



February 2020

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

2019-2020 Events

Remember – February 12, 2020 - Chapter meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday the month.

Doors open at 6:00pm, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm members may meet, greet, share stories and techniques. At 7:00pm the business meeting and program begin.



February 12, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Speaker – Brad Halverson, Oregon Hatchery Research Center. 6:00pm, Sam Cox Building of Glenn Otto Park, 1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060.

Video at - https://dfw.state.or.us/images/video_gallery/ohrc_video.asp

The goal of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) is to answer scientific questions related to fish recovery and hatchery programs, including the differences that may exist between wild and hatchery fish, and how to better manage those differences.

Information gained at the Research Center will help answer questions vital to the success of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds and implementation of the Native Fish Conservation Policy.

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center is a cooperative research project between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.



March 4, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Spinner class. We will have spinner stations set up with volunteer members helping others learn.



April 1, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Speaker to be announced – we are trying to get a representative from the Oregon State Police in to speak. **Election of Chapter Officers**



May 6, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Our speaker is **Dave Schamp** representing

Hatchery & Wild Co-exist <https://hatchery-wild-coexist.com/>. *“There are numerous studies that show hatchery supplementation has had a positive effect on wild fish recovery. In fact, not only is there peer-reviewed science confirming hatcheries can be operated without significant negative effect wild stocks, some studies also show that wild fish abundance can benefit from hatchery supplementation.”*



May 16, 2019, Saturday - Annual Chapter Banquet and Auction – 4:30pm to 8:30pm -

This is our annual fundraising event. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR



June 3, 2020 - Chapter Meeting – Speaker to be announced.

Annual Chapter Board Election:



Election of Chapter Board Officers will take place at the April 1st, 2020 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 run 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.

Currently, the following are running for offices.

Position	Name
Co-President	Jeff Stoeger
Co-President	Greg Reed
Vice President	Jeff Boughton
Secretary	Terri Boughton
Treasurer	Vacant

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.

Contact Steve Rothenbucher, Chairperson of our Chapter nominating committee, at 503-257-0039.



One Last Cast

Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

There are certain people that you enjoy getting a voice mail or text from on your cell. For me, it is people with boats! However, Larry's message to me was not about going out in the boat. It was the perfect message that back handedly recognized my situation and the amount of fishing that I could handle. It was a simple invitation from a fellow Steelheader and good friend. The essence of the message was to get out on the river and do some casual bank fishing – what Larry called his need to “connect to the river”.



It was a Sunday afternoon and Larry picked me up for our afternoon sojourn on the river at just a few minutes past Noon. We headed to the lower Sandy River – weather and river conditions were favorable. The river sat at 9.3 feet and 42 degrees. The sky was a high overcast and of course the only condition that matters on the lower Sandy is that the wind was calm! I was geared up for spoon fishing – just keeping things simple on this afternoon to connect with the river. Also, I figured I would catch more fish with a spoon if I fished a spoon more often. (I am actually still looking for my first spoon landed fish). The advantage to afternoon fishing – and this is actually a tip you should put in the tip jar – is that you have access to the popular runs with less crowds as they dissipate from fishing all morning. And, warmer water temperatures Such was the case for Larry and me. We picked one of the most popular runs – both with boat and bank – and only had to share with one lone angler that was finishing up their use of the run. So, Larry and I became the fence posts for the picket fence that was just not there.

This situation was perfect for swinging a spoon. Larry was content fishing the top of the run and I worked below him swinging my generic tear drop chrome spoon. Short cast, let the spoon sink, engage the reel, and let the current work the spoon. Thump, thump, thump ... I could feel this in the handle of my real and observe it on the pulsing of my rod tip. Then a medium cast – thump, thump, thump, thump, Then a longer cast that covered the width of the run – thump, thump, thump, thump, thump, thump, Then step down river 3 or 4 feet and repeat. Covering water. I was treated to the perfect scenery as I looked down the river to the Stark Street Bridge. The sun was setting behind the Sandy's canyon walls and the high overcast sky was back lite like a winter's fire. It was the perfect medicine for me.

The spoon suddenly stopped and I set the hook only to feel the resistance of the rocks the spoon wedged itself between. Then, a while later, another “stop” in the spoon. Same resistance I thought.... until the spoon pulled back and headed river center. I missed the hook set. But, on this day, I didn't get that empty feeling; I still felt full and connected to the river.



FEBRUARY 5 – 9, 2020
WED.–FRI.: 11AM – 8PM SAT.: 10AM – 8PM SUN.: 10AM – 6PM

*"Hi all, the Sportsman's Show is fast approaching and we still need volunteers! Please talk to your chapters and tell folks to **email me** if they are interested in helping out. Here are our remaining open shifts."*

Alix Soliman, Operations Manager, ANWS
(630) 608-7117 or asoliman@anws.org

2nd Annual John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby



\$300 First Prize!! Raffle!!

Mar 07, 3:30 PM

Skyland Pub,

3175 S Troutdale Rd, Troutdale, OR 97060, USA

All Fishermen are invited to compete in the John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby on March 7 in Troutdale. The tournament to raise funds for a scholarship named in John's honor. **John Aho Memorial Steelhead Derby Returns March 7, 2020.**

This annual charity tournament offers a top prize of \$300, plus other awards, food and music. The entry fee of \$75 is due by 8 p.m. March 1. Registration, Rules, sponsorship opportunities, and more information about the event are available at: <https://www.johnaho.fun/event>. All are invited to attend the awards celebration, raffle and silent auction beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Skyland Pub, 3175 S Troutdale Road in Troutdale.

Launched last year, the event drew 72 fishermen and raised \$4,000 for scholarships for the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association (<https://www.awwa.org>).

Aho, who lived in Troutdale, was retired from the City of Gresham and an enthusiastic volunteer for the American Water Works Association. He was especially passionate about serving on its scholarship committee that helped local students fund a college education. Aho received the association's Heart and Soul Award in 2008. He fished throughout the Pacific Northwest and was a well-known, part-time fishing guide on the Sandy River. John loved the Sandy River and fished there since he was old enough to hold a pole, and he has achieved almost legendary status to Sandy River regulars. He wasn't the loudest guy on the river, but he was the most willing to lend a hand, give pointers, and donate his services to many worthwhile regional events.

Bill Chisholm, bchisholm7212@gmail.com, Cell: 503-789-9311



**22nd Annual
Sandy River Chapter
Potluck Social and Auction
Saturday, May 16th, 2020
4:30pm - 8:30pm**

Regular Meeting Place: Sam Cox Building Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, Or

This is our primary fundraising event! Bring your family!

Doors open at 4:30pm

Potluck Dinner begins at 5:00pm

Silent auction - 4:30 to 7:30pm

Bucket auction - Tickets are \$1 each!

Dutch Auction - Save a \$20! We only have 20 bags!

Heads or Tails Game - Buy beads for chances to win a great prize

Live auction begins at 7:00pm.

The evening usually wraps up by 8:30pm.

We will be accepting credit cards - with a small 3% surcharge added -NO cash machine on site!

Please join us and be sure to stay until the end to see if you won any silent bid!

Have a donation? The chapter is part of a 501(C)3 tax exempt organization, items you donate to the auction are tax deductible; we will provide a receipt immediately and tax donation letter at the end of the year! There will be no charge for the Potluck Dinner.

There will be a bucket to encourage donations as this is a fundraiser as well!

Want to participate but don't feel like bringing food? Didn't get a chance to sign up at one of our meetings? Please provide the form below or contact Terri no later than April 30, 2020

Come dressed the way you normally come to our chapter meetings and bring your \$\$\$!

**Sandy River Chapter, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
5/16/2020 Auction & Potluck Social**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Members & Guests: _____

Donations will gladly be accepted! Make checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS

Indicate in the comments this is for the 2020 Chapter Potluck Social.

Send to: ANWS-Sandy River Chapter
PO Box 301114
Portland, Or 97294-9114

Call or Email: 503-307-2546
Terriboughton@comcast.net

If you include a donation check, we will provide a receipt for your donation.

Help us raise funds for the Sandy River Chapter's operating expenses.

Steelhead 101 workshops, Family Fish Camp tuitions, steelhead and salmon recovery projects, office supplies, newsletter expenses, storage rental fees and Sandy river cleanup projects planned throughout the year are only a fraction of what this auction provides funds for.

Registration for Family Fish Camp is OPEN!

Friday March 13 @ 5:00 p.m. — Sunday March 15 @ 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a family weekend of fishing and lodging at Camp Angelos on the Sandy River!

Each year, we host Family Fish Camp for folks who are eager to learn how to fish and seek to continue a legacy of salmon stewardship in the Pacific Northwest. Our passionate, experienced anglers teach essential skills for all ages! In addition to fishing in the pond, there will be classes and activities such as casting and reeling, angler ethics and regulations, gear and equipment, water quality testing, fish art projects, and much more!

Learn more and register at: <https://nwsteelheaders.org/programs/education-2/education/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=807b3846-8e75-4bb6-b660-365647047440>

Scholarship Opportunities - Give the gift of fishing! Studies have shown that children from low-income families are less likely to have access to outdoor recreation and that participating in outdoor recreation has a significant positive psychological impact. Support our efforts to provide fishing opportunities to underprivileged communities by donating to our Family Fish Camp scholarship fund.

Apply for a Scholarship at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIjlhMHZnwIU_1lXUHzdqqHJ3_TxApkmRkM4kJkZrgJNr3Rg/viewform?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=807b3846-8e75-4bb6-b660-365647047440

Are you interested in volunteering? Please contact our Education and Outreach Coordinator Allena Vestal at orhabitat@nwf.org to learn more about becoming a volunteer at camp!

These “Eggs to Fry” program fry, were from Mr. Zielser's class From Hartley Elementary School in Portland. They were released December 17, 2019 into the Sandy River.



More fish for the Sandy River Hatchery Broodstock program. These are from early January, 2020. There were 11 at Broodstock fish at the Hatchery mid-month.

Thanks to Jack Glass for the Photographs



And, A Hatchery hen for Steve Rothenbucher on the Sandy River during our January 18th, 2020 Bank Fishalong. He was joined by 18 other participants for a great morning on the river. Even, Jim Cathcart was present! The wind dropped early and the water was falling!





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Treasurer	Vacant	503-869-1795

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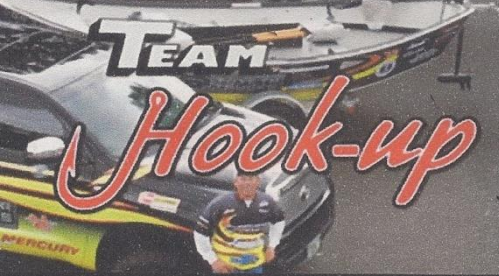
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