

**SANDY RIVER
CHAPTER
Newsletter**

*A Member Chapter of the
Association of Northwest Steelheaders*

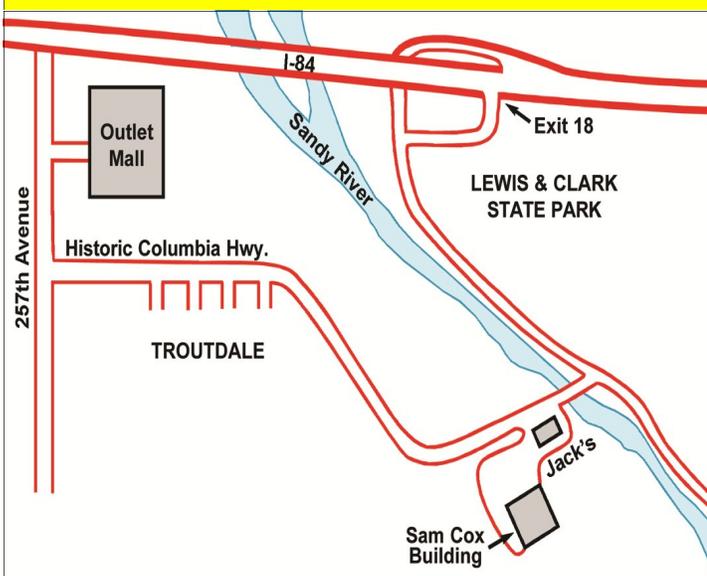
Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glenn Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon. Bring your kids too!

No charge to visitors!

This months' program

Our guest speaker this month is ED Fast. He is a local guide how fishes the upper sandy river with his three person pontoon boat. Ed will have a new program for us at our general meeting. Ed also mentioned that he will start guiding next couple of week on the upper portions of the sandy for the fish will have moved up to the upper stretches. You can also talk to Ed at the chapters winter steelhead clinic that will be held on 'Saturday February 4th at Glen Otto Park from 10 - 2 pm.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of February. That's the 1st !



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President's Note

I am very excited about the next couple of months. There are finally fish in the Sandy and Clackamas Rivers'. You need to get out there and pound the water and you'll find success. I sent a buddy of mine with his friend up to Oxbow the other day, and they hooked and landed 5 fish in about 45 minutes with one hatchery and 4 natives with the largest native weighing in around 14 lbs. So go out and pound the water and try using various tackle and you'll find success. The winter steelhead clinic is schedule for Saturday Feb 4th from 10 - 2 at Glen Otto Park. It's free and we have some great guides and vendors that will have a lot to offer. So invite your friends and neighbors and learn a few tips from the best.

I attended the first meeting of the New Molalla chapter. at Arrow Head country club. They about 40 people show up which was very promising. There were four chapters Presidents and some of there current board members who also attended this meeting.

Election of Officers' at April Meeting.

The chapter is holding its annual election of officers at the April meeting. We need to fill the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These position are up for vote by the chapter. I have completed my tenure as President and we are looking to fill this position along with the Vice President. You need to have been a member of the chapter for at least one year and must be current with dues in order to run for these positions. The current Secretary and Treasurer said that they would continue on at there position. So we need to fill the President and VP position. So talk with your buddies and see if they would be willing to run for one of these position or if you would like to run for one of these position, all you have to do is talk to one of the current board member and submit your nomination. If you nominate some one for one of the position, we must have their approval or we can't submit it on the slate on nominees for the position. So please consider one of these position. The chapter needs your support in order to continue and move forward. Also we are looking to fill a couple of director position and if you would like to fill a directors position, please talk with any of the current directors and we will submit your name as well.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger President

April's Meeting is Swap & Sale of your old tackle.

The chapter is going to hold the first annual swap and sale of old, new and un-used tackle. We will set up the hall with tables so you can bring in your used or new items to sell or swap with other members of the chapter. This is for Sandy Chapter members only to sell and swap. Guest who attend the meeting are welcome to buy items or make trades at a future date. All sales are final and the Chapter takes no responsibility for any swap or sale of items. So if you need to get rid of some tackle that is collecting that needs to find a new home. Bring it to the April meeting and hopefully your tackle will find a new home.

Sportsmen Show

Mike Myrick desperately needs volunteers to work our booth at the Sportsmen Show is in February. Mike will have signup sheets at the next chapter meeting. Want to get active and do something good for the Chapter? Then volunteer. Mike will also take volunteers for this event not by phone but by email. Mikes email address is mcmifshandivote@msn.com so if you if you want to get the prime shifts email him ASAP. The dates are Feb 11-15 2012. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ray's Follies

This year's follies went off without a hitch. The river had dropped into perfect condition after being at 16' earlier in the week. It was the first year that we didn't have a shuttle system in place and it was sure nice not having to worry about getting people up and back to their rigs. Every one launched at various times, for some were waiting at the gate to open at 6:30 and some of us showed up at 7:30 and had the boat ramp to ourselves. You couldn't have asked for a better day. Earlier in the week the weather was in the mid to lower 30's and very cool in the mornings. We all launched and the weather was in the mid 40's and no wind. We couldn't have asked for a better day to fish. We all saw some fish caught during the day and our hopes were up that we too might get lucky enough to land one also. We had two fish landed that were keepers. One was caught by Jeff Kirkman and the other one was caught by Russell Basset the association E.D. He caught the fish on a new jig that was provided by Rainbows Inn tackle shop that was handed out at lunch time. The real trooper of the day went to Ella Neiwert. Even though she didn't hook a fish, it was nice to see her out here fishing with her dad putting up with the cool weather and not complaining. I would hope to one day have an event that would focus on family event fishing day. We need to get our kids involved in the sport of fishing and our organization. I also would like to thank all the boat captains for all their help in making this event a success this year. Without the boats there would be no event. Also without saying we need to thank Joli Ritchie, Kathryn and Art Israelson and the helper for a great lunch. Here are a some pictures of this year's event

Thanks Jeff Stoeger



One last cast before lunch



Mike Myrick and others



Leslie Hinea and Jeff Stoeger



Another of our flotilla



Jeff Kirkman and Joe Blum

Fourteenth Annual Banquet Auction
Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012 at 6:00 PM in Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale

Our May meeting is on the first Wednesday evening as usual. The May program will feature a buffet catered by our own Kathryn Israelson & Joli Ritchie. It will be our first meal put together in the new Glenn Otto kitchen!

Dinner this year will be barbecued flank steak and barbecue Salmon. The entrée's will be complimented with baked beans, potatoes, rolls, green salad, coleslaw, and desert. Of course there will be coffee & soft drinks.

The price is just \$17 for those who purchase their tickets at the February through April meetings or mail in a check by April 23rd. Children age 10 or under are just \$10 each. The cost will be \$1 more per person after the 23rd and at the door. We expect everyone to come dressed the way they normally come to our chapter meetings.

Please use the following form to order your banquet tickets. Our hall will only seat 80 people for a meal so we will need to limit attendance at the banquet to this number. Please place your order soon to insure you will have seats and to allow us to give the caterers an accurate head count.

Sandy River Chapter, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
12/1/2010 Annual Auction / Dinner ticket order form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Adult dinners: _____ Number of Kid dinners (10 & under): _____

Preregistration cost total Adult dinners at \$17.00 each & Kids at \$10 each: _____
 (Must be received by April 23, 2012. Price after this add \$1 per person)

Make checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS

Send to: Joli Ritchie
 2834 SE 166th Ave.
 Portland, OR 97236

Call Joli @ 503-970-5620

You do not need to participate in the banquet to attend the auction, which takes place after the meal. Dinner will be at 6:00 to 6:45, with the auction starting at 7:15.

You will want to bring your family and check book to this one. If you have any items to donate to the auction or know anyone who does, please call Mike Myrick (in the Portland Core area) at (503) 281-6438 or Colonel Thomas (East Metro) at 503 666-5035 or Leslie Hinea (Vancouver area) (360) 892-0473. The donated value of any item is tax deductible and we will provide a receipt.

Chapter members it is that time of year again when the tickets are available for the Associations two annual raffles one for a trip tp Alaska or four other prizes, and for a Clackacraft driftboat all proceeds go to the Association to help support many on going event and agendas that will help enhance our fish populations and thusly increase our seasons and quotas. These tickets are available at Chapter meetings or by contacting either Art Noyes the Chapter ticket coordinator to get tickets for yourselves or to sell. Art Isrealson can also sell you tickets. Thank you for you support.

Joe Blum



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donation letter for their contribution and a thank you letter from the chapter. I hope to have the tax form and the thank you letter on the chapters web sit so you can print these letter as you need them. **The cost of the dinner this year is \$ 17.00 per person.** We had to increase for the cost of food has gone up over the past year due to high fuel cost. You can either pay for the dinner by check or by cash. You still need to sign up for the dinner and you can pay at one of the next couple of meeting. I hope to see you there.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger President



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One Last Cast By Navigator

I am tired of losing big fish. Now, do not get me wrong. I count my blessings – time on the water – the opportunity to hook into Mr. Big -- and the occasional encounter. But, I am tired of losing. The problem is that I go out NOT expecting to hook a big fish – so when I do, I am not ready. The first was on the lower Willamette at Meldrum Bar. Plunking. That says enough right there – it is a rare day that anything goes right plunking. The spring chinook run at its peak – the number of plunkers too. I had arrived late and pleasant chit-chat and courtesy allowed me to zero in on a spot to be vacated by someone who already had enough. I wasn't even thinking I would hook a fish – just wanted to get my line wet without incident. The fish hit about 5 minutes later – throwing my bell to the bank – the line ripping off the reel; the rod completely folded. Everyone was yelling and I galloped down the bank to grab the rod THWACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The line broke at the spool. Talk about feeling stupid. Springer? Sturgeon? Sea lion or submarine? I will never know. Drag froze.

The next encounter was later that same year. August, on the lower Deschutes. the west bank above Heritage Landing – I was fishing spinners for summer steelhead. No takers. I brought a second rod – armed with a #30 blue pirate Hotshot – something to experiment with. As my day came to a close, I decided to work the plug through some seams within Moody Rapids. I tuned the plug and soon was getting a perfect presentation – cast down and across in the heavy water – engage the reel and let the plug wobble down deep into the hole along the seam. Repeat with a longer cast – backing down the seam. Fish on! I held the rod high – line peeling off the reel. The fish got into the heavy current and headed to the Columbia. As I gingerly made it down the bank I heard the line “tick” as my spool knot gave way. I wasn't even thinking about getting spooled; forgetting that I had filled the shallow reel with thicker backing to save money. I wasn't like I was ever going to hook Mr. Big.

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Cookie List

Starting in February, volunteers will not providing the cookies for the chapter meetings. Eric Koellner will be purchasing the cookies for the chapter. This change was necessitated due to the difficulty of getting volunteers to provide the cookies for the meetings.

Now when you chip in for the coffee at the meetings you are also contributing to purchasing the cookies. So have a cup of coffee and a couple of cookies and enjoy the meeting. Just remember if you spill or drop any food on the floor clean it up right away we have to leave the floor just as clean as we found it.

Thanks,

Howard Berg



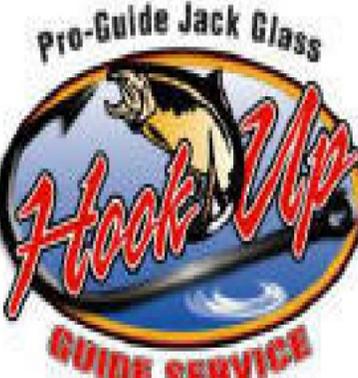
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Last week my nephew and I toasted our New Years resolutions. His was no more crash and burns on the dating scene; mine not to lose big fish. Little did I know the gods would test me on my first time out. This time a big Sandy River chrome winter steelhead on a “Stee Lee”. I fared better – executing my plan – the only problem my plan was not as good as the fish’s. At least I got my line back; albeit sans spoon. It looks like another long year for my nephew.

This is my disclaimer as you will probably observe I have changed many areas of the newsletter to try and give it a fresh new look, plus to allow for additional content. Some of these changes will be permanent and some are just temporary. Thank you for understanding, also this month you may have noticed that there are no Board meeting minutes posted that was not an oversight on my part, do not have any minutes as Colonel Thomas was sick and therefore was unable to attend the meeting or submit any minutes. I would also like to offer my apologies to any one that submitted content that was not inserted in this month’s newsletter I will post that content next month and thank you for understanding. Joe Blum

Save the date May 2nd for Chapters 'Banquet and Auction

The chapter has moved our chapters' banquet and auction to May 2nd this year. We normally hold the banquet and auction in December. The association has moved there banquet and auction to November, and the chapter thought that it would be in competition with the association so we decided to move it to May. The association is also holding their second annual hog and dogs in April so we thought that May would be the perfect month to have it. The benefit from holding it in May is that your not having to worry about xmas gifts and spending money around the holidays. We will need the help of members in getting donation for this event. If you have any new or almost new items that you would like to donate we would be glade to accept them. We are a non-profit organization and we will give you a donation letter for tax purpose. If you go out and solicit donation please make sure that you offer a tax
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Volunteers of the Month

Again it is difficult to recognize everybody who volunteers on a monthly basis. January was a busy month what with the Boat show and Rays Follies. This month I am picking multi volunteers to be recognized, first I would like to thank Mike Myrick for all hard work organizing and helping out at our booth at the boat show it would not have been possible with his efforts. Thank you Mike. Next I would like to acknowledge and thank very much our cooks at Ray’s Follies, so Joli, Kathryn and Art please stand up and take a bow, as in my opinion you are awesome. Thanks again.

Joe Blum

**Sandy River Chapter
Volunteer Hours Form**

Name _____

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.

Association of Northwest Steelheaders Sandy River Chapter

Winter Fishing Clinic

February 4th, 10am to 2pm

Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park
1208 Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, Oregon

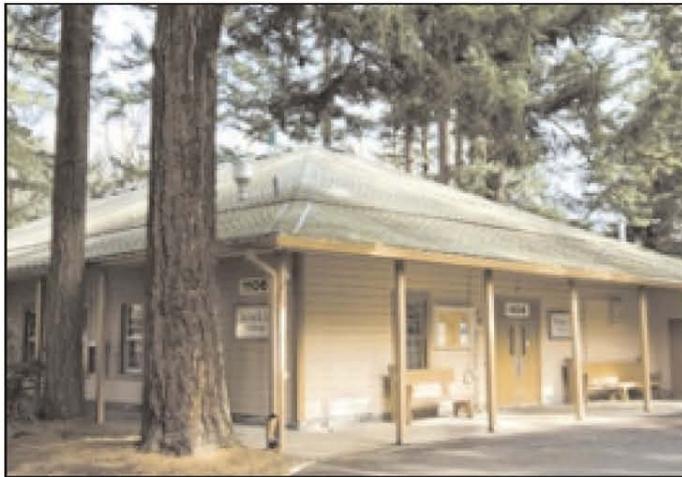
Come learn Sandy River winter steelhead fishing techniques from some of the best local guides and sport fisherman in our area. There will be demonstrations showing different fishing techniques, fishing gear, how-to, and much much more.....

Pro guides like Jack and Brandon Glass of Team Hook Up Guide Service, Doug Miller of Miller Guide Service, Ed Fast of Ed Fast River Adventures, and Dean Pierce of Dean's Guide Service along with fishing gear manufacturers like Mark Anderson of First Bite Jigs as well as some fellow chapter members will all be on hand to share their knowledge and techniques.

This event is for both the advanced fisherman as well as beginner fisherman who are looking to improve their fishing techniques to put more fish on the bank or in the boat.

So come learn something new, talk to some of the area's best local guides and fisherman, and spend the day finding that one thing that will put you above the rest.

This event is open to the public and there is no admission fee.



Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park

The Sam Cox Building in Troutdale's Glenn Otto City Park provides space for community group activities, private parties, and organizations to meet. It badly needs to be updated. The kitchen has already been remodeled, with volunteers from the Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders providing much of the labor. However, there is more to be done. It's time to raise money for the remaining work.

Cedar Fish Fundraiser

Buy a cedar fish to help renovate the Sam Cox Building! The fish, with your name engraved on it, will become a permanent part of the interior of the building. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped maintain the building for the community. Every time you walk into the dining room you will see your fish on the wall, proof of your support. Each \$20 purchase of a fish means \$15 for the Sam Cox Building and \$5 for the Northwest Steelheaders, who provide the fish and pay for the engraving.



Cedar fish make great gifts, inexpensive and easy to give! We will send the person for whom you buy a fish a gift certificate—no hunting for parking, fighting crowds, wrapping, just a donation toward the work needed for the building!

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