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the first Wednesday of every month
at 7:00 PM in the
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in Glen Otto Park,
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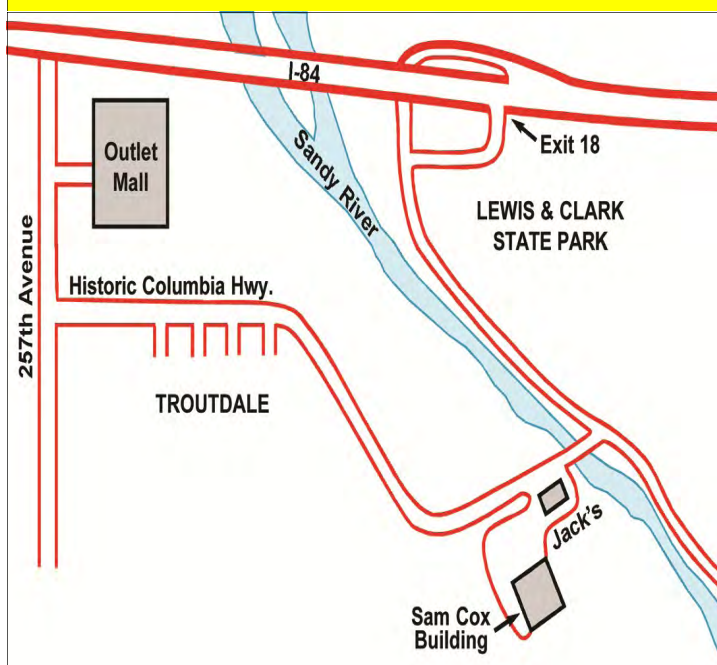
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This months' program

Our guest speaker is Trevor Storlie of Reds Guide Service. Trevor plans on talking about winter steelheading on the Sandy River. Trevor grew up on the Sandy and has fished it since he was a kid. Trevor plans on sharing some of his favorite techniques as well as some of the best water to fish. Trevor is on the Pro Staff team with Wright and McGill. Trevor will talk about rods and what set ups he uses most. So come with your question for Trevor.

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

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of February. That's the 2nd!



Our Chapter Officers-

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President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830

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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 icecream310@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

Hello to All,

Well it looks like we wont be fishing the Sandy any time soon. With a near record rain fall of over 12 inches of rain in just over three days, and the river climbing to the fourth highest level on record. There will probably be some major changes to our favorite fishing spots. If you would like to see some great photos and a video of all the flooding. Go to ifish.net and there they have post to links to show all the destruction. I'm happy that no one lost their life, but I'm sad for those families who lost there homes and other property and damages.

I would like to announce that the Association has hired a new Executive Director. His name is Russell Bassett. Russell is off and running with both feet hitting the pavement. I asked Russell to come as our guest speaker for our April meeting. Russell will share some of his ideas and goals that he has planned for the association. So if you ever call the association office with a question? your more than likely going to talk with Russell.

The chapter would like to have articles from our membership. If you have a fishing story that you find to be humorous or a article that you would like to share. Please email it to Joe Blum at icecream310@hotmail.com . I would also like to start a new colum for receipts of the month. If you have a favorite dish or dessert that you would like to share, write it up and send it to Joe.

Tight Lines and Good Luck.

Jeff Stoeger Pres.

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Ray's Follies March 5th.

Ray's Follies will be held on March 5th. This event is always one 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 cover the boat captain lunch fee. So basically your 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 boat, your cost for lunch will be \$10.00. If you have any questions, please fill free to call me. 503-704-7920. again. If you plan to attend and this event and use a pontoon Also we will need to discuss at one of the meetings on how to work out some form of shuttle service.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

Boat Show Results

I have been asked for the results of the Association's booth at the recently concluded Portland Boat Show. We used a slimmed down version of our display board, while still talking to the public about our mission and projects. The "Eggs to Fry" school hatch tank unit was operating with one year old spring Chinook, and was a great success and draw. A number of teachers expressed an interest in the program and one business owner requested information as to how he could sponsor a unit to be placed in his child's school. For the 5 day event, we had 17 volunteers from 5 chapters and the office, working 211 hours. Six of the workers were from the Sandy River Chapter. The sales effort generated revenues of \$1276 for the Yakutat Lodge trip and \$448 on the drift boat raffle. Two new members were signed up, both in the Sandy River Chapter, with two other people taking membership forms home to join later.

I want to gratefully thank those members giving their time and effort to work in the booth and/or take part in the set up/take down. Don't forget, we will do it all again at the Sportsman Show, February 9-13, where we will have our regular booth, plus a second with the Clackacraft drift boat we are raffling off. There are still shifts unfilled. If you are interested, please email me at mcmifishandivote@msn.com.

Jeff's Food for.....thought.

Fish-ing (fish'ing) 1. n. the art of casting, trolling, jigging, or spinning while freezing, sweating, swatting, or swearing.

natural: Type of organic bait rejected by a finicky fish because it is the wrong size, the wrong shape, the wrong color, or makes the wrong motion in the water.

by Henrey Beard & Roy McKie

Board Meeting Minutes Jan 19, 2011

present: Bill B, Tom G, Larry B, Eric K, Joe B, Col, Bea Hoove,
Howard B, Mike M, Leslie H and Jeff S (speaker phone)

begin: 6:45/ended at 8:00

I New/old business

1. Because the April chapter meeting is the time for new officer elections, the board must come up with a list of candidates to present to the membership prior to the meeting. Members who wishes to serve in any capacity should contact a board member. The chapter is always searching for members to serve and new blood/fresh ideas are encouraged. At this time the four positions are as follows: president - Jeff Stoeger; vice president - Jeff Kirkman; treasurer - Mike Myrick and secretary - Colonel Thomas.

2. Jack was unable to attend so Colonel represented him with a proposal for the board. Jack would like to see the chapter support a Sandy River activity/tourment that would generate and provide funds for the river. Keep in mind that this is only a beginning idea at this time with ideas/plans in flux: a fishing tournament possibly on 6/4 held at Shirley's Tippy Canoe restaurant with at least half the money earned going to earmarked projects and approximately half for prizes.

a. While the board enthusiastically supported this idea, it was thought that definitive projects must be clarified.

3. Ray's Frostbite Follies is scheduled for 3/5 with a participation fee of \$20, which will cover the cost of our hot lunch(boat captains are excluded from the fee). At this time, it is planned that ODFW will provide live well boxes enabling participants to gather fish for the brood stock tank located at Jack's home on the lower river. Sign up sheets will be available at the Feb. chapter meeting with a 2/10 deadline.

4. The association and chapter are selling raffle tickets. Please contact a board member ASAP if you are able to either purchase a book or help sell tickets. If each member could be responsible for one book, we could make progress in improving the financial outlook for the association and chapter. Keep in mind that Jeff S. and Jeff K. are offering free drift trips for any chapter member selling/buying \$100 worth of tickets. If a guided boat trip is in the \$150-175

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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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a. There was also discussion regarding the upcoming association banquet: does the chapter need one or two tables, are we providing a patron or general table?

5. We are striving to update our door prize table so any member with new/relevant ideas should contact a board member. It was thought that we need to make sure there are more than simply gear items; non fishing items are also desired.

6. Bi-Mart likes our clinic activities so much there is discussion to expand these events to other Bi-Mart locations.

7. Larry Beaver again donated his home/yard for the annual chapter picnic, but the date is still to be determined - sometime in July. ??

8. The chapter calendar need updating, and Howard is working on this task. Trevor Storlie will be the February speaker. Trevor, who lives on the Sandy, is a popular guide always provides helpful insights, which may be needed after the recent flooding.

9. With the recent announcement that the Quest fundraiser event was being cancelled, the association stepped up and offered to take on this activity. More info to follow.

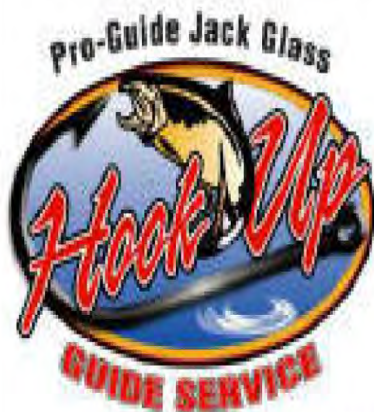
10. Mike reported that we have approximately \$10,300 in the bank.

11. During the recent boat show, the association provided 20 volunteers and 211 man hours. Big pat on the back here as most volunteers came from our chapter (Mike and Art).

12. Russell Bassett is the new association executive director.

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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

This month's volunteer is in my opinion Larry Palmer.

Even though he has given up the editor's job he is still a big help to me as I am still the rookie .

He put together and took the newsletter to the printer last month as I had computer problems and did not have the necessary software to carryout this task.

This month again he contributed a piece for the STEP program along with a small write up which I will try and include if not I will definitely publish it next month.

If Larry is able to do this every month along with working I would hope other members would follow suit.

Larry you rock.
Thanks Joe Blum

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 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 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.

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

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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**

Cast your Vote.

Well its that time of year again when we have are annual election of officers for the calendar year 2011-2012. We will have a slate of candidates at are March meeting as well as open nominations from the floor at are April meeting. The positions up for vote are the following. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In order to run for one of current positions. You must have been a member of the chapter for at least one year and are current with dues paid to date. If you have any question please feel free to call at 503-704-7920. Thanks, Jeff Stoeger, President

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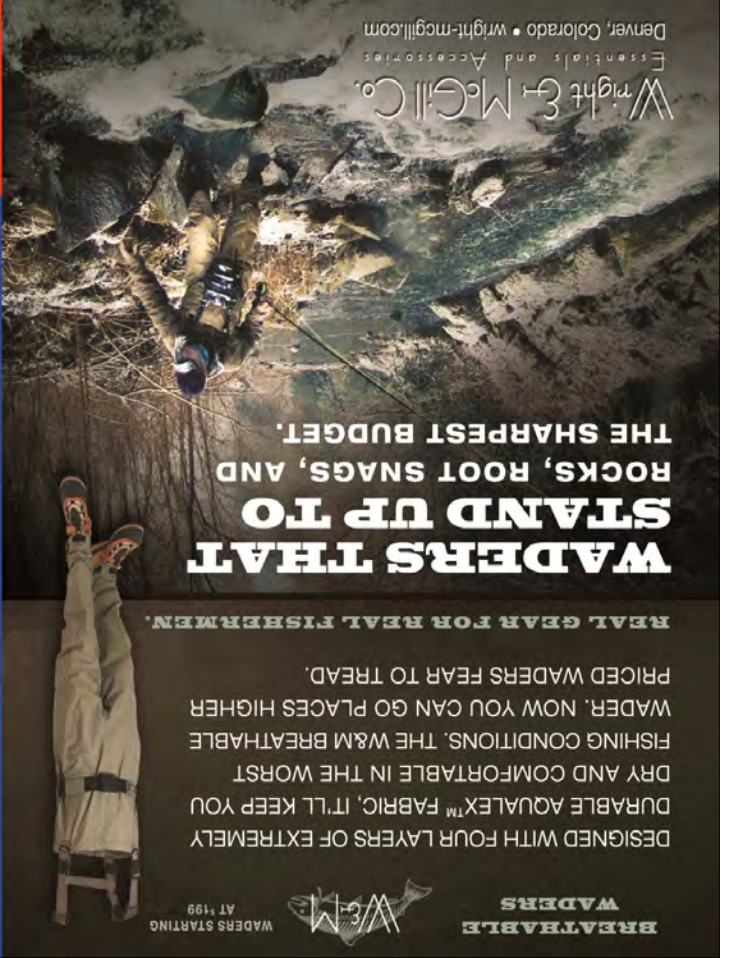
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