it will be a great competition. Races need to meet on the 3rd floor of the Legacy Lodge to register and get your \$32 discounted lift ticket. Registration is from 8:30-10:30am, a racer meeting is at 10:30 and the race starts at 11:30. Awards & a raffle will immediately follow the race. Come on out and cheer on your favorite racer! The race will take place on the Picabo Run off of the Eagle Lift. See you there!

### **Women's Ski Jumping is asking for your help! Please read this note below provided by Barb Jerome, mother of US Ski Team Member Jessica Jerome**

Dear Friends,

As you probably know the challenge to get women's ski jumping into the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games has been an uphill battle. There has been much

publicity as of late in Canada, since a suit was filed with the Human Rights Commission stating the inequity in not allowing women the opportunity to jump in the 2010 Olympic Games. If you are interested in reading more with regard to these articles, go to Google, type in Women's Ski Jumping and click on the "NEWS" link.

I am sending this email to you to let you know a petition has been started with the hope of getting the signature of at least 10,000 people. **Please take a moment to log onto [www.wsj2010.com](http://www.wsj2010.com), read the facts, and sign the petition if you are in**



**support of seeing these athletes ski jump in the 2010 Olympic Games.**

One last thing. If you would please forward this email to people in your address book.

Remember, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"!

Together, we could make this dream a reality.

Thanks,

Barbara Rush Jerome

**Thanks to our venues, volunteers & sponsors who have given us many great events this season.** We would like to formally welcome **Goode Ski Technologies** as our newest sponsor. We would also like to give a shout out to our fabulous volunteer staff who has honestly made the Utah Winter Games possible. We couldn't do it without you- thank you! If you are interested in being a part of our team please email us at [uwg@xmission.com](mailto:uwg@xmission.com)

## **SONGBIRDS AND RIVER OTTERS NEED YOUR HELP**

If you care about songbirds, river otters and other wildlife that people don't hunt or fish for, tax time is one of the best times of the year to help them out.

You can help by giving a few dollars to the Utah Nongame Wildlife Fund. To

give a donation, just go to line 19 of the 2007 Utah State Income Tax form. Once you're there, enter code 01 and the amount you want to donate.

If you've already filed your taxes, there's another way you can provide Utah's nongame wildlife with some much-needed help.

### **Nongame wildlife need funding**

"Most Utahns don't realize it, but hunters and anglers provide almost all of the funding to manage the state's wildlife," says Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section chief for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"Hunters and anglers provide this funding when they buy hunting and fishing licenses and equipment," Sheehan says. "Because sportsmen are paying the cost to manage Utah's wildlife, we use most of the money we receive from them to manage wildlife that people hunt or fish for."

Money from the nongame wildlife fund is used differently. "Money from the fund is used entirely to help wildlife for which people don't hunt or fish," Sheehan says. "For people who care about nongame wildlife, donating to the fund is a convenient and easy way to help."

### **If you've already filed your taxes**

If you've already filed your taxes, you can still help. The DWR accepts donations for nongame wildlife throughout the year.

You can send your donation to Division of Wildlife Resources, P.O. Box 146301, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-6301. Please indicate, either on the check or on a note attached to the check, that the money is for Utah's Nongame Wildlife Fund.



### **How nongame wildlife money is used**

Last year, Utah taxpayers gave more than \$37,000 to the Utah Nongame Wildlife Fund. The DWR uses these funds to support several important programs.

For example, the DWR's nongame avian program uses the money to survey raptor and songbird populations in Utah. Information obtained through the surveys allows biologists to make decisions that will help ensure birds as common as yellow warblers and American robins, and as rare as peregrine falcons and yellow-billed cuckoos, thrive for years to come.

The DWR has also used the money to learn more about the amount of habitat

that's available in Utah for Mexican spotted owls. Biologists developed this habitat model using GIS technology and results from almost 15 years spent surveying owls in Utah's remote canyons.

Biologists in the DWR's nongame mammals program use nongame wildlife fund money to help endangered and sensitive species. Through their work, river otters now live in southern Utah, a black-footed ferret population is establishing itself in the northeastern part of the state and important information about pygmy rabbits and prairie dogs is being gathered.

"We appreciate every dollar we receive from Utah's taxpayers," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the DWR. "The more funding we receive, the more we can do to keep these animals off the federal Endangered Species list."

### **Ogden Nature Center Events**

The following community programs are happening at the Ogden Nature Center during February.

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden

To register for classes, please call 801-621-7595

[www.ogdennaturecenter.org](http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org)

#### **Nature Valentines**

Saturday, Feb. 9 / 10-11:30 am

Ages: All

Cost: \$6 / members, \$7 / non-members

Get ready for Valentine's day and explore your artistic side as you create valentines for friends, family, or that special someone using materials from nature's living palette. Instructor: Nancy Clark

Call to pre-register by Thursday, Feb. 7

#### **Beginning Yoga**

8-week course beginning Monday, Feb. 11 and ending Monday Mar. 31 /

6:30-7:45 pm

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$45 / members, \$50 / non-members (8 classes)

Invigorate your body and mind with a beginning course in Kundalini yoga and meditation with certified yoga instructor Bruce Fisk. Please bring a mat or blanket.

Call to pre-register by Friday, Feb. 8

### Writing Nature Poetry

Tuesday, Feb. 12 / 6-7:30 pm

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$6 / members, \$7 / non-members

Nature Center teacher-naturalists William Pollett and Susan Snyder will discuss writing nature poetry. Participants will be given time to try their skills and should bring a notepad.

Call to pre-register by Monday, Feb. 11

### Starry Starry Nights Preschool Program

Wednesday, Feb 13 / 9:30 am or 11 am

Thursday, Feb 21 / 9:30 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Cost: \$3 per child, adult chaperones are FREE

Get to know your night-time canopy. Explore the moon, stars, planets, galaxies, comets and more. Hear tales of the night sky and enjoy a <sup>3</sup>midnight<sup>2</sup> snack. Geared for ages 3-5, programs last one hour

### Bookworms -- Beowulf

Thursday, February 28 / 7 pm

Cost: FREE for members / \$3 for non-members

Join our discussion on Beowulf, translated by Seamus Heaney...exploring the natural and unnatural worlds.

Refreshments provided.

### **Another buck deer poached on the Henry Mountains**

*Buck covered with branches to try and hide it*

HANKSVILLE — Wildlife officers are looking for information about the poaching of another buck deer on the Henry Mountains in southeastern Utah.



Whoever killed the buck covered it with a pile of juniper boughs to try and hide it.

*Photo by Paul Washburn*

Less than two weeks ago, the Division of Wildlife Resources asked for the public's help in locating the person who killed a

deer in the Coyote Benches-Mud Springs area of the Henry Mountains. Officers believe that buck was shot in late November.

Now another dead buck has been found near the Coyote Benches road. Just like the first deer, whoever killed this buck covered it with branches. The poacher removed the animal's skull plate and antlers. Then he or she left the rest of the animal to rot.

DWR conservation officer Paul Washburn believes this second buck was shot less than a week ago.

The Henry Mountains is one of only two premium limited entry deer units in Utah. Very few permits are issued to hunt this area. Those who draw a permit can hunt a trophy animal. But poachers are taking that opportunity away from legitimate sportsmen.

A reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the poaching. The DWR is offering either \$1,000 or a permit to hunt on the Henry Mountains this fall. An additional \$5,000 is being offered by the sportsman's group Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife.

If you have information about this case, please call officer Paul Washburn at (435) 820-6016 or the Utah Turn-in-a-Poacher Hotline at 1-800-662-DEER (3337).

If you request it, your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

### **BROADWAY ON THE BOULEVARD:**

**Peery's Egyptian Theater announces the Spring 2008 Season, including *Little Women***

Broadway comes to the Boulevard as **Peery's Egyptian Theater** presents the national tour of the acclaimed Broadway musical, *Little Women*.

### ***LITTLE WOMEN, THE BROADWAY MUSICAL***

Book by Allan Knee, Music by Jason Howland, Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein  
March 18, 2008, 6:00 PM

***Little Women The Broadway Musical*** is the remarkable new production based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott. Based on Alcott's own family experiences, ***Little Women The Broadway Musical*** follows the adventures of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March as they grow up in Civil War America. The beloved story of the March sisters is timeless and deals with issues as relevant today as when they were

written. Now, for the first time ever, this wonderful narrative has been brought to life as an exhilarating new musical filled with glorious music, dancing and heart. ***Little Women The Broadway Musical*** embodies the complete theatrical experience, guaranteeing a night filled with laughter, tears, and a lifting of the spirit. Don't miss this "richly sentimental favorite with family friendly appeal after appeal."

*The performance will take place at 6:00pm to accommodate school and family schedules.*



Tickets are \$24.50 for regular seats. A limited number of premier seats will also be available for \$29.50. All tickets can be purchased online at [www.peerysegyptiantheater.com](http://www.peerysegyptiantheater.com), by phone at 801.395.3227, and in person at the Box Office (2415 Washington Boulevard). Senior and student rates are also available.

Funding for ***Little Women*** is generously provided in part by PacifiCorp.

Combining a variety of performance genres, **Peery's Egyptian Theater's Spring Season** will also include:

### ***EXCELLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES***

February 15, 2008, 7:30 PM, and continuing monthly

Recognizing the vast wealth of musical talent living in the Northern Utah area, **Peery's Egyptian Theater** is proud to partner with **Bank of Utah** and **Excellence in the Community**, a local non-profit organization aimed at highlighting local musical talent, to support the **Excellence in the Community Concert Series**. The Series highlights local, outstanding groups from a different genre every month. The roster of artists is developing and the first concert of 2008 will welcome **Joe McQueen, Wayne Egan, and Friends** with an evening of romantic jazz, from Gershwin to Kern.

Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased online at [www.peerysegyptiantheater.com](http://www.peerysegyptiantheater.com), by phone at 801.395.3227, and in person at the Box Office (2415 Washington Boulevard). Tickets are also available at local Bank of Utah branches.

More information about this concert and the series is available at: <http://www.excellenceconcerts.org/index.php> and <https://www.bankofutah.com/excellence-in-community-jeff-whiteley.html>.

***CELTIC CELEBRATION: With Special Guest, Craicmore***  
March 12, 2008, 7:30 PM

A contemporary traditional Celtic music group with deep roots in the music of Scotland and Ireland, **Craicmore** features the critically acclaimed vocalist Nancy Johnston. Her deep, rich, contralto voice is rare in the genre. Driving rhythms from guitar, bass, Bohdran drum, conga and other percussion, along with high-spirited whistles, flutes and bagpipes, powerfully render jigs & reels. Four part harmony, rhythmic hardshoe dancing, an East Indian Shruti Box and rumbling Didjeridoo all accent the warmth and passion of **Craicmore's** fiery performances. Don't miss the chance to experience the excitement, the humor and the sheer joy of this music from **Craicmore**.

**Craicmore** will be joined on stage by local dance troupe **Celtic Beat** under the direction of LaRae Thackeray.

**Craicmore** will also participate in the educational outreach program **Celtic Connections** for local school children on March 11, 2008 at Peery's Egyptian Theater.

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online at [www.peerysegyptiantheater.com](http://www.peerysegyptiantheater.com), by phone at 801.395.3227, and in person at the Box Office (2415 Washington Boulevard). Senior, student, and group rates are also available.

Funding for **Celtic Celebration** is generously provided by the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF) and the National Endowment for the Arts.

***BLUES REVUE***

April 2008, exact date dependent on artist availability

For the past four years, Peery's Egyptian Theater has partnered with Brad Wheeler and Dan Weldon, the Legendary Porch Pounders, on an innovative educational outreach program for elementary school children in Weber County. *The Blues in the Schools* program is a 50-minute interactive mini-curriculum on the history, development and musical styling of the blues genre. Students each receive a harmonica and learn the basic techniques of the blues harmonica. The program has reached over 4,000 students in the past four years and culminates in a musical performance with professional musicians on the stage of Peery's Egyptian Theater. Select students from the program are invited to perform at the **Blues Revue**. The program has been an incredible tool for engaging young audiences, sparking a passion for creativity and providing a sense of connection to the theater and the performing artist. Class activities are currently underway in classrooms all over the Wasatch Front.

More information on the professional artist and ticket availability will be announced as scheduling is finalized.

### ***THE NYLONS***

May 15, 2008, 7:30 PM

With seven gold & platinum recordings, this four member vocal group is a true international success story. Known for their great a cappella sound, dazzling harmonies and smooth arrangements, **The Nylons** immense appeal has taken them across North America, Europe, Australia, China and Japan. The group is celebrating their 25th Anniversary in the recording industry with the release of their 14th CD *Sterling*. **The Nylons** continue to perform worldwide to passionate audiences and critical acclaim.

**The Nylons** will be joined on stage with long time friends **T-Minus 5**.

Tickets are \$20.00 advance sales and \$25.00 day of for regular seats. A limited number of premier seats will also be available for \$30.00. All tickets can be purchased online at [www.peerysegyptiantheater.com](http://www.peerysegyptiantheater.com), by phone at 801.395.3227, and in person at the Box Office (2415 Washington Boulevard). Senior and student rates are also available.

**STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MOBIL FIVE STAR RATING**

## **First Utah Property to Receive Industry's Most Coveted Honors**

DEER VALLEY RESORT, Park City, UT (January 28, 2008) — The Mobil Travel Guide bestowed one of the hospitality industry's most prestigious designations—the Mobil Five Star award—upon Stein Eriksen Lodge today, making it the first Utah property to achieve this distinction. Stein Eriksen Lodge joins an elite list of 41 hotels, inns and resorts throughout North America as one of only four new Five Star properties.

Over the past 25 years, Stein Eriksen Lodge has established itself as a leader in alpine hospitality and one of the most highly respected mountain resort destinations in the world. In 2003, the Lodge was the first Utah property to be recognized with the AAA Five Diamond rating. The addition of the Mobil Five Star award makes Stein Eriksen Lodge one of only 30 properties in North America to hold both Mobil Travel Guide's and AAA's highest honors.

“It is a significant honor to become Utah's first hotel to receive the Mobil Five Star award,” said Russ Olsen, chief executive officer of Stein Eriksen Lodge. “This distinction illustrates the unyielding dedication of our staff to provide uncompromising service of the highest caliber. Without such dedication given on a daily basis, this honor would not have been possible.”

With this award, Stein Eriksen Lodge joins a very exclusive group of properties capable of offering guests full assurance that they will consistently benefit from uncompromising, exceptional service. Located mid-mountain at Deer Valley Resort, Stein Eriksen Lodge is the ultimate year-round luxury resort, offering world-class hospitality, accommodations, fine-dining, meeting facilities, spa services and recreation. With 180 rooms including 68 suites, the ski-in/ski-out property features such amenities as full-service concierge, ski valets, twice daily maid service, rental shop and boutiques. Stein Eriksen Lodge is also home to the Four-Star Glitretind restaurant, and the intimate Four-Star Spa at Stein Eriksen Lodge.

Since its inception in 1958, the Mobil Travel Guide has used an objective set of judging criteria, unique among leading travel books, which sets national standards yet allows for regional and individual preferences. A carefully selected team of hospitality experts anonymously evaluates the establishments listed in the Guide, using a proprietary ratings process based on more than 750 rigorous and standardized criteria that are evaluated and updated annually. Properties must offer a level of experience appropriate to the cost, based on the quality of such items as

décor, comfort, amenities, and services. For a detailed explanation of Mobil Travel Guide's industry-leading ratings process, visit [www.mobiltravelguide.com](http://www.mobiltravelguide.com).

For additional information regarding Stein Eriksen Lodge, contact Allie Kelly at 435.645.6451 or [akelly@steinlodge.com](mailto:akelly@steinlodge.com), or visit the Stein Eriksen Lodge web site at [www.steinlodge.com](http://www.steinlodge.com).

### **“You Can’t Do That With A Boat!”**

Durham, NC – January 28, 2008 - Most fish tales involve ... well, fish for starters.



However, in these true stories – cross their hearts and hope to die – Triumph boat owners share their personal experiences with “the toughest boat in the world.”

### **Ice Breaker, Otto Cuyler, Webster, NY**

New York States’ St. Lawrence River gets very cold in winter – and late December 2006 proved no exception. Otto Cuyler of Webster, New York and his friends rose early for their fishing

trip to Mink Island in the Chippewa Bay. An unexpected snowfall had blanketed the area during the night dropping temperatures to the single digits. When they got to the river, almost an inch of ice covered the entire mile to the boat ramp. By all rights, they should have turned around and gone home. “That thought didn’t even cross our minds,” said Otto. “Our boat is a Triumph.”

Exercising extreme caution the crew proceeded through the ice at speeds of 3 to 5 mph. The Triumph 195 easily broke the ice without lifting. “Afterwards, we checked the hull. It had no damage whatsoever except for some minor scratches.” He then added, “I think a Triumph could easily negotiate thicker ice.”

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### **Sustain a Car Crash, Dave McSpadden, Youngstown, FL**

When Dave McSpadden of Youngstown, Florida had his boat trailer slammed by a

Ford truck he figured his fishing days were over for a while.

“I pulled out of my driveway for a quick fishing trip,” said Dave. “Within a couple of miles of the house ... Wham! I got rear ended by a Ranger ... I get out, make sure the driver that hit me is okay, and then tell him he can sure ruin a fishing trip. Finally, I get a chance to check out the damage. I had seen the front of his truck so figured the worse. Luckily, he had swerved over to the far left, hitting my right side rear...missing my motor but totaling his Ranger.” The Triumph sustained only a few dings. “That’s right guys, after a heat gun you will never be able to tell he hit me.”

Within 3 hours Dave had a new trailer and a new fish tale to tell.



### **Tree on a Boat, Ed and Vicky Woods, St. Augustine, FL**

During the first week in June 2007, the Woods purchased a like-new 2006 Triumph 215 Center Console from Salty Dog Marine in Jacksonville, Florida. “The boat only had about 25 hours on it at the time,” said Ed adding, “We had seen the Triumph 215 boat at several local boat shows and really fell in love with it. When we came across this particular boat we couldn’t pass it up.”

The Woods picked up their Triumph on Friday and took their maiden voyage the next day. “We were leaving the following Friday for a 10-day fishing vacation to the Florida Keys. We were of course thrilled to be taking our new boat with us. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans for us.”

Tuesday morning Ed received a frantic phone call from his wife Vicky. “It seems a tornado had just ripped through our neighborhood and dropped a significant section of a large pine tree on top of our Triumph.”

“I immediately left work and headed home to survey the damage... My first impression was the boat had to be totaled. It took three tree trimmers two and a half hours to surgically remove the tree from my boat.”

“To my amazement the hull was unscathed. The only sign of the impact on the

gunnels was some pine tar. Other than a bent T-Top, some torn cushions, broken antennas ... there did not appear to be any other damage...If this had been a fiberglass or wooden boat it would have been cut clean in two.

“On Friday of that week we headed to the Keys with our amazing Triumph boat. We had a great time and the boat performed perfectly in spite of the minor damage.”

“What a boat! What a company. What a dealer! I am a customer and Triumph boat owner for life!”

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Additional information available at: [www.toughboats.com](http://www.toughboats.com)

## **SNOWKITING COMPETITION TO RIP AT POWDER MOUNTAIN**

**2008 Superfly Open - Friday, February 8 – Sunday, February 10, 2008**

*(Eden, UT)* When the “Google Guys” do anything, the world seems to take notice. Well it’s a fact - Google’s founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page are avid Kite Surfers, which they happen to enjoy mostly in the Pacific ocean of Northern California.

Kiteboarding is the **generic term** for any sport where a colorful kite is strapped to an athlete on surfboard, snowboard, skis, skateboard, etc. Those addicted to **snow sports**, or anyone who enjoys colorful displays of talent, will love watching or participating in the **2008 Superfly Snowkiting Competition at Powder Mountain February 8 – 10**. If you’ve ever watched the colorful beauty of hot air balloons launching, imagine the basket on a pair of skis or snowboard ripping across the horizon, and you’ll have some inkling of the intrigue of this sport. It’s colorful, it’s dynamic, and it’s COOL! Charge up your cameras



and video recorders and head on up to Powder Mountain!

This is the first time a competition of this type has been hosted in Northern Utah, and is testimony to Powder Mountain’s commitment to becoming Utah’s primo destination for Snowkiting. They are the only ski area in Utah that offers a specific day pass for snow kites, which provides access to the Sunrise Poma lift that accesses ideal terrain and winds for Snowkiting.

The **Superfly Open** is a perfect opportunity for those intrigued by the sport to enjoy introductory kite clinics and watch some of the best snow kites in the world showcase their talent. Powder Mountain’s grooming team has been busy building some fantastic “snow features.” (With over 12 feet of natural snow so far this year, there’s plenty of snow to mold into some EXCITING features!) Slide rails and boxes are being generously provided by event sponsors.

Three categories of competition will be on display – Freestyle, Kitecross or Big Air.

There will also be timed challenges hosted by Ogden-based timepiece manufacturer Suunto, as well as clinics which are open to the public.

Multi-evening festivities include a showing of the new movie *Something Stronger*, live music, dancing, “Best Girls” contest, dining, awards, and multi-media presentations from some of the greatest athletes in the sport.

All the action takes place just south of the top of the Sunrise Poma lift, in an area known as “The Towers” in the Hidden Lake area of Powder Mountain, which sits at an elevation of about 9,000 ft. The viewing area is wide and open, so folks can cruise on over and take a break from skiing or riding to watch all the action, grab a burger and enjoy the incredible backdrop of the entire Wasatch Range and Great Salt Lake. The weekends’ schedule is as follows:



<b>Friday, February 8th</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	
All Day	Free Ride	
9 AM - 4	Suunto Challenge	

PM		
TBA	Best Kite Demo	
TBA	Intro Clinics	
11 AM	Freestyle Elimination Round	
8 PM	Best Bash and Model Search, Live Music, Dancing – Rumors Lounge in downtown Ogden (Ben Lomond Hotel, Washington Blvd.) - \$7 at door.	
<b>Saturday, February 9</b>		
All Day	Free Ride	
9 AM - 4 PM	Suunto Challenge	
9 AM - 4 PM	Snowkiting/White Pine Area	
TBA	Best Kite Demo	
TBA	Intro Clinics	
11 AM	Kitercross Timed Elimination	
Noon	Freestyle Final Round	
1 PM	Kitercross Finals	
7 PM	Awards Presentation, Dinner, movie “ <i>Something Stronger</i> ” Music, Dancing - Pineview Lodge at Wolf Creek Resort & Club in Eden - \$15 per person.	
<b>Sunday, February 10th</b>		
All Day	Free Ride	
9 AM - 4 PM	SnowKiting/White Pine Area	
11 AM	Big Air Expo	
TBA	Intro Clinics	
TBA	Best Kite Demo	

The event is sponsored by Powder Mountain, Best Kiteboarding, Mountain Luxury Real Estate, Valley Lodging @ Wolf Creek Resort & Club, Rock Star, Ogden Valley Magazine, AA Professional Photography and Ozone. Community supporters include Red Moose Lodge & Spa, Diamond Peak Mountain Sports, Alpine Pizza, Valley Market of Eden, Zions Bank, Ogden Convention & Visitors

Bureau and G.O.A.L. (*Greater Ogden Athletic Foundation.*) Contributing sponsors include Ogden Climbing Parks and The Kiteboarder Magazine.

For more information, and the most up to date schedule, please go to [www.superflyopen.com](http://www.superflyopen.com).

**Bass 2008 Dates to remember:**

**January 17, 2008** - Utah Bass Federation Meeting @ Sportsman's Warehouse.

**January 25, 2008** – Articles needed for newsletter.

**January 31, 2008** – Deadline for rosters and calendar events for Directory.

**February 6, 2008** – Deadline for State Team members to confirm participation.

**March 19, 2008** - Blue Ribbon Fisheries Advisory Council meeting in conjunction with Habitat Council. 10:00 am room 2000, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources bldg. 1594 West North Temple.

**March 2008** – Weed Control (habitat) project at Mantua. Exact dates to follow. Help needed. Call George 801-541-7419 or Drew 801-538-4774 for details.

**April 3, 2008** – Reel Recovery Fundraiser @ Café' Trio. 6405 S. 3000 E. Holladay. 6-9 pm. Go to: [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org) or call 801-550-6654 for details.

**April 6-11, 2008** – TBF/FLW Western Divisional Tournament @ Lake Havasu.

**April 24-26, 2008** - Federation National Championship, Lake Wylie, NC.

**May 15, 2008** – **Utah Bass Federation Meeting.** Site TBA.

**May 30-31, 2008** Wasatch Women in the Outdoors event at East Canyon reservoir.

**June 7, 2008** – Free Fishing Day, Utah Conservation Officers Essay contest winners fishing event – Flaming Gorge reservoir (Dutch John).

**June 21, 2008** – Cure for Cancer event at Starvation.

**August 9, 2008** – C.A.S.T. Program event at Rockport reservoir.

**August \_\_, 2008** – **Utah Bass Federation Meeting. Site TBA. Nominations for officers.**

**August 15-16, 2008** – Junior World Championship at the Forrest Wood Cup tournament, Lake Monticello, Columbia, South Carolina.

**November 13, 2008** – **Utah Bass Federation Meeting. Site TBA. Officer elections.**

**2008 Tournaments**

**ABA Northwestern Division**

26 April 2008 Twin Lakes, ID

3 May 2008 East Canyon, UT

14 June 2008 Flaming Gorge, WY (Buckboard Marina)

12 July 2008 Twin Lakes, ID

2 August 2008 Milner, ID (Golf Course Ramp)

23 August 2008 East Canyon, UT

**ABA Northeastern (Westslope) Division**

10-11 May 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell

This is the only event I have information on so far.

**Angler's Choice North Lake Powell**

29-30 March 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\*

19-20 April 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\*\*

17-18 May 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell

7-8 June 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\*\*

**Bullfrog Open Tournaments**

26-27 April 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell

1-2 Nov. 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell

**Southern Utah Bass Club**

23 Feb. 2008 Sand Hollow

26 April 2008 Quail Creek

26 July 2008 Quail Creek

27 Sept. 2008 Sand Hollow

11 October 2008 Quail Creel

22 Nov. 2008 Sand Hollow

**Utah Bass Federation**

29-30 March 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\* (Buddy/Team)

10 May 2008 Hyrum Reservoir (Youth Tournament)

17-18 May 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\* (Buddy/Team)

31 May 2008 Echo Reservoir (Youth Tournament)

21 June 2008 Cure for Cancer tournament-Starvation

28 June 2008 Jordanelle Res. (Youth Tournament)

12-13 July 2008 Flaming Gorge Lucerne (Pro-Am)

15-17 Aug 2008 **Flaming Gorge Lucerne** (Qualifier)\*\*

27-28 Sept 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell (Pro-Am)

\*Utah Bass Federation in Conjunction with Angler's Choice.

\*\* **See Qualifier box for more details (off-limits, Team members etc)**

**Utah Federation Nation**

19-20 April 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\*\*

7-8 June 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell\*\*

1-3 August 2008 Flaming Gorge

19-21 Sept. 2008 Bullfrog Lake Powell (Open Tournament)

\*\*Utah B.A.S.S. Federation Nation in conjunction with Angler's Choice.

**Other Tournaments:**

**May 31 – June 1** (tentative), 2008 Yuba Walleye Tournament.

**September 13-14, 2008.** 18th annual Starvation Walleye Classic. Starvation reservoir, Duchesne, Utah. Go to: [www.starvationclassic.com](http://www.starvationclassic.com) for details.

**September 13-14, 2008.** 2nd annual Dry Creek Outfitters Invitational tournament. Milner reservoir, Burley, Idaho. Go to: [www.drycreekoutfitters.com](http://www.drycreekoutfitters.com) for details.

### **SCI Salutes World Hunting Award Ring Winners at 2008 Convention**

Reno, Nevada – Safari Club International is pleased to announce the winners of the prestigious SCI World Hunting Award Rings. The winners are Darryl Hastings, Larry Higgins, Dr. Lawrence Rudolph, Ben and Marilyn Seegmiller, and Ken Wilson.

The SCI World Hunting Award ring, introduced in 1995, is the highest award in the World Hunting Awards program, recognizing extraordinary efforts in conservation of wildlife. A custom-crafted ring made of 18-karat gold, onyx and 40 diamonds totaling 2.5 carats is presented to each recipient. The ring is fashioned as a brooch for female recipients. These rings represent the premier honor in the world of hunting. Recipients are recognized at both the Trophy Records Major Awards cocktail reception and at the evening banquets during the SCI Annual Hunters' Convention.

### **Darryl Hastings**

Darryl Hastings involvement with SCI began in 1976, and was a founding member of the Detroit Chapter. He was chapter president from 1983-1984 and served on the Board of Directors for 21 years from 1976-1998.

He is a life member to numerous organizations that includes SCI, NRA, FNAWS, RMEF, ISHA, Handgun Hunters' Museum & Hall of Fame and Honorary Life Member of the APHA. His reputation among friends, outfitters, and professional hunters is "nobody hunts harder" or is as passionate!

Darryl has 54 entries in the top 10 of SCI's Record Book that were taken with handgun or rifle. Darryl says his greatest hunting success is his three Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, which he drew permits and self-guided each of the hunts. He has taken more than 60 big game animals with his handgun, including a bongo, leopard, rhino, sitatunga, sable, Alaskan brown bear and eight Cape buffalo.

## **Larry B. Higgins**

Larry Higgins always had a passion for hunting and grew up hunting whitetails. His big game hunting career began sporadically, but by 1993, he began to hunt all across the world. Higgins has been privileged to hunt on six continents, and strongly believes in the conservation of wildlife and strives to protect habitats, promote ethical hunting and our hunting rights. He now spends his time at his whitetail ranch, Redpine Whitetails, raising whitetail deer. In addition, he works in his workshop where he designs and builds furniture, lamps and cabinets for his new company Custom Crafts.

Higgins is a lifetime member of the NRA, North American Hunting Club, Grand Slam Club/OVIS and SCI. He has been a member of SCI since 1979, and participated in the Mid-Michigan Chapter for over 13 years, been region 19 Representative for two years and has been appointed the Asian Sub-Chair for the Trophy Records Department.

## **Dr. Lawrence “Larry” Rudolph**

Dr. Lawrence Rudolph is 52 years old, married for 25 years to Bianca Rudolph, and they have two children Ana Bianca and Julian.

Rudolph has collected 241 big game species from around the world. He has been on 102 big game hunts in 36 countries on six continents. Rudolph's numerous achievements include a Grand Slam, two Super Slams of Sheep, collected the Big Five twice, the Spiral-Horned Nine, and a Capra Slam. Rudolph has 14 top 10 entries in the SCI record book. He has 20 SCI Inner Circles at the Diamond Level, accomplished the SCI Pinnacle of Achievement at level 4 and has the SCI Crowning Achievement Award.

Rudolph has been active in SCI since 1986 and has held numerous positions, most of which have been to raise funds and further the goals of SCI. On the Chapter level he has been the Pittsburgh chapter president from 1998-1999 and the Pittsburgh chapter fundraiser chairman from 1998-1999 and 2001-2004. On the national level he has served as chairman for SCI's political action committee from 2003-2006, foundation director 2005-2006 and vice president of the executive committee since 2006. He is founding member and judge for the Conklin Award. In addition, Rudolph is a significant contributor to the SCI Hunter Legacy Endowment and other conservation/hunting groups. He helped raise funds for the Khama Rhino Sanctuary in Botswana.

Rudolph is a member of numerous hunting and conservation organizations such as SCI, Conklin Foundation, GrandSlam/Ovis, FNAWS, Ducks Unlimited, and the NRA.

### **Marilyn A. Seegmiller**

Marilyn started hunting seriously in the 1970's when she participated in the annual Seegmiller Family mule deer hunt tradition. She was also the luckiest Seegmiller in that she drew one-in-a-lifetime tags for Shiras Moose and American Bison in Utah. In addition, she had great luck drawing Rocky Mountain Elk tags.

In 2003, Marilyn was named the Diana Award recipient as a result of her achievements in hunter education, conservation and hunting accomplishments. Marilyn served on SCI's Utah Board of Directors for more than seven years, helped organize chapter trophy room tours, coordinate youth event activities, and developed the Annual Chapter Youth Hunt. She was a member of SCI's Phoenix Chapter and became a Life Member in 1995.

Marilyn received her fourth Pinnacle of Achievement in 1999, and achieved her Crowning Achievement in 2006. In the fall of 2006, she took an old boar bushpig to reach the silver level in Trophy Animals of Africa. She had the tusks mounted on a small plaque on which the words "I finally did it" were engraved.

SCI regrets that Marilyn passed away on March 15, 2007 after a ten-year battle with colon cancer. The award is given posthumously in her honor.

### **Ben L. Seegmiller**

Born in rural Utah in the 1940's, Ben was raised in a family which relied on hunting to provide subsistence. In the 1950's Ben progressed from the annual mule deer hunts to hunting pronghorns, elk, moose and desert sheep. International hunting began the 1990's when he went to Africa for the first time.

As his international hunting exploits took off in the 1990's he initially went on safaris to South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In 2006 he hunted most of the year with hunts all across the globe in North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Ben received his fourth Pinnacle of Achievement in 1999, and progressed forward to achieve his Crowning Achievement. However, one of the requirements was to achieve the silver level in Trophy Animals of Africa. That level required taking a sitatunga. He hunted Forest Sitatunga in Tanzania, but once again came up short. Finally, he got very lucky and bagged a 30-inch Zambezi Sitatunga in Zambia in 2006. Ben is proud to share this honor with his recently deceased wife, as a memorial to her accomplishments and their shared love of hunting.

The World Hunting Award Rings were conferred during SCI's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunters Convention, in Reno, Nevada. "All of us in SCI leadership offer our congratulations to the winners of the World Hunting Award Ring on this prestigious accomplishment," said SCI President Dennis Anderson.

### **Tourism Office Lowers Price of Utah Scenic Calendar**

Salt Lake City - The Utah Office of Tourism has lowered the price for its 2008 Official Utah Scenic Calendar to \$5 each. The award-winning calendar is available at historic Council Hall on Capitol Hill. Now in its 36th year, the calendar highlights many of Utah's iconic destinations and outdoor recreational opportunities.

"Our beautiful scenic calendar makes a great gift for businesses to give clients, or for families to enjoy with loved ones who may live out of state," said Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, part of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

The Utah Office of Tourism accepts wholesale or bulk orders of 50+ calendars. Individual orders of 49 or fewer may be purchased through the Zion Natural History Association (ZNHA) bookstore, located at Council Hall, 300 N. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114. An order form can be found at: <http://travel.utah.gov>. If you have questions, please call (801) 538-1900.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Backyard Bird Count February 15 – 18, 2008 Count for Fun, Count for the Future!**

Dear Great Backyard Bird Count participant,

Your chance to take part in the eleventh Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) comes up in a few short weeks. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to have

fun and help us find out where the birds are this winter. Read on for new and exciting features of this year's event.

### **WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?**

Check out the GBBC website

([www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)) for improved features, including:

- Ability to submit YouTube bird videos. The best videos will be posted on the GBBC website
- Expanded sparrow identification page
- New bird call identification game for kids
- New FAQ section and narrated GBBC overview



### **SPREAD THE WORD**

We hope you'll spread the word this year by encouraging your friends to participate. You can forward this email to them or direct them to visit the website at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). Remember: the GBBC is fun, free, and helps birds!

### **WIN SOMETHING COOL**

When you send in your checklist this year, you will automatically be entered in a prize drawing to win items like binoculars, bird feeders, and a variety of great books! Check out <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/press/news-stories/prize-list-for-2008> for a listing of prizes.

### **SUBMIT PHOTOS TO OUR ONLINE GALLERY AND PHOTO CONTEST**

During the count, take digital photos of birds (and bird watchers!) and submit them to the GBBC website. All photos submitted will be entered in the photo contest, and some will be posted in an online gallery. Images will be accepted through **March 1**.

## YOUR COUNTING COUNTS

In 2007, GBBC participants made history, breaking records for the number of birds reported and number of checklists submitted. Participants sent in more than 80,000 checklists tallying over 11 million birds of 613 species. Last year, as a result of



your counts, we discovered that many bird species had already started their spring migrations in February—earlier than in decades past. Your counts help us build a long-term record of where people are finding birds and how many birds there are. Although your bird counts need to take place from February 15-18, you can submit data as late as **March 1, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact us at

[citizenscience@audubon.org](mailto:citizenscience@audubon.org) or [cornellbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:cornellbirds@cornell.edu).

**Listen to radio station KOAL (750 AM) Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> between 9:00-9:30 am.** KOAL will interview Amy Defreeze of the Utah Rivers Council for information regarding the Forest Service's on-going Wild & Scenic River Study. Amy will speak specifically to consideration of Fish and Gooseberry Creeks at the headwaters of the Price River. KOAL is broadcast from Price, Utah with wide coverage in Carbon County.