

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is mid-December and the KRPGA Board would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's all relax and enjoy a little time off with our friends and family through the Christmas Season. Our next meeting will be December 11th at 6 pm at the 4D Professional Building

On December 1st, KRPGA had our Christmas Party and fundraiser. Wow! What a fun event to see all the social interaction between locals, guides, retired guides, supporting organizations, State Legislators, Senators and more. It was a great representation of what KRPGA is involved in on the Kenai Peninsula. Please take time to look over the donor list and support the local businesses that support KRPGA. This support for each other is what keeps the economics on the Peninsula rolling on. Thanks to all who attended, organized and raised money for the events that KRPGA is involved in. We LOVE our community and have family, kids, and friends who all value this special place.

Now on to business. Congratulations to 2019 KRPGA Board of Directors and Officers: Ty Van Lier, Monte Roberts, Steve Redman Blunk, Murray Fenton, Secretary Kasey Loomis, Vice President Alex Douthit, and President Ray DeBardelaben.

The 2019 Board of Directors will be working with and developing strong healthy relationships with Governor Mike Dunleavy's newly appointed administration. We feel that this is an extremely good opportunity as in-river users to work with different agencies to continue to protect and improve a valuable renewable resource.

In February 2020, Alaska Board of Fish will have its Upper Cook Inlet fin-fish meetings. KRPGA will have proposal meetings starting in January. If you read through this newsletter and find the KRPGA email address, send us an email by December 9th and you will be put into a drawing for a jar of Alaska Nitro Baits cherry egg cure. We will send out an email to our Current Members and will be looking for your input. The deadline for BOF proposals is Wednesday, April 10th, 2019.

Please visit our KRPGA Facebook page as this is where we post information on current events:

<https://www.facebook.com/KenaiRiverProfessionalGuideAssociation>

Again, please encourage all Kenai River Guides to join KRPGA along with clients, friends, business to join as associate members. We need your support for KRPGA to be involved with all the Alaska fisheries issues, not just on the Kenai River.

Thanks again & keep a tight line!



Ray DeBardelaben, President

BOARD MEMBERS' MESSAGES

Thanks to all who came to the fundraiser and made it a big success. We look forward to seeing our annual holiday fundraiser grow. I look forward to working with everyone this year as your Vice President. We have a big year ahead of us with the Board of Fish coming up soon. The Association continues to grow, and we can only get stronger. Encourage all members to attend and participate in monthly meetings and upcoming working groups. Continue to invite new members to join us. As a chairman on the Upper Cook Inlet Task force, I will keep you apprised of new developments from this working group. Cheers to another year of growth and a happy healthy holiday season. See you at the monthly meetings! -Alex Douthit

Thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraiser, from the donors to the volunteers! It was a great success and a fun night! The proceeds will go to some great events next year and also help us continue our fight at the Board of Fish meetings. Please join us at our monthly meeting on December 11 - we would love to hear your input on how to make the Kenai great again.

Merry Christmas! -Kasey Loomis

We all have taken time away from the guide association or going to the monthly meetings. The guide association is getting geared up to go fight at the Board of Fish for all sportsmen of the Kenai River. It's time to talk to your buddies that don't want to join in on the meetings, fundraisers or charity fishing trips and let them know that for \$100 a year they can still help us fight for their business without them having to do anything but just write it off as insurance. It will be the cheapest insurance for their business. -Ty VanLier

I just want to give a big thanks to all of you that are involved in the Guide Association and tribe to make it better each year and to all the board members. Let's keep up the good work we are doing together. Going into 2019 let's try to reach more guides to get them to become members and get involved in our group. To those who put in a lot of their time, I thank you. Keep up the awesome work. – Steve Redman Blunk



Thank you to all of our Supporters

For making the 2018-2019 KRPGA Fundraiser Dinner a Success

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JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION AND HELP US SUPPORT YOU AND OUR FISHERY

The Kenai River Professional Guide Association (KRPGA) is comprised of sport fishing guides, business owners and individual citizens concerned about the future of the fisheries and the guide industry.

As a professional guide, being a member of the KRPGA has many benefits. Some of these benefits can include discounts at local merchants, pro-gear suppliers and some insurance policies. The KRPGA.org website includes links to member's websites and contact information.

KRPGA's goal is promote sport fishing guide opportunity and industry on the Kenai River and the Kenai Peninsula. Additionally, it is our goal to achieve a fair and equitable allocation of salmon resources for sport fisheries and fishing guides.

2018-19 Membership

Professional Membership:

In order to be a professional member, you must hold an Alaska State Parks commercial operators permit for the Kenai River. Membership dues are \$100 per year and are good until October 31st.

Associate Membership:

Any person or non-fishing guided business may become an associate member. If you are interested in helping the Kenai Peninsula Sport Fishery, this is a great place to start! Membership dues are \$50 per year.

Please circle one: **PROFESSIONAL / ASSOCIATE** Is this a renewal? **YES / NO**

Personal Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

I am interested in these community service opportunities KRPGA is involved in:

Kenai River Clean Up Take a Kid Fishing Day Kenai River Guide Academy

Salmon Celebration Scholarship Committee

For more information and a list of our current members, please visit our website at www.krpga.org

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Announcements:

2018-2019 Memberships are now due. If you have not yet done so, please return your membership form and payment to the office.

KRPGA's annual fundraiser took place on December 1 at the O'Neill Hall in Soldotna. Thank you to everyone for your support in making it a grand success!

KRPGA's January meeting is on Tuesday, January at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Building Conference Room.

Agenda items include:

Kenai Soldotna AC - Mike Crawford

KRSA - Ricky Gease

NPF - Mike Flores

KRSMA - Monte or Joe Connors

Salmon Celebration

Kenai River Clean Up - Mark Glassmaker

Board of Fish

Charitable Fishing Days

LA LIO office - Monte Roberts

Fundraiser

Good of the order



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