

2nd Annual John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby

\$300 First Prize!! Raffle!! Mar 07, 3:30 PM Skyland Pub, 3175 S Troutdale Rd, Troutdale, OR 97060, USA

All Fishermen are invited to compete in the John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby on March 7 in Troutdale. The tournament to raise funds for a scholarship named in John's honor. John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby Returns March 7, 2020.

This annual charity tournament offers a top prize of \$300, plus other awards, food and music. The entry fee of \$75 is due by 8 p.m. March 1. Registration, Rules, sponsorship opportunities, and more information about the event are available at: <u>https://www.johnaho.fun/event</u>. All are invited to attend the awards celebration, raffle and silent auction beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Skyland Pub, 3175 S Troutdale Road in Troutdale.

Launched last year, the event drew 72 fishermen and raised \$4,000 for scholarships for the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association (https://www.awwa.org).

Aho, who lived in Troutdale, was retired from the City of Gresham and an enthusiastic volunteer for the American Water Works Association. He was especially passionate about serving on its scholarship committee that helped local students fund a college education. Aho received the association's Heart and Soul Award in 2008. He fished throughout the Pacific Northwest and was a wellknown, part-time fishing guide on the Sandy River.John loved the Sandy River and fished there since he was old enough to hold a pole, and he has achieved almost legendary status to Sandy River regulars. He wasn't the loudest guy on the river, but he was the most willing to lend a hand, give pointers, and donate his services to many worthwhile regional events.

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