

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway, Troutdale Oregon.

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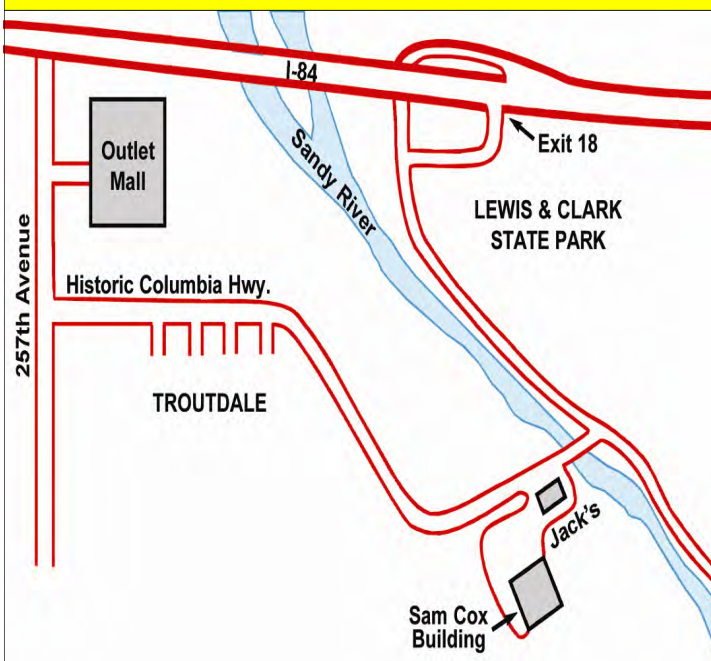
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This months' program - Dean Pierce of Dean's Guide Service

Dean is a member of the Sandy River chapter and has lots of experience and knowledge. Dean like to fish the Columbia and other rivers. Dean guides for Salmon, Steelhead, Sturgeon, Bass and Walleye. I asked Dean to come talk about fishing on the John Day river for winter steelhead. This is one fishery that Dean loves to fish, for he states that you will have multiple hook ups. So if your looking for some great fishing, come and listen to what Dean has to offer. He offers something for everyone. Dean plans on having some maps available to show some of his favorite area's.

Hey...it's 2011! Turn in last years salmon tag and get a new license !

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of January. That's the 5th !



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You could win big!

Well its that time of year again when we start to sell the Association Raffle tickets. The association has made some changes in the selling process. The tickets will cost a dollar a piece, with the only break being that if you buy a book of 25 tickets it will cost you twenty dollars. This was to simplify the accounting process at the association office to help with what the department of justice would like to have happen. Here is my challenge. I would like for every member to buy at least one book of tickets. Joe Blum is our chapter ticket coordinator and you can get your tickets from him. He doesn't have the tickets yet. But when he gets them here is the challenge. If you sell a hundred dollars worth of tickets or if you personally buy a hundred dollars worth of tickets you will receive a trip with lunch on the sandy. If you sell 75 dollars worth of tickets your name will go into a drawing for one of our chapters hooded sweat shirts. PS. I still owe a couple of trips because date issues. I will take care of them ASAP. All I can say is that the guys who were able to go had a great time and some fish were caught and one lost anchor. **Tight lines and Good Luck Fishing. Jeff Stoeger Pres.**

Chapter Raffle Ticket Coordinator

Joe Blum has graciously volunteered to be the chapter raffle ticket coordinator for both the Alaska trip and the drift boat raffles. If a member receives tickets from Joe to sell he will be given the tickets and a bookkeeping sheet. When it is time to turn in the paperwork, money, and ticket stubs DO NOT turn into anybody but Joe all other officers etc will refuse to accept them. If you cannot make the meeting and need to turn in the above mentioned items please contact Joe either by email at icecreaman310@hotmail.com or by phone at 503-704-2483 to make the proper arrangements to deliver the goods. Thank you for your cooperation. **Joe Blum**

Presidents message

I first want to thank everyone who had helped out at our chapter's auction. It seemed to be a success this year. I want to thank Joli and Kathryn for all their hard work in putting together a great spread of food. I've heard from numerous individuals that they couldn't believe all the food they saw. It was a feast. I also want to thank Hobart and his wife Meiri for there generous donation of the pulled pork sandwiches which were very good. I also would like to thank Leslie for her great skills in organizing the auction portion of thee event. I also want to thank all those unsung helpers that did a lot of running around gathering items and collecting and storing items for the auction. I would like to thank Ed Fast, Russ Morrow, Jack and Brandon Glass for their generosity of the guided trips.

By the time you received this news letter, Christmas will be over with. I hope that everyone had great time and spent it with family and friends. The new year is just days away, and it will be time to buy those new fishing and hunting licenses. Make sure that you have them before you head out. The cost of the ticket is four times the cost of the license and tags. I hope to see you all at our January meeting which is on 5th.

Tight lines and Good luck.

Jeff Stoeger President.

Ray's Follies March 5th.

Ray's Follies will be held on March 5th. This event is always one of the biggest highlights of the year. When I talked with Camp Angelos in September about holding a date for this event, they informed me that every weekend had been booked except for two. So I decided to take March 5th because it worked out for our great chefs. The cost for this event this year is going to be \$20.00. I know that some people are going to complain about the cost. For years members have donated their boat, bait, rods and tackle. We felt that if some is going to donate all this they should be compensated. Where can get a guide trip for \$20.00. The cost increase is to cover the boat captain lunch fee. So basically you're paying for your guides lunch.

I was informed that you can expect basically the same lunch as last year. The sign up sheet will be at the January and February meetings. I will post this in the February news letter as well. The last date to reserve a spot for this event will be Feb 10th. We will need all the boats we can get. Last year we had 52 people sign up for this event. I hope to see everyone again. If you plan to attend and this event and use a pontoon boat, your cost for lunch will be \$10.00. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. 503-704-7920. Also we will need to discuss at one of the meetings on how to work out some form of shuttle service.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

Chapter Banquet and Auction December 1st., a big success.

This was a successful event bringing in over \$3000. The auction was very well organized and ran smoothly.

One special feature was a bounty of food, supposedly "finger foods" but in reality more like "full plate foods" !

Kathryn Israelson, Joli Ritchie, and Hobart Manns, prepared an astonishing array of delicious fare. Lets see any caterer match them at the super low price we were treated to!

Special thanks needs to go out to Leslie Hinea for another smooth as glass event and to all her auction volunteers.

Drifting baits for steelhead

Around here drift fishing has been the meat and potatoes of steelhead fishing for years. But as that maestro of steelhead fishing, Bill Luch noted in his book “*Steelhead Drift Fishing*“ a simple cork float can really help you out, especially in snaggy spots. In fact in Canada fishing with floats (we call them bobbbers) is highly refined, with several different bobbbers shapes used for the nuances of technique.

With the growing popularity of jigs, many of you will be carrying some bobbbers any how, so try this out-

- Rig your bobber to slide up to a stop knot, and use an inline weight (or piece of hollow core pencil lead) below it. Tie a barrel swivel below that. Then tie on about a 30 inch leader and spread 3 BB shots at 6 inch intervals right below the swivel. Make sure the overall “package” still floats. If not, reduce the amount of lead right below the bobber.
- With this method you will not use a Corky or similar lure. A scented yarn fly, cluster of salmon eggs, or scented rubber salmon eggs is the trick.
- Cast upstream in water a bit slower than you’d normally drift fish in. It’s a *slooooooow* walking pace you are looking for.
- Watch your bobber like a hawk! It will tell you what your rig is doing. Ideally, you’d like to see your bobber twitch slightly every few feet as your rig lightly bumps and drags on the rivers bottom. Sounds easy? It takes practice, but snags are fewer. Watch that bobber !

Larry Palmer

THE GREAT 2010/11 STEELHEAD CHAPTER COOKIE LIST

I would like to thank the following members for offering to bring cookies to the chapter meetings.

Dave Biscare for September, Joe Blum for October, Rob Gibbs for November, **Bill Beith for January**, Jeff Kirkman for February, Tom Gemelli for March, Patty Housley for May, and Mike Myrick for June.



Howard Berg Chapter Cookie executive



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The newsletter needs your contributions !

We all read the newsletter, but few members submit articles to it. The newsletter is the ideal way to share information, learn about fishing, where to go, and even the occasional “look out for this” story.

We have asked for your contributions in the past, but let’s make it clear... there will be blank spaces in future issues without your submissions. The job of the newsletter editor is to *assemble* the newsletter, not write it. So type and send, type and send....

How to submit your articles to this publication-

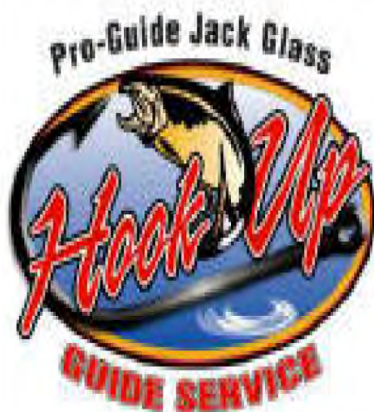
Your submission must be in a file readable by Microsoft “WORD 2007”. Spell check your work! It will be run under YOUR name as you submitted it.

- Email all files to **icecreaman310@hotmail.com** include “newsletter story” and a descriptive phrase about it in the subject line. Example “newsletter story - Buck Creek STEP”
- Photos = jpeg format. Minimum file size is 100 K each, Maximum 3 Meg. Total of 4 photos MAX. All submissions will run as space allows. Some may run in later issues.

Next newsletter deadline– 6 PM Sunday January 23

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Mark Anderson

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

Larry Beaver

Larry is a long time volunteer, and has been very involved with the river Access issue, numerous river clean-ups, and as a fabulous raffle ticket salesman. Year after year, the Art Israelson/ Larry Beaver combination accounts for a large portion of the overall tickets sold Association wide.

Larry has also hosted the chapters' summer picnic at his home for the past couple of years.

There are other projects Larry has been involved in, but he's not one to grab attention for himself. He just gets involved and gets to work.

Thanks Larry !

Larry Palmer

Sandy River Chapter, ANWS

Volunteer Hours Record

Member Name_____

Event/ Activity_____

Date_____ **Hours**_____

Future Stream Project Ideas

For the past couple of years I have had some ideas about things our chapter can do in terms of stream work, but have needed more time and some additional help in organizing them.

Now that I am no longer responsible for the chapter newsletter or Association auction, I can move towards doing something along those lines.

Ideally, I will find a project leader willing to take finding out the details of one of the project areas I describe below. That will be their only task. I will use that information to make a broader plan of action for the chapter to pursue in the next couple of years to come. So to accomplish this, I need 4 of you to step up and choose an area to work on. I will coordinate the overall efforts of these four projects.

Project area #1- contact the Sandy River Watershed Council and find out about projects our members can help with, needs for funding them, and any other projects that they'd like to take on, but have needed more help with, like the salmon carcass plantings in streams.

Project area #2- look into the possibilities of educational and stream restoration projects in Beaver Creek, the stream that runs right by Glenn Otto Park. This will probably involve the participation of other community organizations, schools, local property owners, and ODFW STEP biologists.

Project area #3- look into the possibilities of organizing and partially funding (along with grants) of data collection for better fish management practices within the Sandy River Basin. This would involve radio tracking of fish (like a very successful project done on the Clackamas River) and temperature probes placed in the river for data collection.

Project area #4- Stream surveys in concert with ODFW biologists to look for fish passage problems in tributary streams, spawning areas and fish population counts.

If you want the river to be better in the future it's time to step up. I have organized this so that no one person will have too much to do, and their area of responsibilities will be well defined. So now it's time to act, or know you should have...

You can contact me in the following ways

Best way is by e-mail at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

Or by phone at 503-286-2093

Thanks Larry Palmer

2011 BOAT AND SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS

Once again it is time for the annual Portland Boat Show and Northwest Sportsmen's Show, and the Association of NW Steelheaders is looking for volunteers to work our booths at these events. The Boat Show runs Wednesday, January 12 thru Sunday the 16th, with set up being the morning of the 11th. The Sportsmen's Show runs Wednesday February 9 thru Sunday the 13th, with set up being the morning of the 8th. We will be demonstrating one of our "Eggs to Fry" school hatch tank units, interacting with and educating the public regarding our mission, selling tickets for our two raffles and recruiting new members. Volunteers will receive free passes to the shows and are free to enjoy the show either before or after working their shift. Unlike in past years, volunteers will not receive parking reimbursement at the booth, due to the large amount of cash needed to be on hand. Reimbursement will be handled thru the Association office, and it is hoped volunteers will donate the parking expense.

BOAT SHOW SHIFTS ARE: Wed. thru Fri. 9:15 AM-1:00 PM; 1:00 PM-5:00 PM; 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Sat. 9:15 PM-1:00 PM; 1:00 PM-4:30 PM; 4:30 PM-9:00 PM

Sun. 9:15 AM-2:00 PM; 2:00 PM-6:00 PM plus removal of display.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW SHIFTS ARE:

Wed. thru Fri. 10:45-2:30 PM; 2:30 PM-6:00 PM; 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Sat. 9:45 AM-1:30 PM; 1:30 PM-5:00 PM; 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sun. 9:45 AM-1:30 PM; 1:30 PM-5:00 PM; 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM plus removal of display.

If you wish to volunteer for either show, please contact Mike Myrick, noting the date and shift. I would prefer to be contacted by **email @ mcmifishandivote@msn.com**, that way I will have a better record. For those not having internet my phone number is **503-281-6438**. I will confirm work assignments by January 6, the day following the membership meeting.

Thank you for your help, **Mike Myrick**



Wet and cold? Stop for some hot food at Deas'

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