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President's Message

The American Heritage Dictionary defines 'Volunteer' as a person who performs or gives of their services of their own free will.

George Washington and the members of the Continental Congress founded America with a volunteer army. Since Viet Nam the military remains a volunteer based entity. Much of rural American is protected by a volunteer fire department. The Sandy River Chapter has a long history of volunteering, often times the only volunteers for events that support the Chapters and / or the Association.

Two lines of thought result from this; Sandy Chapter members complain that they are the only ones who volunteer and other Chapters argue that Sandy always has to be in charge. How can a person expect to be in charge if they haven't volunteered before to learn the details of the job.

The Sandy River Chapter is taking the following steps to increase the various chapter participation, increase the opportunities for other Chapter's to learn how to hold an event and increase the volunteer pool. We offered the following:

- Participation in planning & execution of dinner / auction
- Training and curriculum for ODFW clinics

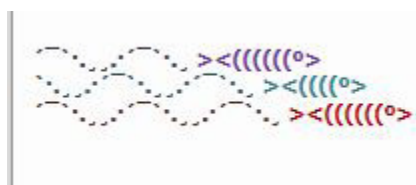
- Preferred shifts at Boat show & upcoming Sportsman's show

- Outreach program from 2015 HOF Team for specific Volunteers

- A sharing attitude extended to all Chapters

Within the Sandy River Chapter we will use recorded volunteer hours to allocate limited resources like Tillamook fish-along and the Frostbite Follies seats in boats. We have had this policy for two years and been lucky enough to not have to use it. Volunteer now, volunteer often.

By Doug Briggs



Something New

Or re-new actually... We have been very successful in recruiting new members with our Sandy River Chapter/ ODFW clinics. Many of our existing members have volunteered there as well, helping out and learning something at the clinic to boot.

Now we are going to add another effort to serve our exist-

ing members and former members- and renew your membership mini clinic followed up by a fish along. This will occur 8 AM Saturday March 21 at the Sam Cox building in Glenn Otto Park.

There will be a short clinic of 2 hours, covering Drift Fishing, Bobbers and Jigs, and knot tying all taught by chapter experts, then team up with chapter members to go bank fishing the rest of the day.

The plan on this is simple- we will contact members going back 3 years by mail and e-mail and invite them to this event. Existing members will volunteer to be leaders on the fish along that follows the clinic. I'll take care of the mailing part but I need YOU to be one of our fish along leaders. Will you help me?

By the way, there will be some cool free door prizes that day- like a complete steelhead spinning outfit with ready to go jigs and drift rigs, and a couple of drift boat trips with chapter experts. But as the saying goes...you can't win if you don't play.

So be there 8 AM Saturday March 21 at the Sam Cox building in Glenn Otto Park, and help out with our first ever membership renewal effort. We need you!

Larry Palmer
palmerlarryd@yahoo.com



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ODFW donates 175 tons of salmon to Oregon's food banks

CLACKAMAS, Ore. – Banner runs of Pacific salmon helped feed thousands of Oregonians in 2014.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hatcheries donated more than 350,000 pounds of Chinook and coho salmon to food banks in communities across the state.

The huge donation of high quality protein was made possible by one of the largest returns of Pacific salmon in years. A record 1.2 million Chinook and 1 million coho returned to the Columbia River in 2014. Similar returns are expected again in 2015.

“The unprecedented returns salmon to our region the past two years have benefited fishermen, the economy, and helped feed thousands of people who might otherwise have gone hungry,” said Chris Kern, deputy administrator of ODFW’s fish division.

The vast majority of salmon donated to Oregon’s food banks are collected after ODFW hatcheries gather enough eggs to produce the following year’s crop of juvenile salmon. Once the young salmon are reared at the hatcheries and then released, a small percentage of them will return to the hatcheries as adults after spending three or four years maturing in the ocean.

“We’re proud that our hatcheries have such positive impact on the lives of Oregonians,” said Manny Farinas, ODFW West Region hatch-

ery coordinator. “Thanks to all of our great volunteers that helped collect, process, and deliver the fish to the various food banks.”

If forecasts materialize as hoped, 2015 could be another outstanding year for salmon returns. Preliminary data compiled in December by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington suggests Chinook returns will be even larger than 2014 while coho returns could be mixed.

“All the indicators are pointing to another good year of salmon returns,” Kern said.



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John Hydorn

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Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

We needed to move the clinic date to Feb. 14th because many of our volunteers are involved in a big Sportsfishing show that weekend. The clinic will be held in the same location as before, Sam Cox Bldg. in Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale. clinic is from 9 AM- 3 PM, on Feb. 14th.

Please contact Mike Myrick at "MICHAEL C MYRICK"
<mcmifishandivote@msn.com> if you wish to volunteer for the Sportsfishing Show

Please contact Larry Palmer at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com if you wish to volunteer for the Feb. 14 clinic. There is no charge to chapter volunteers for the Feb. 14th clinic if they volunteer thru Larry and do some work at the clinic. Setup time is 8 AM that day.

Description for the Feb. 14 class is below:

Spring Chinook are highly prized for their power, beauty and excellent table qualities. Typical size ranges from a low of about 10 lbs. to up to 30 lbs.

Many spring Chinook return to Portland area streams. They can be caught from shore, or by boat fishing methods. This clinic will cover some methods for both, as well as selection of the right size rod and reel, knots, bait preparation, and hook sharpening.

Specific techniques covered will include:

- Anchor fishing with Kwikfish/Flatfish
 - Trolling and rigging herring
 - Trolling spinners
 - Plunking

Class is presented by members of the Sandy River Chapter of the NW Steelheaders. A one year introductory membership is included as part of the class fee.

The Sandy River Chapter will prepare a complimentary hotdog picnic-style lunch for all class members.

Come and learn how to catch one of these big shiny beauties!

Thanks

Larry Palmer



2015 FEBRUARY

4 Membership Meeting
4-8 NW Sportsmen's Show
7 Fishing Clinic
11 Board Meeting
14 Springer fishing clinic
28 Ray's Frostdbite Follies ?

MARCH

4 Membership Meeting
11 Board Meeting
14 Ray's Frostdbite Follies

APRIL

1 Membership Meeting
8 Board Meeting
11 Salmon Quest

MAY

6 Membership Meeting
dinner/ auction
9 Fishing Clinic
Contact Larry Palmer
503-286-2093
13 Board Meeting

JUNE

3 Membership Meeting
10 Board Meeting

JULY

No Membership Meeting

AUGUST

No Membership Meeting



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When:

First Wednesday of the month
7:00 P.M. Sharp

***No meetings in
July and August***

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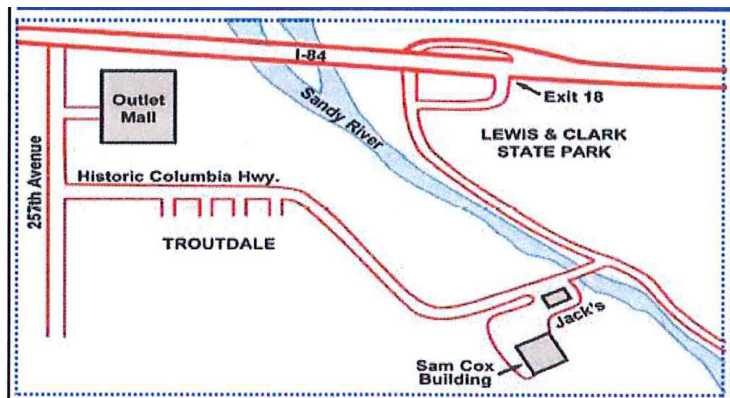
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We welcome visitors to join the Sandy River Chapter,
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Seventeenth Annual Dinner - Auction

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at 6:00 PM Sam Cox Building at Glen 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.

Dinner this year will be barbecued pulled pork (or pulled chicken) on a bun. This will be complimented with baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and dessert. Of course there will be coffee & soft drinks.

The price is just \$12 for those who purchase their tickets at the February through April meetings or mail in a check by April 25th. Children age 10 or under are just \$7 each. The cost will be \$2 more per person after the 25th 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 5/6/2015 Annual Auction / Dinner ticket order form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

Preregistration cost total Adult dinners at \$12.00 each & Kids at \$7 each: _____
(Must be received by April 25, 2015. Price after this add \$2 per person)

Make checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS

Send to: Mike Myrick
6730 NE 22nd
Portland, OR 97211

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.

Since the chapter is part of a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, items you donate to our auction are tax deductible, and we'll provide a receipt.

Chapter members

After checking in with all applicable agencies that might have a hand in the removal of this dangerous side channel sweeper just below the Oxbow Park boat ramp, it has come down to “just take care of it yourselves”.

OK, we are good at doing things, and have some handy guys.

So if you are interested in a bit of chainsaw action on this dangerous thing, please respond to me about this project at.

palmerlarryd@yahoo.com.

Project will occur on Monday Feb 8, if the river is too high (over 10.5), or we need additional work, we can have another go at it Monday Feb. 9.

Basic plan for this day is as follows-

If the river is at an acceptable level for work - say below 10.5 feet, we'll meet at Glen Otto Park at 7:30 AM, team up, and take our various drift boats up to Oxbow Park to launch at about 8 AM.

We'll go down the main channel side of the river just below the boat ramp and pull over to the right side on the small island. The sweeper is on the opposite side of the island.

We'll walk over to the sweeper and do what we can about cutting it out, safely from a “Feet Dry” position non the gravel bar that it rests on. **NO ONE IS GOING INTO THAT SWIFT WATER AT ANY TIME !** We are out to eliminate the sweeper as a hazard. The rest of the tree can be left for all we care.

Bring a chainsaw, splitting

maul, sledge hammer, big pry bar, and any other tools you have that would be useful in cutting a big snag. No tools? Just you superhuman strength will do.

Bring your fishing stuff to do some fishing after our work is done.

I will have a stove and chili to cook up in my boat for workers after the work is done. Catching a fish is totally up to you.

Thanks

Best reply to me is by e-mail, but my phone # is 503-793-9225

Larry Palmer



Boating Class

Everyone,

See info below on Columbia River bar crossing class and spread the word to anyone in your individual network who boats the CR and ocean out of Astoria. Notice time also as it is different from original notice. Safe boating.

Brad Halverson
503-201-6052

orcabrad@comcast.net
The USGS has the conference

room reserved:

Clark County Waste Water District
8000 NE 52nd Ct. (just east of the intersection of NE 78th Street/NE St Johns Blvd)
Vancouver, WA

It will hold 30-40 people. Class will begin at 9:00am and run to about 1:00pm. \$35.00 at the door.

We will have a USCG representative there also to discuss bar issues and answer questions as well.

I'm requesting a representative from Washington Fish and Wildlife or Oregon Fish & Wildlife too.

I'm working a booth at the Portland Sportsman Show and will put together a flyer to distribute. We probably won't get this many... but... we will limit the class to 40!! No more! will take care of the list of people... send everyone to me: todd.baker@clark.wa.gov

Todd Baker, Deputy #3282,
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Sandy River Chapter Fishing Clinics

2/14/2015

5/9/2015

Contact
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Need Help With Women's Fishing Clinic

Our chapter has recently done three very successful fishing clinics in concert with ODFW and we are looking to have one with a special focus on women anglers.

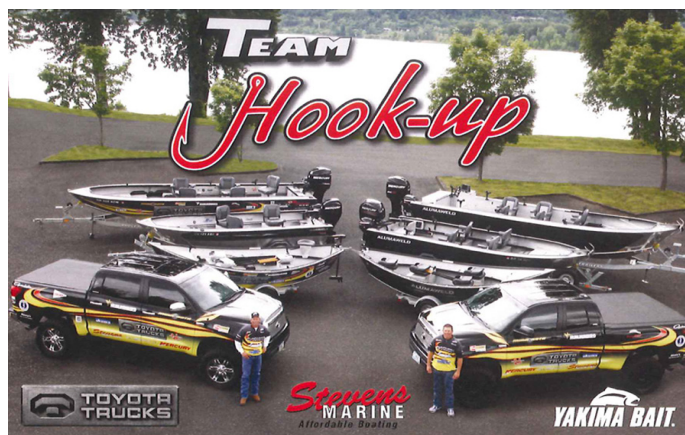
I am willing to help plan and organize this event, but I want the involvement of the women anglers in our chapter in planning and conducting this event.

I'd say we will plan on the women's clinic happening after the new year, probably in the fall, giving us plenty of time to set its theme, find instructors and make a good plan.

Please contact me with your ideas on this subject and we'll get started. Best contact for me is by email.

Thanks
Larry Palmer
Special Projects Coordinator
Sandy River Chapter
503-286-2093 cell 503-7939225
Email palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.



Just a Reminder! It is the Sportsmen's Show and we need volunteers at this event. It is important to the club to be there and have our members in the booth to meet the public and help increase our membership.



FEBRUARY

WEEK 1	<p>WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MTG 6:30 PM @ GLENN OTTO GUEST SPEAKER: BOB REES ANWS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WINTER STEELHEAD RAGS- HOW TO MAKE THEM& USE THEM GERMAN CHOCOLATE TREAT</p> <p>SPORTSMEN'S SHOW 4-8</p>
WEEK 2	<p>WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 6:30 PM @ IZZY'S GATEWAY ODFW SPRING CHINOOK SALMON FISHING CLINIC 9:00AM- 5:30PM GLENN OTTO PARK SATURDAY 14 FEB.</p>
WEEK 3	<p>WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY NEWS ARTICLE DEADLINE</p>
WEEK 4	<p>RAY'S FOLLIES (DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS) SATURDAY 28, REGISTER NOW</p>



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you will then know me,
and we will fish together.**

~ author unknown

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Ray's Frostbite Follies

Ray's Frostbite Follies is a winter tradition named after the late Ray Hinea. It is not weather dependent, thus the name. It is a drift boat float from Oxbow to Dabney on Saturday, SUBJECT to river levels being safe. We match people with boats and offer the balance a walk-in trip at Oxbow, Dodge or Dabney. Other Chapter members are welcome or they can send their boat. (yeah right)

We arbitrarily picked Saturday February 28th as the date, with Saturday March 14th as the alternate, in case the river is out of shape on the 28th. Cost is \$10 for lunch, which will be served at Dabney. Sign-up sheets and money collected at the next meeting, February 4th. If you sign-up and you don't go you lose your money, if we cancel you get a full refund. Lunch will include Robert Wisher's Chef's Surprise pastry. There will be no stop at Camp Angelos.

Keep in mind to tip the boat captain for the use of the boat, gear, jumping the car, bait and lost tackle. If you offer, they can always say no, but at least you offered and may be invited back.

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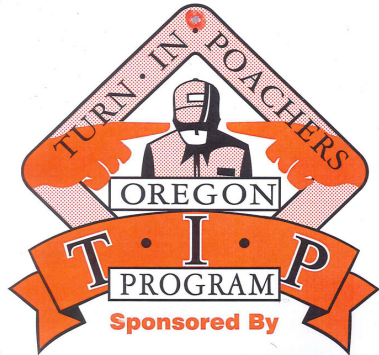
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You can turn in the volunteer hours form at the monthly meeting to Robert Wisher or by e-mail: rjwisherstix@gmail.com

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report

Name: _____

Event:

Date:

Hours:

Event:

Date:

Hours:

Event:

Date:

Hours:

Remember to include your travel time to and from the event. If you have any questions about your how to report your hours, contact the event coordinator. Turn this form in at the monthly meeting or by e-mail to Robert Wisher (rjwisherstix@gmail.com).

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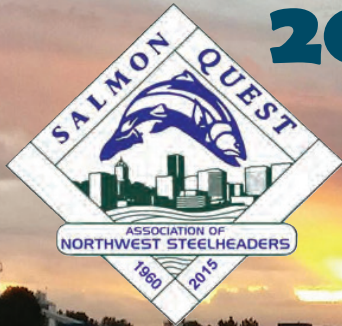
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Saturday, April 11

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To participate, fill out the registration form as a team or individual, enclose the registration fee, and mail to the Northwest Steelheaders. Angler registration fee is \$250 and includes fishing with a guide and a ticket for the dinner and award ceremonies.

Proceeds from the tournament are used to improve sport fisheries through on-the-ground restoration projects in the Willamette and Sandy river basins. Past Quest funds have been spent to purchase a freezer trailer to store excess salmon carcasses until volunteers are available to distribute the carcasses back into local rivers to provide food and nutrients for young salmonids. Thank you, past Quest anglers, for making this great project possible!

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