

**Meetings are held
the first Wednesday
of every month
at 7:00 PM in the
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This months program - "Fishing on the cheap"- Chapter member and noted cheapskate, Larry Palmer, will demonstrate how to make drift fishing lures, floats and other articles from simple materials. He will also cover slinky making and show a simple fishing tote widely available for less than \$5.00 . Save your \$\$ for the things you can't make!

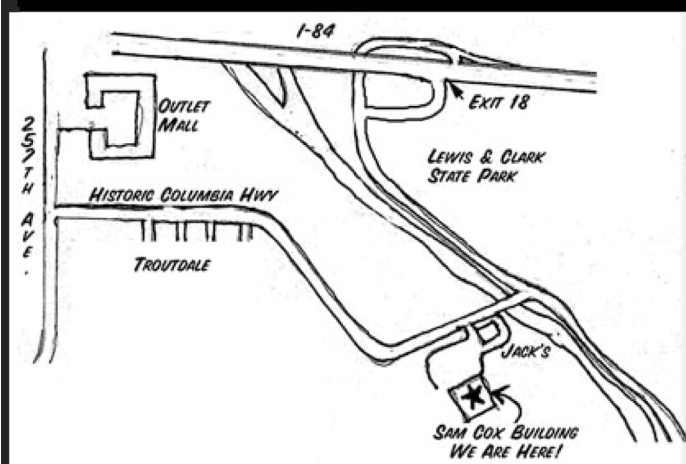
Next chapter fish along- Sunday Jan. 10th

As a member you can go along with chapter experts on our next fishing trip on the Sandy River, January 10th. ***But ya gotta be a member...*** (yes we check...) Become a member today at the special introductory rate of just \$10 ! See page 3.

Hey ! It's 2010...buy a new license and tag !

**Next Meeting- First Wednesday
of January. That's the 6th !**

Meeting Map



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830
Vice Pres. : Howard Berg- 503 665-8008
 Jeff Kirkman- 503 250-0724
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Presidents Message

This is my first President letter in some time. If you haven't heard, I volunteered to step in as president for Jay Burris who has taken on the responsibility as President of the Association. I feel really lucky for I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with. I think that the chapter has a great core group of people to count on but my goal is going to be, to get more people involved at different levels. The chapter is only as good as those who contribute. I would like to have input from everyone, the positive comments and the negative comments. If you have a idea that you think would benefit our chapter shoot it my way, I and the board will take a look to see if we can make it work. I would like to try to have more family activities as well. I have a few ideas myself and will share them later. Also I'm looking for new topics or ideas for our monthly guest speakers. I hope to hear from you soon.

Take care and tight line.

Jeff Stoeger

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOAT AND SPORTSMAN'S SHOWS

- The time is fast approaching for the 2010 Boat and Sportsman's shows, and we are asking for volunteers to work at the Association's booth at both events. **The Boat Show** run from **January 13-17, with set up on the 12th** and the **Sportsman's Show** runs from **February 10-14, with set up on the 9th**. The venue for both shows is the ER Center in north Portland. Volunteers will receive free show passes and will have their parking fees reimbursed. If you wish to volunteer for either, or both shows, please email **Mike Myrick** at mcmifishandivote@msn.com. Or call **Mike** at **503-281-6438**
- Mike can then enter you on his master volunteer sheet.
- PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS, you will not believe how many volunteers simply leave a name.
- There will be sign up sheets for becoming a volunteer at the next chapter meeting.
- When at the shows, wear your Association or Chapter logo shirt or hat if you have them.
- The start time for the Boat Show 1st shift is 9:45, AM.

The Cookie List

The following members will be bring cookies for the next 3 meetings.

#1 January is Colonel Thomas #2 February is Eric Koellner #3 March is Howard Berg

I need members to bring cookies for the April, May and June meetings. If you haven't volunteered for anything this is a good opportunity to show your support for the club by bring 5 dozen cookies to a meeting. Call or email **Howard Berg** 503-665-8008 bergate@verizon.net

Frostbite Follies set for March 13th

The chapters annual winter steelhead fish along (mostly from drift boats) on the Sandy river has been set for Saturday, March 13th. You must be a paid up member to participate. The trip includes a great lunch in the lodge at Camp Angelos. More info will be given at next chapter meeting. Be looking to register soon...there are only so many seats in those drift boats!

Upcoming Sandy River Chapter clinics, meetings and fish alongs

- **January regular meeting- - Wednesday Jan. 6th**, 6 PM, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale
- **Sunday, January 10** – Members only steelhead fish along from the bank. Meet at Glenn Otto Park at 7:30 AM. Free. Hot lunch provided.
- **Saturday March 13th.**— Rays Frostbite Follies, chapter steelhead fish along, For members only. Boat fishing, reserve your seat at the next chapter meeting!

Steelhead Clinic A Solid Success

The ever intrepid members of the Sandy River Chapter were undeterred by the prospect of icy roads Saturday Dec. 12th, and put on another spanking good clinic to the pleasure of 71 equally courageous guests – nine of whom became members!

A couple of expected presenters dropped out, but what with the likelihood of ice in the coast range where they had to drive, I can't blame 'em. Our chapter members filled in those subject areas, and gave excellent advice to all the attendees.

We will talk about a clinic for spring Chinook soon and improve on our basic clinic methods until "we got it dialed".. *Thanks to all who volunteered!* Larry Palmer



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Yarn flies- fishing lure or knitting nemesis?

Yarn flies... are they really?

OK, when I got started with this sort of fishing (long, long ago in a galaxy far away ...) I heard about these simple things and that they worked. Basically it's just the standard egg-loop tie with 2-3 pieces of fluffy yarn inserted in it and perhaps fluffed up a bit with an old toothbrush. Usually these are fished with a drop or two of scent oil (I like shrimp scent) and no bait. You can also add a drift bobber like a Corky or homemade foam one, but it's not essential.

I always felt a bit self conscious about calling them "flies " though, especially around *real* fly fishermen. They are not intended to imitate any kind of fly, or any other kind of aquatic life. They are tied like any kind of fly. Why they work, I guess you'll have to ask the fish!

That they **do work** is a simple fact.

Let me suggest a couple simple improvements. After making your egg loop and inserting some yarn, consider adding a bit of sparkle yarn, Crystal Flash (check the fly materials aisle at your favorite tackle shop) or the tinsel you'll find in Christmas decorations. Just cut of 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches long and slip it in. Now take a short length of "conventional" yarn and pass it under the fluffy yarn and tinsel. Tie a simple overhand knot to secure all the stuff in the loop and fluff it up if necessary. Use a sharp pair of scissors to trim it, if you think it needs it.

Now you have a soft, scent-able, sparkly rig, that costs about a penny more than the hook. Rig it up with a slinky, and off you go!

But I **still** don't think they are flies...I'm gonna call them "Yarnies" from now on, OK?

Larry Palmer

Chapter newsletter writers needed

You may have noticed my name running with many pieces in this newsletter...too many ! It's not my newsletter, it's yours, the whole chapters. So send me something. Otherwise next month will see a whole lotta white space....

palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

Larry Palmer

Chapter Board Minutes

Present: Howard B, Larry P, Jay B, Mike M, Leslie H, Colonel, Jeff K, Jeff S, Eric K, Tom G, Bill B,
start: 6:35

I Additions to agenda

1. Approximately \$500 has been made from used gear sales - most gear was donated from Camp Angelos, Leslie and Rod Brobeck; sales will continue as items are available.
2. On 1/10/10 there will be an on river steelhead fishing activity as a follow-up to the recent steelhead clinic. Participants are asked to arrive at Glen Otto around 7:30 AM with a hot lunch provided around noon.
3. Name tags will continue to be imprinted on the Oregon image shape and will sell for the cost of printing - approximately \$9. In the past the chapter has been selling the tags for nearly half the mfg. cost with the chapter absorbing the difference.
4. We are asked to not sell raffle tickets at FMS prior to 1/2/10.
5. The association is raising the cost of a trial/new membership from \$10 to \$20; there is discussion on raising the senior price.
6. In appreciation for all of his efforts, Bill Beith was presented a print of a Bee Hovering, which reflects his ongoing efforts commitments to the chapter; Colonel made the presentation.

II Business

1. Last Saturday's clinic was attended by 73 visitors resulting in nine new members. Because of their disruptions, It was decided to stop the raffles.
 - a. Larry is in the early planning stages for a spring salmon clinic.
2. Jeff Kirkman & Jeff Stoeger reported approximately 30 attended the clinics at FMS.
3. Ray's Frostbite Follies is planned for 3/13/10 with a hot lunch at the Camp. Remember this is a very popular members only activity with a \$10 charge to cover food costs.
4. The December chapter dinner/auction was a success and brought in \$3500. How we can improve the function for next year was discussed: limiting the number of silent items, more Dutch items and coding the item and matching bid card. Leslie is in the process of mailing thank you notes and tax forms. Leslie received appreciation from the board for her efforts. If anyone has an idea to improve this event, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie or any board member.
5. The chapter now owns a new 100 cup West Bend coffee maker.
6. ODFW is still discussing plans for the Cedar Creek emergency road. As plans develop and volunteers are needed, more information will be made available.
7. Due to Jay's accepting the position as association president, he is stepping down as our chapter president, and Jeff Stoegger will ascend to the vacated chapter presidency.

III Officer/director reports

1. For the upcoming Boat and Sportsmen's shows, volunteers are again needed - contact Mike Myrick.
2. During the board drawing, Colonel drew the short straw so will bring cookies for the next meeting: one dozen should do it if we share.
3. Currently, we have \$10,000 in savings.
4. With a membership of 222 members, we are the largest chapter.
5. 12/28/09 is the deadline for articles to be submitted to Larry for the newsletter.
6. If anyone knows where the chapter can get a decent price for printed tee shirts, please contact Eric Koellner.

ended 8:25

Hooks needed for volunteers

In order to reward volunteers for their efforts, I have taken it upon myself to tie up and give away yarn flies as an inducement to get more volunteers involved.

I have used up my available hooks and now had to buy some, so please look in those nooks and crannies and bring me your unwanted styles/sizes/brands or extra bits of yarn and I'll tie them up. I'll tie 10 for **YOU** for every 100 hooks you bring me. Hooks can be from a size #1 to a 5/0. **Larry Palmer**

Win a special fishing prize-

The first individuals to call me (if you get print version of this newsletter) or e-mail me (if you get it online) will receive 5 pre-tied yarn fly leaders, suitable for Steelhead. **Pick them up at the next chapter meeting.**

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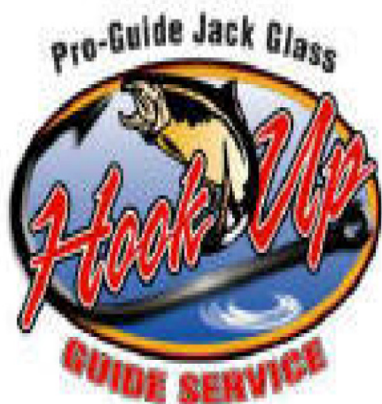
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Nice bait eggs

I recently had to visit chapter member **Dave Bisacres** home on a small newsletter project. While there he showed me a ziplock bag of eggs he'd put up...they looked *perfect!* So the next time you see him, pry the method out of him. He uses a simple commercially available cure. The results look darn good.

Larry Palmer



Really swell prizes to be awarded to volunteers

In an ongoing effort to get more members involved and achieve better reporting of volunteer hours, I will be holding prize drawings at all regular chapter meetings for those members who volunteer for *any* chapter project outside of our regular meeting. It could be a river cleanup, a clinic, planning a stream project, helping out at the Kids Camp whatever... just volunteer. **Fill out the Volunteers hours form below at the bottom of the page** (also available on line or at chapter meetings) **and drop it in the bucket.**

I'll draw names from that bucket, and you may win things like a folding knife, a Leatherman tool, yarn flies...a 120' yacht...OK, maybe actually just a picture of the yacht. Take one of the other prizes, they'll be more useful, and less upkeep.

Get your name in the hat- or bucket!....**VOLUNTEER !**



Use the form below to report your volunteer hours and win cool prizes. Drop the form in a bucket by Bill Beith. He'll keep the forms. I'll draw from them and you may win!

But to win...ya gotta volunteer!

Volunteer of the Month

Colonel Thomas

Although he's pretty quiet about it all "the Colonel" is deeply involved in chapter affairs. Recently I saw how much when I was involved with the chapter auction and arranging the presenters for the Dec, 12th Steelhead clinic.

Many threads for these two events ran right back to the Colonel.

Lots of people want to know how he became "the Colonel" but ask him about how was *first* a general! It's quite a story...

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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Date _____ Hours _____

Fill this form out and return it at a general meeting.

Please mark your time as beginning when you left your home until you return home from the volunteer event.

A Good Time Had By All at the Chapter Banquet/Auction

Thanks to all who came out to the Chapter banquet and auction on December 2. As we've come to expect, Joli, Kathryn, Norm and Art, aided by Sandy Nishitani, put on a mouth-watering buffet. There was good food and plenty of it.

The auction raised about \$3,500 for the Chapter this year – a great success in this difficult economy. Thanks to all who bid! I'd also like to especially thank the Chapter members who worked year round to get those donations, organize them, set up the room and clean up afterwards, work the event itself and crunch all the numbers afterwards: Colonel and Judy Thomas, Howard and Judy Berg, Jeff and Kati Kirkman, Linda and Bill Beith, Larry Palmer, Hal Blenn, Tommy Tomlinson and Mike Myrick.

And lastly we couldn't have done it without our donors: Jack and Brandon Glass, Trevor Storlie, Russ Morrow, Ed Fast, Tommy Tomlinson, Linda and Bill Beith, Mike Myrick, Eric Koellner, Leslie Hinea, Rod and Jan Weigel at Fresh Cup, Al's Garden Center, Howard Berg, Rob Brown at Jack's Snack & Tackle, Camp Angelos, Gus Kriara, CAGI Outdoor Products, Clearwater River Company, Siletz Bay Lodge, Don Perry Metal Art, Lamiglas, Vaden and Olivia Green, Rhoades Gustafson, Jim Wambaugh of Oxbow Rim Tree Farm, Folbe Products, Joy Gannett, Howard Anderson, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Ollie Damon, Mark Anderson of First Bite Jigs, Larry McClintock, Bi-Mart, Shirley's Tippy Canoe, Trader Joe's, Dave Bisacre, Rob Gibbs, Dick Crampton at Working Concepts and Larry Palmer. See you all next year!

Leslie Hinea

Info Needed on Chapter Auction Donors

If you picked up or solicited donations for this years' chapter auction please get the donation information to Leslie Hinea so we can thank the donors properly at
(360) 892-0473, or <fisherflower@comcast.net>.

I Need Some Help !

I have taken on the role of overall coordinator for this years Association annual Auction and Banquet, held on April 4th. We are currently refining the auction donor list and will do a mailing to potential donors very soon. A crucial part in obtaining donations will involve in making follow up calls to potential donors and making sure our information was correct, and to check on potential donations. I need your help in making these calls. I will break the donor list into manageably sized pieces and provide you with a short script of what to tell the donors if it would help you...**but I need your help.** Please let me know you will at
503-286-2093 or palmer larryd@yahoo.com Thanks **Larry Palmer**

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