



February 2019

The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.

2019 Events

Chapter Meeting date changes

The February 13th, 2019 Chapter meeting is being held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This avoids a conflict with the Portland – Pacific NW Sportsman's Show (February 6- 10, 2019)



February 13, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Brent Soule, Brent Soule's Sport fishing guide service, in Washougal, Wa. speaking primarily on Kokanee fishing. Ph: 360-903-8944



February 17th, 2019 – Sunday – Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



March 3rd, 2019 – Sunday - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



March 6, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Local Guide **Tom Randall** - Steelhead Bobbers, Beads, & Rigging for Steelhead,



March 8th to 10, 2019 – Family Fish Camp – Camp Angelos, 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, Oregon - Contact the Education and Outreach Coordinator with any questions at orhabitat@nwf.org. – See the article in this newsletter.



April 3, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



April 20th, 2019 – Saturday - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



May 1, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



May 4th, 2019, Saturday - Annual Chapter Banquet and Auction - This is our annual fundraising event. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR



June 5, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Glen Ward of Benchmade Knives - <https://www.benchmade.com/>

No chapter meetings in July or August 2019. No chapter meetings in July or August 2019.



June 20th to 24st, 2019 – John Day River Campout – Weekend Family fishing campout on the river. Contact – Steve Rothenbucher at rothenbuchers@gmail.com or Ph: (503) 257-0039.



August 24th, 2019, Saturday – Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic - Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park area A, Troutdale, OR



September 4th, 2019 - Chapter Meeting – Speakers yet to be announced.



September 13th - 15th, 2019, Saturday – Tillamook Crab/Fish along – Arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday.



September 21st, 2019 - Steelhead Bank Fish-along – Bank Fish along. Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.



October 5th, 2019 – Coho Salmon Bank Fish-along – Contact - Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106.

Annual Chapter Board Election:



Election of Chapter Board Officers will take place at the April 3rd, 2019 Chapter Meeting. As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers. The Chapter Board positions we need to vote on are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Note the last few years we have ran short of nominees for positions. We all want a successful chapter, so please step up and help us in areas you have qualifications to fulfill.

If you would like to run for any of these position all you need to do is contact any current officer or member of the Election Committee. To run for an office you must be a current member in good standing.

So if you have some great ideas we are looking for you to fill one of these positions. You can run for president or vice president with a co-partner. If you have any suggestion of someone who would make a great President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer ask them if you can nominate them for the positions. You cannot nominate someone without their permission.



HELP – WITH NEWSLETTER

We are currently in great need of someone with word processing skills to editor our newsletter. If you are interested in helping out please contact one our Co-Presidents: Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net (Ph: 503-869-1795, or Jeff Stoeger at mjstoeger@msn.com (Ph: 503-704-7920).



When: March 8-10, 2019

Where: [Camp Angelos](#), 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, OR 97019

What: Learn fishing skills with the whole family in a summer-camp setting.

Lodging

Family Fish Camp is located at [Camp Angelos](#) along the Sandy River in Corbett, OR. Spend a weekend living a summer camp experience – sleep in cabin bunks, dine in the lodge cafeteria, and stargaze in the secluded forest along the rushing river.

All cabins are heated and handicapped accessible. Families will be housed together alongside other families attending the camp. Families will be staying in shared (co-ed) cabins. This means you will get to stay together as a family, but you will be housed together with another family. All cabins are heated and handicapped accessible. If you have any concerns or questions about this arrangement, please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding this arrangement.

Family Fish Camp is a fun weekend where families learn fishing skills together while staying overnight at cozy Camp Angelos on the Sandy River. Kids and adults can fish the pond, play games, plan their next fishing adventure, and participate in session activities on:

- Fish identification
- Casting and reeling
- Angler ethics and regulations
- Gear and equipment
- Water quality testing
- Fish art projects

Family Fish Camp is for all families who want to learn more about how to jump-start their fishing experiences in the Pacific Northwest. Passionate anglers with years of experience will teach you the essential skills, and your family will have the opportunity to recreate together outdoors alongside new friends.

Application and Cost

Cost for first adult and child pair: \$200

Cost for any additional attendee beyond first pair: \$75

Limited scholarships (full and half) are available to applicable participants.

Your ticket to Family Fish camp includes:

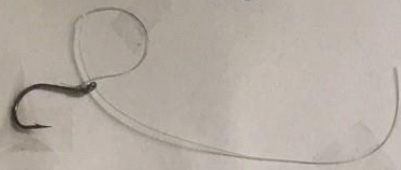
- 5 meals
- 2 nights lodging
- Access to all sessions and activities

Check back at a later date for more details by filling out your contact information

at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9h0jSDIm8P1yxjXfpUiu_frwkBmclROaMXFKakEu9t_7Quw/viewform

to be notified when registration opens for Family Fish Camp 2019. Or, contact the Education and Outreach Coordinator with any questions at orhabitat@nwf.org.

Bare egg loop



Egg loop with yarn



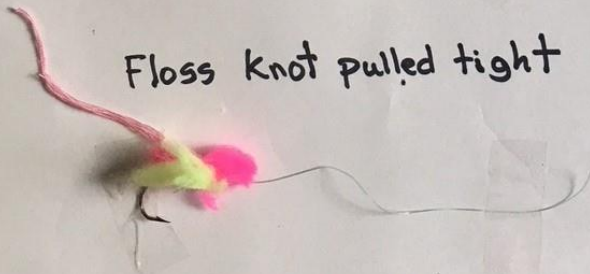
Egg loop, yarn, floss



Embroidery
floss



Floss knot pulled tight



Floss trimmed, Yarnie Completed



A little better Yarnie

By: Larry Palmer

"Yarnies" is a common term for a drift fishing leader that has yarn in the egg loop or secured to the hook in that area. There are a couple variations on how to tie them from simply putting a piece of yarn loosely in the egg loop to tying in 2-3 pieces and shaping it with scissors. They'll all work if you get them down near a fish.

I've principally done them in two ways - a loose piece or two in the egg loop(which sometimes falls out if you pull it open to use bait...) or by using a longer piece of yarn and making an overhand knot in it, then trimming of the "tails" with scissors. Here's a third way, sort of a blend of the two. It makes a simple Yarnie, good with a drop of scent oil (shrimp is my favorite..) or as a bait leader, but the yarn will stay in place this time.

Make a standard egg loop knot leader and have some short lengths of fishing yarn ready. Also have a piece of embroidery floss (about 6 inches) handy, slip the yarn into the egg loop knot and tie

in place with the floss. A couple of simple overhand knots will do. Pull the egg loop knot down tight and trim the floss ends down to about 1 inch long. They'll be handy for pulling open the egg loop if you want to add bait. If just fishing it as a bare yarn "Yarnie", again just add a drop of scent and send it on its way.

A sharp hook, a bit of yarn and a drop scent can trick a fish for a few pennies. Give it a try!!

We are including this reprint of an August 2016 article regarding this event to let you know what to expect at our June 20th to 24th, 2019 John Day River Campout. Remember, weather varies and the winds of 2016 may or may not reappear. If this sparks your interest and you want to join us contact Steve Rothenbucher at rothenbuchers@gmail.com or Ph: (503) 257-0039.

John Day Fishing / Camping

By Anthony Pedro – August, 2016



On a Friday morning in late June, 2016, boats containing Steelheaders from the Sandy River Chapter were launched from LePage Park at the mouth of the John Day River. Forty mile per hour gusts of wind slammed against boats and Steelheaders alike on the three-mile trip up river to Albert Philippi Park: our base camp for the next two days and nights. Boats were docked with skill (despite the high winds), and the process of unloading gear, staking claims and setting up camp for the weekend had begun.

Steve Childress had spawned the idea of a Steelheaders warm water fishing and camping getaway months earlier and (with the help of John Hydorn and Steve Rothenbucher) it had finally become a reality.

Albert Philippi Park is hard to miss; it is the largest patch of green you will encounter after departing upstream from LePage Park. A large sign perched atop a well-manicured lawn welcomes you to this once abandoned oasis. Newly reopened (after being closed in 2013); it is maintained by the Army Corp of Engineers. The park facilities include two boat docks, bathrooms with showers, thirty-five campsites and a swimming hole. It's nestled in the east bank of the John Day River, the third longest undammed river in these contiguous United States. Surrounded by ancient canyons rimmed by basalt--it's easy to feel small here. Once tents of varying shapes, sizes and ages were erected--fishing began.

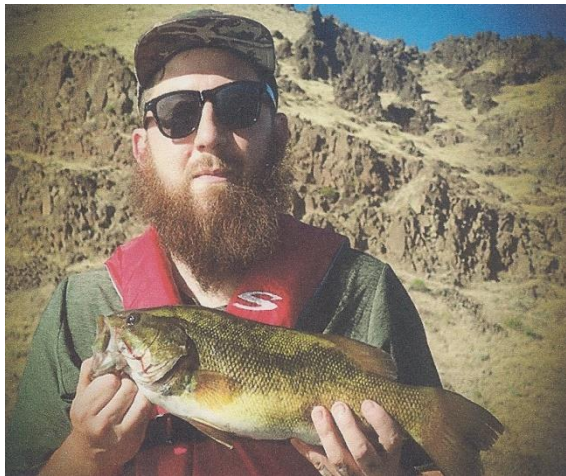
Sandy River President, Steve, started out strong with a pair of good-sized smallies using a high-low rig baited with earthworms, a touch of garlic scent and enough lead to keep the setup from drifting into the weeds. The rest of the crew soon followed suit, pulling in a mixed bag of bluegills, crappie and black bullhead catfish. Powerful blasts of wind sent monofilament line flailing into knots, up- turned tackle boxes, and transformed unsecured worm container lids into Frisbees. After being beat up by the unrelenting wind for a few hours, our energy began to fade; it was time to seek refuge from the winds and enjoy a dinner of freshly caught fried bass and rice.

After dinner, the wind had subsided just enough to begin fishing again with renewed vigor. A red- tailed hawk drifted overhead, screaming repeatedly as the sun began to dip lower and lower. I plucked a large 1/5 oz. Rebel crawfish in "Ditch" pattern from my Plano box, clipped it to the snap swivel at the end of my 8 lb. mono and sent it sailing into the water. I cranked it fast down to the bottom and began a slow retrieve over the rocks below towards shore. A pair of duel treble hooks connected with my first bass of the day as it slammed the crawdad a mere three feet from the bank. Alan recommended that I add a touch of his Pro-Cure Garlic/Crawfish Super Gel to the lure: a great idea which I accepted, and went on working my way along the shoreline. The lure/scent combination proved to be effective--provoking fierce bites close to shore. Success continued until my brave crawfish met his fate like so many other six-dollar lures I have known: hung up in the ever-darkening water never to be seen again. Heartbroken at the loss, I tied the only other crawfish I had-- a 1/10 oz. Rebel in a "nest robber" color scheme. At only a fraction the size of his predecessor, he would only manage to seduce a pair of pumpkinseeds.

The rest of the crew had also enjoyed success that night over at the far boat dock, returning to camp with a blend of bass, bluegill and catfish. After swapping fish tales with the group, I headed down to the river to clean my largest fish of the evening for breakfast. A mule deer doe grazed alone on a far hillside while one by one stars began to dot the sky. Just then a procession of campers appeared (coming from the river) hauling stringers of massive channel cats! At least thirty whiskered fish dangled from ropes. "Where'd you get those?" someone hollered. "Up at the narrows," they replied. That settled any dispute about where we would head the next day.



By that time the moon had risen, illuminating the surrounding hills in a pale blue green reminiscent of a Frederick Remington nocturne. Sleep came easy. If you fancy yourself an early riser, you have never stayed overnight anywhere with the Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders. These guys begin stirring about at 4:30AM. I thought I was on top of things waking up at 7:30AM but found myself the last one up. I had already



missed breakfast and a good deal of fishing. I felt like a delinquent being the last one out of my tent and scrambled to get ready. I fried up my bass from the night before (along with a few strips of peppered bacon, dressed, and choked down as much instant "coffee" as I could before I was hustled onto a boat. No time to waste, we were in pursuit of giant John Day River cats.

The wind had stopped and the sky was cloudless; it was going to be hot over on the dry side of Oregon. The depth of the river began to plummet the further up it we went. In only a matter of a few miles it dropped from a height of 60 ft. to under 10 ft. I was posted as lookout on the bow of Ron's boat to seek out any obstacles in our path such as large boulders or aquatic vegetation that could foul the prop. Geese and white pelicans lounged on the sandbars we passed, seemingly uninterested in our slow moving progress. The numbers on the Lowrance were dropping like a New Year's Eve countdown until we hit 2 ft. and that was the end of the line for us; no catfish was worth damaging the boat. The big cats (we had dreamed about the night before) swam less than a mile away--just out of our reach. Other boats equipped with jets motored past, unfazed by the low water while we rigged up for bass. The largest channel catfish reported taken from the John Day River system was said to weigh thirty-five pounds. According to Pete Heley's book Oregon Bass & Panfish Guide, some smallmouth from the area have unofficially weighed in at 7-9 lbs. Heley claims the channel cats and bass undoubtedly profit from the large populations of forage fish such as bluegills and bullhead catfish. Black bullhead catfish (on the other hand) have a tendency to overpopulate a body of water stunting their own growth. The world record, coming from upstate New York, weighed in at 7 lbs.7 oz. Both catfish found in Oregon: the channel and black bullhead are non-native. Bev's excitement was contagious as she pulled in bass after bass. Live earthworms impaled on a drop shot rig, complimented with a touch of Pro Cure's Garlic or Bloody Tuna scent, proved irresistible. There was no doubt we were on top of fish; unfortunately, they were all fry-- all falling within the 4-9 inch range. I sent a few plastics adrift on a drop shot; a 4 ¼" KVD Green Pumpkin Dream Shot by Strike King drew the most hits. The "kicker" motor was fired up and we cruised slowly back down river targeting weed edges, shady spots and downed trees, anything that could provide fish with some relief from the sun. Thanks to Ron's patience and ability to maneuver us into positions along the bank, we were able to continue a thrilling afternoon of bass angling.

Photographs courtesy of Anthony Pedro

2019 Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's

Show sign-ups are ONLINE and LIVE now.

Tuesday February 5th through the 10th Sunday, 2019

You longer need to look around for paper sign-up forms. If interested in volunteering you can go to the website listed here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/2019ANWS-PNWSS-VolunteerSignUp> and click the link to view and understand the details.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Association of Northwest Steelheaders office at Ph#: 503-653-4176. They will take down pertinent contact information, shifts the person wants to work.

The Association is also trying to set up a Facebook page with a direct link to the signup information.

If you have problems with the website, try clicking the link from a computer, not your cell phone.



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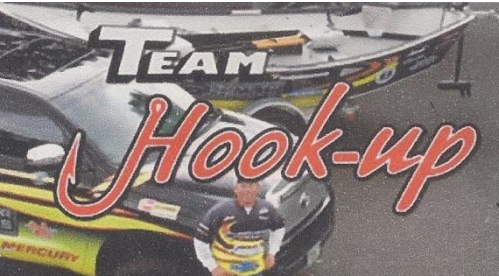
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