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# SANDY STEELHEADER NEWSLETTER

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## Chapter Meeting speaker Executive Director, Paul Cathcart

The featured speaker on the program for February will be Paul Cathcart our new Association Executive Director. This will be one of the most important meetings of the year. In Paul's "State of the Union" address he will go over the challenges and opportunities we will be facing in the coming year and what we as members must do to meet those challenges. Failure to meet these challenges is not an option.



## President's message

The January meeting was a great way to start off the New Year. We had 64 fishing enthusiasts at this meeting and signed up 12 new members. Jeff Stoker did a great job in lining up river guides Jack Glass and his son Brandon for the meeting's program. I just wish that we would have more members there, because our visitors outnumbered us and we didn't have anyone to run the raffle.

The April meeting will be devoted to picking new officers for our club. A club is only as good as its volunteers; clubs that have a good volunteer base are the successful ones. When we ask for volunteers to fill these positions all we are asking for is 10 months of your time. The previous year's officers are always around to help you through the job, so start thinking about how you can make a contribution to this club. If you have any questions on what positions are available and what each job requires, contact me and I will be glad to answer any questions.

The Sandy Chapter is the premier club in Portland and one of the most successful clubs in Oregon. If you think you are too busy to volunteer you are not alone. The thing that has really impressed me as club president, is how busy all of the volunteers and officers are with their work and home projects. The old expression "if you want something done give it to the busiest volunteer" is true and member Mike Myrick is a good example. The only way we will continue to have a great club is if people like you pitch in and help.

Thanks

Howard



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## Breakfast Meeting

We had 9 1/2 members and wives at our Sandy River Steelheaders breakfast on Friday January 16th. Sandy River steelhead fishing was the main topic of discussion. Jack Glass brought us up on current conditions and future possibilities. Starting at the end of the table you have Eric Koellner, Jack Glass, Colonel and Judy Thompson. Larry and Sharon Beaver, Howard and Judy Berg, Shane Asivido and just out of the picture, his 7 month old son Jared, who already fishes with his dad.

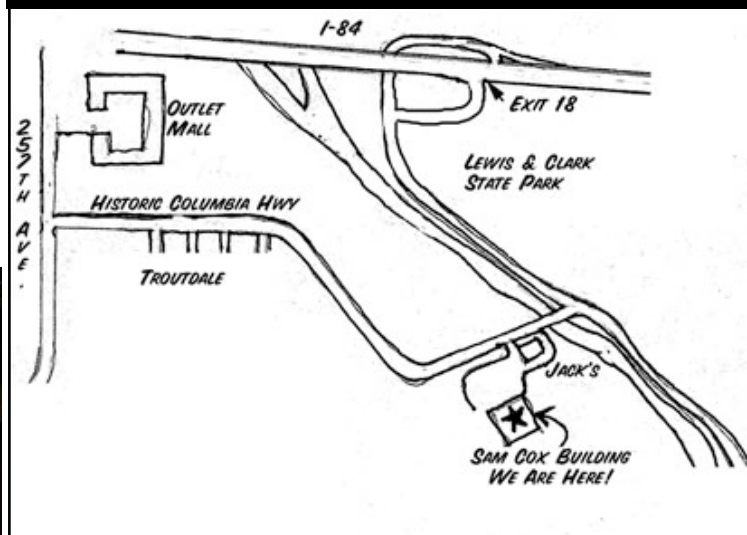


## Notify us if you move please!

We are getting an average of 10 returned newsletters a month. Please let Bill Beith, (503-252-8278) The membership chairman know when you change your address.

We can no longer remail your newsletter due to cost and time

## Meeting Map



## Things to sign up for this month! Follies and sportsman's show

February 28 will be our yearly Ray's frost bite follies. This fish along is a long standing tradition named after the late great Ray Hinea. It will feature a hot lunch served at Camp Anglelos at 12:30 in front of a roaring fire! This event is open to chapter members only and costs \$10.00. Sign up at the next meeting with a cutoff on the 7th of February. Contact Jeff Stoeger at (503)282-4830 or email him at [mjstoeger@msn.com](mailto:mjstoeger@msn.com)

We also need volunteers for the sportsman's show which is Feb. 4- 8 of this month. This is a great opportunity as you save the cost of attending and parking. See Mike Myrick or Howard Berg for details.

# SANDY STEELHEADER CALENDAR

Date	Event
February 4	General Chapter meeting 7:00 pm Sam Cox Building Glen Otto Park Troutdale: guest speaker Paul Cathcart
February 4-8	Portland Sportsman show. Volunteers needed!
February 28	Ray's Frostbite Follies Sandy River



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## Raffle Tickets

The Association of the Northwest Steelheaders needs your support! Selling raffle tickets is one of our most important sources of funding. How many of you have been on a fish along? Did you learn something new at one of the meetings? Did you make a new friend or fishing buddy? Any one of these things is well worth the price of a book of raffle tickets.

I joined the Steelheaders because I wanted to donate my time, money, and efforts to an organization that supports fishing and is willing to take on some of the tough issues that face fish and fisherman. I am sure you did too. Now we have a chance to help a great organization keep working and fighting for a cause that is important to us all.

I thank everyone that have already purchased raffle tickets! I encourage everyone else to step up and buy some tickets. They will be for sale at the Chapter meeting or you can contact me if you cannot make it to the meeting.

REMINDER! Raffle ticket stubs must be turned in! Even if you have paid for the tickets the money cannot be turned in without the stubs

Sincerely,

Jay Burris

Sandy River Chapter

Raffle Coordinator

## Columbia River Spring Chinook season in peril

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife commission previously committed to working with Washington and assembled a bi-state work group that would develop the allocation for sport and commercial angling for spring chinook in a non-political and equitable manner. That work group developed an allocation that set the percentage of impacts at 65% for sport anglers and 35% for commercial anglers.

However, the Oregon commission then decided to back out on their commitment and arbitrarily set the allocation at 60% and 40% with the thinking that the Washington commission would meet them half way. This was done at the behest of some very entrenched power holders on the commission that refuse to understand the importance and size of the impact of sport fishing on the economy. The Washington Commission, in light of the Oregon Commission's unwillingness to abide by the agreed terms of last year's agreement, has prohibited the Director of WDFW from negotiating fisheries.



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This could mean that there is the possibility that we might not see a fishing season on the Columbia river as both Washington and Oregon have to agree on the methods, length, and allocation for the season.

The lack of commitment and faith on the part of the Oregon commission is truly galling with one commission member stating that Joe's (formerly GI Joe's) could sell more tires and batteries to make up for the loss to sport fishing.

It is time for everyone to stand up and fight this poor decision making by calling, emailing, and writing your senators, representatives and the governor. Let them know that sport anglers deserve to be allocated an equitable number of fish from this fishery and that the Oregon Commission is making the state of Oregon look bad by going back on their word to support the bi-state work group's recommendations.

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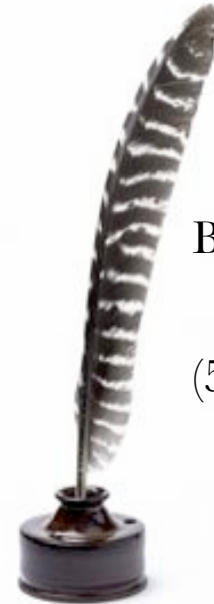
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## The steelhead are here!

Chapter members Ed Fast and Wade Radke took a trip on the upper Sandy and hooked into some very nice steelhead this past week. It looks like things are heating up on the Sandy. Ed of course runs guided trips and is an excellent source of knowledge for the Sandy.



## Income Tax Bookkeeping



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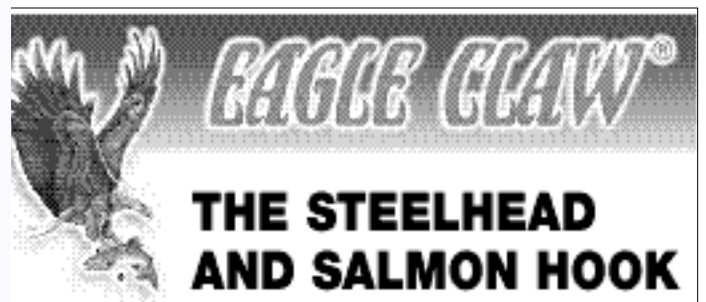
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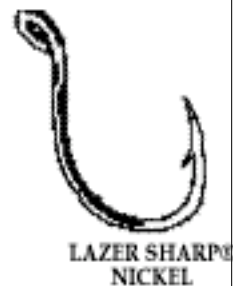
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