

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 in Troutdale Oregon. Bring your kids too!

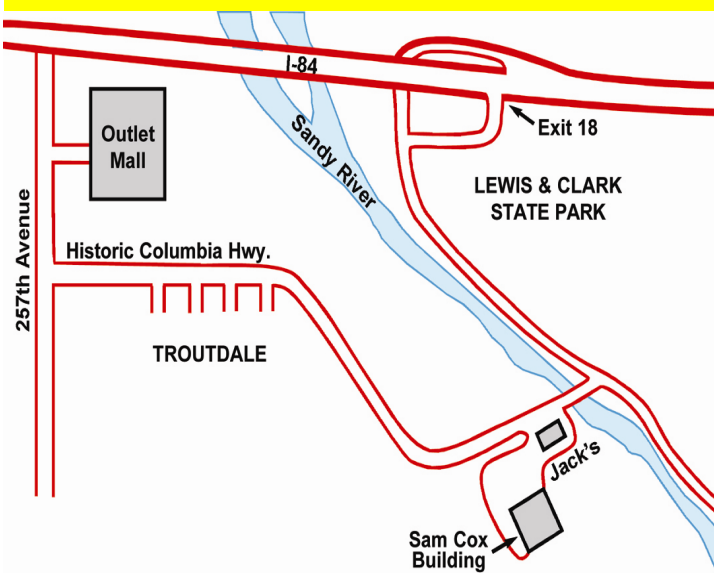
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This months program - Speaker is Mark Anderson of First Bite Tackle.

The February chapter meeting speaker will be *Mark Anderson of First Bite Tackle*, formerly First Bite Jigs. Mark is an association member and has spoken previously at several of our meetings as well as many other chapters. If you are a jig fisherperson or are interested in learning the intricacies of bobber/jig fishing, this is a must attend meeting. Not only is Mark an exceptional bobber fisherman, but he makes, in my opinion, the finest jigs available. Mark has a website loaded with bobber/jig techniques and pictures of jigs available and how to build a jig. Additionally, Mark can custom make any jig you might desire.

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

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of February. That's the 3rd !



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830
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Presidents Message

Well Hello to All.

I wish to thank all those who participated and helped out for bank fishing event that took place in early January. The steelhead clinic seemed to be a big hit as well as the on river event. I believe that there was some where around 40+ members who attend this event. I had a great time talking and sharing info with those I came in contact with. I hear that there will be another clinic in February that will be tackling that allusive spring Chinook. I want to thank Larry Palmer for setting up and organizing this event as well as Art and Kathryn Israelson for providing us with lunch. The last report that I heard was that there was no fish caught, but every one seemed to have a great time. I had mentioned at our last board meeting about having a family function like a camping/ fishing/ crabbing event where the whole family could get together, so we could introduce our families. I'm hoping that if this sounds like something that you mite be interested in help putting together with the help of few other members grab me at the next meeting or call me and we can discuss this. Tight line and good luck.

Jeff Stoeger Pres.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

- The time is fast approaching for the 2010 Sportsman's show, and we are asking for volunteers to work at the Association's booth at this event. 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 Cookie List

February: Rex McIntire March: Howard Berg April: Joe Blum May: Patty and Mike Hausley I am still looking for volunteers for June, September, October and November. **Howard Berg** 503-665-8008 bergate@verizon.net
Vice President in charge of Cookies.

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

- **Sunday, February 21** – Members only steelhead fish along from the bank. Meet at Glenn Otto Park at 7:30 AM. Free.
- **Saturday March 13th.**— Rays Frostbite Follies, chapter steelhead fish along, For members only. Boat fishing, reserve your seat at the next chapter meeting!

The Next Steelhead Clinic—February 21

I decided to offer a simplified Steelhead clinic focusing on beginners and new members which was advertised at the Boat Show in January, and will also be featured at the upcoming Sportsman's' Show at the Association booth. It is offered as a inducement to attract new members. *Because the booth there is an Association function, I have invited all chapters to participate in this event by sending experienced members to help out the new inductees get started.*

Naturally all chapter members are welcome to attend. It gets started at 7:30 AM in the lodge building at Glenn Otto Park, our regular meeting place, February 21.

Come on down and be a part of it *please*.

Larry Palmer



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Our 50th anniversary auction banquet—How you can help-

April 10Th 2010— Location is the Holiday Inn Portland Airport

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Some simple facts about this event-

Funds from this event support the general costs of maintaining the organization to the benefit of all chapters. So let's do it together!

What chapters can do to help

Reserve banquet tables at the event as soon as possible so we have a better idea of our "count". Please contact me with this information.

Single tickets are \$50

A regular table of 10 is \$450

A Patron table of 10 is \$550, and includes complimentary wine and one Patron series art print (retail value \$250...)

- Request donations of items from chapter members (jigs, flies, spinners, or other items they can make). These would make good additions to the Dutch auction bags; we're always looking for good items for the bags. Other sorts of donations are welcome of course!
- Please forward contact information about likely donors to me. Guided trips and hotel accommodations are very useful, as well as items that our members' wives like as well. (Yeah I know...they really want a new salmon troll outfit...)
- Request donations of Fishing Trips with skilled members to be part of a reward drawing for event volunteers. Both Joe Domenico and I are doing this. You can too!
- ***Get your friends to attend! It's April 10th at the Holiday Inn, Portland Airport 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. Doors open at 4:30 PM***

Ask for your chapter members to volunteer at the event. There are lots of easy jobs, and they'll still have plenty of time to visit and bid. We can find a job that will work for them, and show them all that is required to do it. Have them contact me.

If you have members who are used to talking to the public on the phone, I can use a couple of callers to make follow up calls to our auction donors. The donors will have already received a donation request letter, so they won't be making "cold calls". Have the volunteers interested in this contact me.

palmerlarryd@yahoo.com, 503-286-2093 (home), or 503 793-9225 (cell)

Our 50th anniversary auction banquet—How you can help- (continued)

This year significant items for the auction will be posted to our website, along with progress updates. Check them out at <http://www.nwsteelheaders.org/>

- **Send your donated items to- The Association office at-**

**Assn. of NW Steelheaders
6641 SE Lake Road,
Milwaukie, OR 97222**

Thank you, Larry Palmer 2010 Auction Co-chair

It's Election Time of Year.

Well it's that time of year again, when we have to nominate and vote for this coming year chapter President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. The chapter will follow the rules that our out lined in our bylaws. Every April we hold the election for the following office positions as mentioned Pres, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone can run for any of these position as long as they our a current member of the Sandy River Chapter and have paid there due up to date. All the position are up for re-election. There is some major responsibilities that come with each position. If you wish to run for one of the following position please contact any of the current officers and indicate which positions you wish to run for. We will be making announcements at the next couple of meetings, which is required. If you wish to nominate some one for one of these position, you must make sure that they are willing to run for that position. The board will then ask the person in question, if they had agreed to run for that position. If they agree, there name will be placed on the ballot. So if wish to run for one of these positions, please notify us as soon as possible. If you and a friend wish to fill one of these position, we have in the past had co- officers. Co-Pres, Co-VP. So think about it. Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

This just in – submitted by chapter member Cindy Hayward

Nestucca showing steel head early this time of the year ODFW. Highest and largest release point at Bay Creek between the frist bridge and Farmers Creek. those whom have drift boats can launch on Nestucca slide off the highway at Blaine. Need to bring a good length of rope to get into the water. only problem this stetch most experienced oars man. For rest fouth bridge ramp best bet safer and good fisher drift. First bridge last stop and ends the day. Those whom want to go further down the cloverdale ramp will put you into the tidewater. Bank access hatchery stretch on three rivers exepect lots of friends , so bring the coffee. Second take out on mouth of three rivers. fish stay in giant crater hole at the boat ramp. Another under the first bridge. What to fish with side-drift small globs of eggs and sand shrimp use those yarnies and puff balls. Ckeck out the wall of frame at Nestucca Valley Sporting Goods. Whats hot on the river? Rvraggke soon <http://store.rvfshr.com> or call (206) 937-3099

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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Next chapter fish along- Sunday Feb. 21st

As a member you can go along with chapter experts on our next fishing trip on the Sandy River, Sunday Feb. 21.

But ya gotta be a member... (yes we check...) **be at Glenn Otto at 7:30 AM**



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(s) of the Month

Art and Kathryn Israelson

They both work constantly for the chapter. At our last chapter fishalong, Kathryn and Art got to the lodge at Glenn Otto early and set up a nice coffee and cake spread.

Later, Kathryn set out hot chili and all the add-ons for us at lunchtime. Pretty good on that windy cold day!

Art has singlehandedly sold enough raffle tickets to keep the Association alive year after year.

It's not enough to say it....but, thanks !

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

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Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

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.

Chapter Board minutes

Present: Tom G, Jeff K, Jeff S, Leslie H, Jay B, Mike M, Howard B, Eric K, Col, Larry P, BH was there in spirit

Begin: 6:30

I Business 1. New officer elections will be at the April chapter meeting. If anyone is interested in serving, contact a board member. 2. Mike M and Jeff S will attend the association meeting scheduled for 2/6 - any member is welcome to attend 3. Association 50th anniversary banquet/dinner/auction will be 4/10. A table seating 10 costs \$450, patron tables are \$550 and individual tickets are \$45, \$50 at the door. Our chapter provides most of the volunteers for this event, and if anyone is interested in helping, contact Mike M. Items are needed for the popular grab bags - Dutch auction - so if anyone either has items to donate or the ability to make items contact Larry P. Because this part of the auction has been so popular, Larry anticipates a need for at least 50 bags. 4. Approximately 40 members attended the recent on river steelhead clinic. Due in part to the apparent recent "steelhead biting strike", catching was less than limited, but a good time was had by attendees. Many thanks to our popular cooking ladies, who provided a hot lunch. 5. An idea to have a summer family outing was discussed. At this time, details are still in the planning stage, with no definitive plans. Again, if any member has thoughts on this, contact a board member. 6. The ever popular chapter picnic is planned for July/August with no decisions made until Jolie and Katherine are contacted for insight. II Officer Reports 1. We have approximately \$10,500 in our accounts. 2. Volunteer sign up sheet for the upcoming Sportsmen's Show will be available at the next meeting. 3. Eric K. handed out a sheet of chapter clothing items and individual costs so that order forms can be made available to members at the next meeting. Eric is to be **thanked** for the obvious time/effort expended in researching/comparing and compiling this list.
ended: 8:00

As first run in the January issue.....and still sooo true !

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

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>.

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