

**Meetings are held
the first Wednesday
of every month
at 7:00 PM in the
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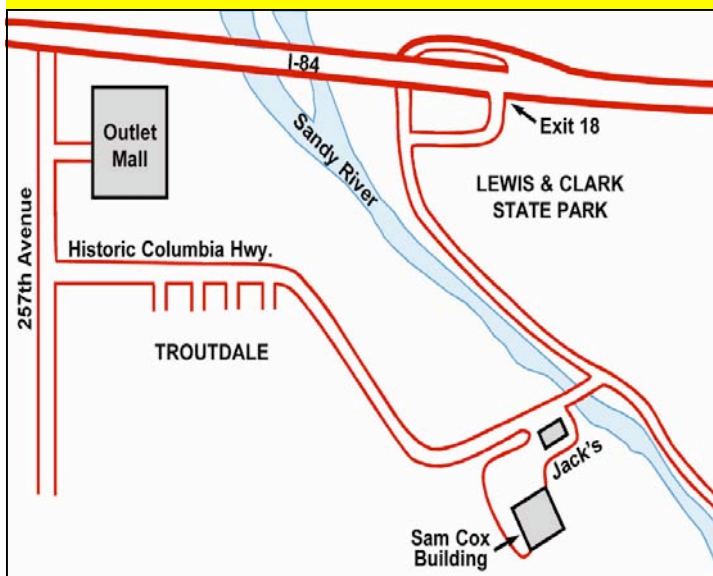
Guest Speaker Is Mike Hyneman

Our guest speaker for this month is Mike Hyneman. He is the inventor of the product Konezone flasher that you see at most retail outlets. Mike has vast knowledge about flasher and how to use them to catch that trophy salmon that we stalk. Mike will share with us how to rig our flasher and how to set up rods to get the most out of fishing gear. Mike also has created a new lure for drift fishing that comes in various colors. He will have his products available for us to buy at meeting. If you want to see more about his product, go to konezone.com and you will see all the stuff he has to offer.

Next chapter fish along—

Saturday March 13th.— Rays “Frostbite Follies”, steelhead fish along, *For members only.* It’s mostly boat fishing, so reserve your seat at the March meeting!

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of March. That’s the 3rd !



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One Last Cast

By the "Oregon Navigator"

Sometimes life is an exercise in futility. Women, men, teenagers, the lottery, the Seahawks, losing weight, building mass; you get the picture. The emotion of futility separates us from the rest of the animal kingdom. For me recently, golf comes to mind. The game is so simple in concept, yet so annoyingly difficult to master.

Number two on my list is fishing for Spring Chinook. I have only caught two Springers in 2,678.985 hours of fishing for them (and counting). Two! The first an 18 pound hatchery fish on bobber and eggs on the Clackamas and a spinner caught jack over Labor Day weekend on the Sandy (yes, Labor Day). And here we are – at the onset of another Springer season and already the hype is building us up. The first confirmed report of a Willamette Springer is in; the winner of the Ifish.net first Springer contest announced. It only stands to get better. Best return on the Columbia River in years; seven-day a week fishery on the lower Willamette. This will be my year. I am going to hit the green in 2.

In the incident command system used to fight wildfires, clean-up after windstorms, help communities dig out of floods – the thing to avoid is 'an incident within an incident'. Examples are a safety mishap, misuse of funds, community outrage. In fishing, the thing to avoid is futility within futility. This is especially true when fishing for Springers. For me, plunking comes to mind. Like golf, the concept is amazingly simple, yet

What makes us do this sort of thing? Do we need these exercises in futility to realize that life - as we know it - is actually pretty darn good? Or is it the high we get when things DO come together? That one good golf shot that keeps us coming back. Or that "shrimp cocktail" combination that – for reasons still unknown – led to a bobber down, a hookset and an 18 lb. Springer on the bank. Whatever the reason – it is important to get out. Conscious futility – it separates us from the rest of the animal kingdom. For the better.



"Typical plunking scene below Bonneville".

Upcoming Sandy River Chapter clinics, meetings and fish alongs

- **Saturday March 13th.**— Rays Frostbite Follies, chapter steelhead fish along, *For members only.* Boat fishing, reserve your seat at the next chapter meeting!

Frostbite Follies set for March 13th

The chapters annual winter steelhead fish along (mostly from drift boats) on the Sandy river has been set for Saturday, March 13th. You must be a paid up member to participate. The trip includes a great lunch in the lodge at Camp Angelos. More info will be given at next chapter meeting. Be looking to register soon...there are only so many seats in those drift boats!

Kids camp update

On January 21, 2010 Camp Angelos hosted a fishing clinic for the community organization, Indian Guides. Rod Brobeck camp manager organized the event and was assisted by a number of "Steelheaders" volunteers: Norm Ritchie, Scott, Nona & Bowling, and Tom Gemelli, other volunteers were: Russell Hill, and T.D. Scott, as well as some children's' fathers. The day was overcast with light rain intermittently and the temperature was comfortable. Twenty-two children participated in the event and the number of trout caught was approximately twenty-five to thirty ranging between fourteen to eighteen inches long. The bite was off during the first hour of the event but during the second half of the event the bite took off and didn't stop until the end of the event. Every child was able to catch a fish and was thrilled by the experience. By the end of the event the fish tank was packed with healthy fish and they were eventually transported to the small pond adjacent to the caboose, near the river. It was a good day and fishing was productive. **Tom Gamely**

Kids camp Volunteers

Camp Angelos volunteers

2-9-10

Terry Wu
 Rob Gibbs
 Norm Ritchie
 Scott Bowling
 Nena Bowling
 Russell Hill
 Tom Gemelli and Terry Scott



This just in from chapter member Cindy Hayward—

Larry: Found something new you might want to add Hookless Fishing. This innovative fishing system could change the face of catch-and release forever. And its works. Well I am not so, sure about that but there is a E Mail address to check out if anyone wanted to look into it (moffittangling.com) The right way to Spool a Spinning Reel 1.) Tie the free end of the new fishing line onto the fixed spool using a slip Knot. Reel in a few feet of fresh line, Keeping it taut, and then stop. 2.) Reel line onto the reel's spool in the same direction in which it feeds off the spool of new line. To check, point your reel at the new spool and crank. 3.) If your reel spool and new spool of line are out of sync, simply turn over the new spool and continue until line is one-quarter inch from the spool edge.

Volunteerism.....

About ten years ago I got the idea that I needed to give something back to the river watershed that I have enjoyed for the better part of my life. I have experienced so many memorable times fishing and exploring the Sandy River watershed with my family and I wanted to do something to help maintain its splendor and recreational opportunities. That journey led me to joining the ANWS Sandy River Chapter.

As with many of you, I didn't really know anybody in the chapter at first but I was committed to continue with what I set out to accomplish. After attending a few monthly meetings and volunteering for a couple river clean-ups I began to develop an acquaintance with some of the other members. After being a chapter member for a couple years I was approached by one of the board members at the time and was asked if I would consider taking a board position within the chapter. The offer left me with a good feeling as I wanted to be involved and this would be a good opportunity to move my volunteerism to the next level. However, at that time in my life I was also involved with being a soccer coach, a girls softball coach and a board member on our towns girls softball association along with my 40-60 hour a week job, I really didn't know if I could handle another commitment or not. I expressed my commitment concerns with the board and was assured that it would only require what commitment level I could give at the time. Well, the rest is history; I've now held a board position within the chapter for the last six years and have recently been able to make this commitment my priority.

You see, there are individuals within our chapter that put in hundreds of hours of volunteerism per month and there are those members that can only commit to just a few hours each month. This is my question to all of you, what can you commit to our chapter? You see, the Sandy River Chapter has grown to be the largest chapter within the ANWS organization but the last few years the board positions have been occupied by the same group of individuals for the most part. In order for this chapter to evolve we need new individuals that can bring new ideas to our chapter.

So, as was done with me over six years ago, I am asking all of you to consider an appointment to one of the available board positions. Commit to what you can and help our chapter continue to be "the chapter" within the organization.

My time as a board member have been very rewarding and I've feel that I've accomplished some of what I set out to accomplish given the amount of time I had to contribute but there is much more to accomplish in the future. I look forward to being able to now commit much more of my time helping our chapter and the organization.

If you are interested in being part of the chapter's board all it takes is approaching one of the current board members as we are currently at our nomination part of the year.

Be involved, be committed, give what you can.....

Thanks,

Jeff Kirkman

ANWS Sandy River Chapter

Vice President

Presidents Note.

Hello to All. I first want to welcome all the new member who have recently joined the Sandy River Chapter. I hope that our chapter will meet all your needs. I hope to meet you personally at our next meeting. I cant thank Larry Palmer and Art Iraelson for all their hard work. They have been putting on these free clinic for new members and members at large. Our Chapter is the largest chapter at this time in the Association, we currently have 225 members. As you current president I need to mention that at are April meeting, we will hold our annual election of officers. We have four position that are up for a vote. They are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure. If you wish to run for any of these position please give me a call at 503-704-7920. We are always looking for new leadership and a fresh new per spectra. If you think that you would like to run for one of these position but not sure, don't worry for you can count on the current leadership to help guide you. At our last board meeting we decided to buy one table for the Association 50th Anniversary. We will buy one premier table. We'll have 10 seats, that will be available for purchase. If you buy your ticket thru our chapter you can save your self some money. The ticket price for this event is by far the cheapest I've seen for any Banquet / Auction. The date for this event is April 10th at the Holiday Inn at the Airport. The meal is a surf and turf, Salmon and Steak with all the trimmings I hope that you can join us for this event. Tight Lines and Good Luck.

Jeff Stoeger; President.

Win A Steelhead or Salmon Trip.

How would you like to will a steelhead trip or Salmon trip on the Sandy River. Well here the catch. It's very simple. If you sell over \$200.00 dollars worth of raffle tickets you automatically win a trip for two on the Sandy River with lunch provided. If you sell over \$100.00 dollars worth of raffle tickets, you win a trip for your self and lunch is provided. Jeff Kirkman and myself have decided to offer these trips as an incentive to increase are raffle ticket sales. Also if any one sells more than \$75.00 in raffle tickets, their name will go into a drawing to win one of the new hooded sweat shirt. This event will conclude at the end of March. This is for Sandy River chapter membership only. If didn't know, all the funds raised threw our ticket sales used to be split 50/50 with the Association. The chapter decided years ago to give our portion of the ticket sales to the Association, for the Association uses that money for there day to day operation. So pick up some raffle tickets and earn yourself a trip or two. Tight Lines and Good Luck;

Jeff Stoeger. President.

How to submit your articles to this publication-

- All entries must be in a file readable by Microsoft "WORD 2007". Spell check your work! It will be run under YOUR name as you submitted it.
- Email all files to **palmerlarryd@yahoo.com** include "newsletter story" and a **descriptive phrase about it in the subject line.** Example "newsletter story - Buck Creek STEP"
- Due date = No later than two weeks after the general meeting.
- Photos = jpeg format. Minimum file size is 100 K each, Maximum 3 Meg. Total of 4 photos MAX. All submissions will run as space allows. Some may run in later issues.

Hooks needed for volunteers

In order to reward volunteers for their efforts, I have taken it upon myself to tie up and give away yarn flies as an inducement to get more volunteers involved.

I have used up my available hooks and now had to buy some, so please look in those nooks and crannies and bring me your unwanted styles/sizes/brands or extra bits of yarn and I'll tie them up. I'll tie 10 for **YOU** for every 100 hooks you bring me. Hooks can be from a size #1 to a 5/0. **Larry Palmer**

Win a special fishing prize-

The first individuals to call me (if you get print version of this newsletter) or e-mail me (if you get it online) will receive 5 pre-tied yarn fly leaders, suitable for Steelhead. **Pick them up at the next chapter meeting.**

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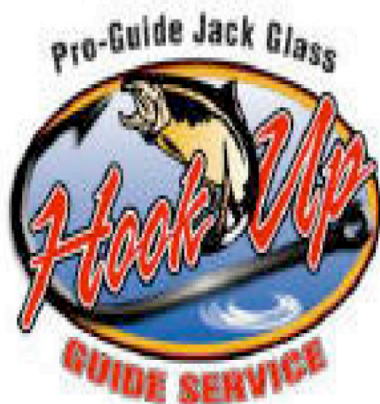
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Chapter newsletter writers needed-

Thanks to all who volunteered materials for this months publication! **Deadline for next issue is 8 AM Monday March 29th. Later than that...it won't get in. .**

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.**

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 Mike Myrick

You've seen him selling raffle tickets, organizing volunteers for the auction/banquet or sports shows, volunteering for river cleanups or many other tasks.

He's sort of an all purpose volunteer.

He's even put up good naturedly with the major load of semi-good natured ribbing he got for going for a little swim in the McKenzie River on a fish along/campout trip we did last summer. You know, stuff like "Hey Mike, see any fish while you were down there ?" Stuff like that.

Well...did you?

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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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.

New feature ! “The Tackle Box”

The Sandy River Chapter members classified ads...

Sell , trade or whatever, your fishing related stuff here. Ads are free and run **once**. You'll get a box similar in size to **this one** for your listings. Email your classified copy materials to me in a MS Word readable format to palmer larryd@yahoo.com. You can include one pix . JPEG format, Minimum file size is 100 K , Maximum 3 Meg.

Sorry, at this time the “**Tackle Box**” is for fishing related items. No “personal ads” I don't care how lonely you are!.

New chapter Styles

See Erik K. at the next meeting to get your clothing order in...look sharp!





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Dangerous sweeper log on on Sandy River

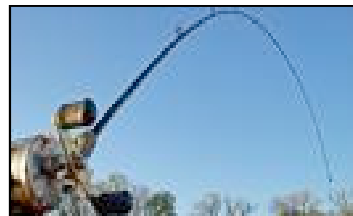
Hello to All. I'm passing this on to every one that has a drift boat and floats the Sandy River. There is a sweeper log that is just up around the corner at the upper end of Dabney Park. the log goes all the way a cross The water is low for this time of year and if the river level was higher you could just float over it. I had talked with Jack Glass and he said that the sheriff department had been notified and that they were planning on removing this hazard. I floated the river on Monday the 15th and it was still there. If you float down to the corner and the stump is still there you can either stay left and float on the back side of the stump or stay right next to it and float next to it. If I hear any news about the log, I'll pass the info on ASAP. It is really nothing to worry about, but I just wanted to let everyone know about before our follies so you could prepare for it. PS I anchored up above it and walked my boat on the back side of stump. Next time I'll hug the stump for there is enough water to float over the log. you can float over the log is you stay next to If you have any question give me a call at 503-704-7920.

Tight Lines and Good Luck, **Jeff Stoeger**

Chapter members-

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