

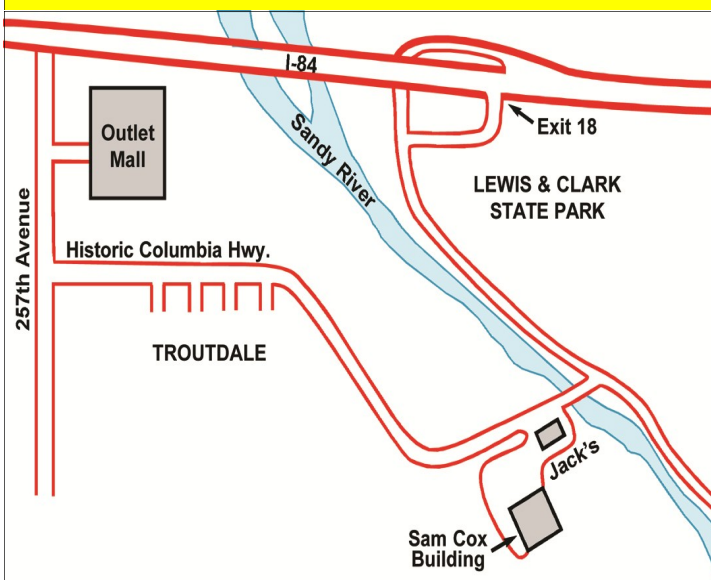
Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glenn Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon. Bring your kids too!

No charge to visitors!

This months' program

Hobart Mann's will come with some of his antique fishing gear and talk about what makes them antiques. If you have some antique fishing gear and you want to find out who the maker is or what's it worth, please bring it to our meeting. Rods, reels and fishing lures are his favorites as well as old books. Hobart has a great collection of antique plugs as well as some very old reels and rods. Hobart also used to host a radio show with Jack Glass, the out back angler and worked for Subaru as cooking host with his wife at the sportsman show every year. Hobart has many talents and he loves to fish for warm water fish as well. So I hope to see you with your antique gear and come with your questions for Hobart.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of March. That's the 7th !



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830

Vice Pres. : Jeff Kirkman- 503 250-0724

Secretary: Colonel Thomas - 503 666-5035

Treasurer: Mike Myrick - 503 281-6438

Directors:

Newsletter – Joe Blum - --(Joe) 503-704-2483, E-mail icecreaman310@hotmail.com

Auction—Leslie Hinea - (360) 892-0473.

River Cleanups- Tom Gemelli - 503-667-4197

Membership –Steve Childress and Howard Berg

Fish Tanks -Mike Myrick - -503 281-6438

Sales - Eric Koellner - 503-233-1334

Stream Projects - Larry Palmer - 503-286-2093, E-mail palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

President's Note

I'm very pleased to see that we have a couple of members who are interested in running for a couple of the positions that will become vacant. We are still taking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to run for any of these position you can contact me either by email at mjstoeger@msn.com or you can call me on my cell at 503-704-7920. We are still looking to fill a couple of director positions as well. The election will take place at the April meeting. I would like to thank our current board members for all the hard work as well as all the directors for all their hard work in making sure that the chapter stayed on track to serve our membership. I want to thank everyone for all their help and the great membership that makes our chapter one of the best chapters. Tight lines and good luck fishing.

Jeff Stoeger President

Aprils General Election

April is that time of year when we hold our chapter general election of officers. We will start the meeting with any nominations that would come from the floor which is Roberts Rules of order. We will then present a slate of candidates and then vote. After the election we will move into the tackle swap meet and sales. So I hope to see you all that meeting.

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.

Chapters Banquet and Auction May 2nd.

The chapters banquet and auction will be held on May 2nd. For more information and cost please see the flyer in this news letter. The chapter is looking for items for the auction. If you know some one or a company that would like to donate to the chapter and get a tax credit, we have the tax letter and donation forms. If you would like to donate we ask that the items be new or almost new.

**One Last Cast
Navigator**

There are signs that winter is yielding to spring. The first signs are the early crocus; soon followed by the eruption of daffodils. For the winter hiker, it is the early bloom of Indian plum – clusters of white flowers hanging from the leaf axils followed by the leaf buds themselves. You know winter is on the ebb when you hear the morning call of the song sparrow.

This is the time of year where I begin running my fishing seasons through my head. Let's see – winter steelhead season starts after Thanksgiving; runs through February and into March. Spring Chinook starts with the New Years Day "First Springer" post on IFISH, followed by the actual "First Springer" from various locales; peaking in April and May. Mother's Day is the time to start thinking about summer steelhead; though a few have already been caught. Summer steelhead have a bi-model season – the spring and early summer and then the ever so popular late summer and fall seasons on the John Day, Deschutes and Rogue. (con't on pg. 5)

Board Meeting Minutes 2/15/2012

Present: Eric K, Colonel T, Howard B, Leslie H, Steve C, Bea Hoove, Mike M and Jeff S (phone)

Began: 6:45

I General business

1. During the recent Sportsmen's Show, the association had two booths manned by volunteers. While the various costs and man hours are still being tabulated, we gained 26 new members.

2. Most of the meeting time was spent discussing the upcoming dinner/auction/fund raiser scheduled for 5/2/12. Leslie Hinea is again offering her time and efforts to head up this event, which is the chapter's only fund raising event for the year. Various board members reported donation efforts with confirmed/in hand commitments, possible donations and future contacts. Leslie plans to have 20 grab bags with a guided trip included in one, 50 +/- silent bid items and 15+/- for the oral auction. Currently there are three guided trips - two more potential trips, but we need more items. Not to worry though, we are only in the beginning stages of planning this major chapter activity. Bill Beith volunteered to assist in preparing the grab bags.

3. With the upcoming election of new officers nearly upon us, the following slate was confirmed by the board: **President - John Hydorn; Vice President - Doug Briggs; Secretary - Colonel Thomas; Treasurer - Mike Myrick.** The election will take place during the April chapter meeting.

4. While Hobart Manns is the speaker for March, the chapter swap meet will be held during the April meeting.

5. The popular Bi-Mart clinics are scheduled for 3/31: Gresham - 11:00-12:30; Sandy 1:30-3:00. If you have interest in helping at either of these events, please contact Jeff Kirkman or Jeff Stoeger. The new FMS in Tigard is also interested in holding a clinic, but these details are still in the works.

6. Current funds available are approximately \$7300.

ended: 8:05

This picture goes along with the One Last Cast story. It was captioned a Tiger Lily in bloom. Guess this just shows us that spring and salmon fishing are right around the corner.



Thank You Navigator for your excellent contribution to our monthly news-Letter

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: _____
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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.

You do not need to participate in the banquet to attend the auction, which takes place after the meal. Dinner will be at

Can you help out ??? Ducky Derby

Art Israelson is doing most of the leg work, but we need some one who would be willing to help coordinate the Ducky Derby on either July 14th or 21st. Art has been getting prizes for this event and needs some to help out with coordinating this event, Art is hoping to get about six volunteers to help out. Art will give you all the info on what to due. The chapter raised \$3500.00 last year for the association.

Also if you would like to get a very nice golf towel with the association logo on it that clips onto your wading belt, here is your chance. For a \$ 30.00 donation and \$ 25.00 of it is tax deductible on your taxes you can buy one of these towels. They have five colors to choose from. So if you would like to get some tax credit early and not wait till the end of the year, now is the time to due it. You can call the association office at 503- 653-4176 and ask about making your donation. You can pay either by check, credit card, and with a PayPal account if you have one. The association would appreciate your support.



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. Summer is the time to chase wild trout along blue-ribbon streams and lakes high in the mountains. Fall salmon fishing opens with Buoy 10; tributary Coho peak in late September and October; Tillamook Bay fall Chinook in October and November. Spring break is the time for put 'n take planted trout up and down the Willamette Valley; to be followed by plants in the Cascade Mountains in June and July. Not to mention the warm water fisheries of late spring and into summer, June's shad invasion and the off shore seasons for bottom fish, halibut, salmon and tuna! This list goes on and on.

What are your fishing seasons? For me, I am winding down winter steelheading on the Sandy River – 0 for 1 and another definite miss in 4 bank trips so far. I will switch to plunking for Springers – which is about as satisfying as running into a brick wall -- with the occasional powerbait outing for stocked trout. My vacation trip will be in May or June -- fly-fishing for redbands in the Steens. I am planning a couple of "new" seasons - a commitment to chase Sandy River Springers in the upper river interspersed with pontoon boat outings for bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish. Then back to the norm, summer steelheading on the Deschutes in August and September and my annual October summer steelhead trip on the upper Rogue; coming full circle to winter steelheading – Big Creek in December, a trip or two to the Wilson and my return to the Sandy. Whatever your plans are for the coming year; be safe, be well, be thankful and enjoy what the river has to offer.

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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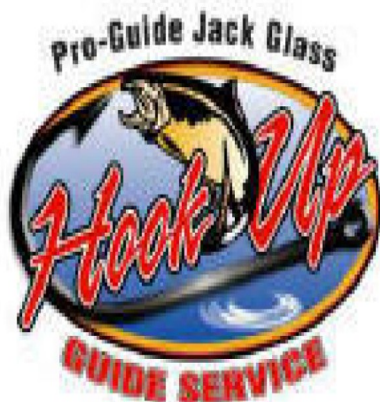
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Did you buy your Association tickets yet?????????

I talked with Jeff Kirkman the other day and we decided to offer the members of the Sandy Chapter only a opportunity for a fishing trip. For every \$20.00 worth of tickets you buy, your name will go into a drawing for a trip with Jeff K and myself. We have some outstanding trips that we have to take care of first. So you'll have to be patient with us until we can get these trips out of the way. We owe trips to Jim and Lori Wambaugh , Doug Briggs, Rob Gibbs, Bob Gentry and Jason Murray. We will pick a date and head out when the fishing is in its prime. I have talked with Jeff and we want to get you all out there when springer's are running and the fishing will be at its best. We will then put all the names in the hat and draw them at one of the meetings. We will set the date, and on that date we will head out for a great day of fishing. The more tickets you buy the more times your name goes into the hat. So keep on buying tickets. We will draw at least six names for sure and maybe up to ten if I can get more boats to help out.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger.

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

Volunteers of the Month

It is hard for me to select a volunteer for the month so I am just going to acknowledge all those that helped out with or participated in the steelhead clinic. Without your contributions the clinic would not have been successful. The biggest accolades go to Jeff Kirkman for all his hard work putting it together and giving lessons on how to make slinkies and drift weights. Thanks and I learned a lot.

Joe Blum

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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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.

Floats for free

This season I decided to try using floats more often, and make some of my own using old wine corks. For many of us, the use of bobbers is normally associated with tidewater fishing or marabou jigs. In Canada the use of what we call bobbers (they call them floats...) is commonly used to drift-float baits and rubber lures in areas we'd normally drift fish using a slinky.

There is some really nice turned cedar, balsa wood and cork floats on the market. They are very well made and work great. But if you want to make a useful fishing item yourself that will only cost a few cents, well the next time you lose one by accidentally casting into a tree it won't hurt so much.

I make these floats in two styles, slip floats with a plastic tube glued in the center, and thru-stick style where you use a 1/8" piece of surgical tube to pinch your fishing line to the glued in bamboo stick. The basic steps are the same. I have listed them below.

Get a supply of used wine bottle corks, a piece of #60 sandpaper, a tube of "Shoe Goo" or "Goop", bamboo BBQ skewers, black plastic drink stirrers, a roll of pink duct tape, and a can of black spray paint. Drill a hole through the center of the corks with a power drill. I use a 3/16 bit for the BBQ skewers, and a 1/8" bit for the stirrers.

Slip two to three corks onto the skewer or tube and turn them so the bottoms meet pretty well and set these ready to glue units aside. If they need a bit of sanding to get a decent mating surface, slip them off and pass them across the #60 sandpaper. I glued a piece down on a small chunk of 1x6 and this works very well.

After you have mated up several sets that are ready to glue, drop your tube of adhesive into some hot water like you'd use for making tea, and let sit for a few minutes. Then remove the tube and glue the corks to the stick or tube by applying a dollop of adhesive between the corks and turning them around couple of times. The adhesive will fill in small differences in the surfaces. Apply another small dollop where the stick or tube comes out of the series of corks on either end. Let dry overnight.

Use black spray paint to paint most of the length of the corks and put bright duct tape on the other end to make the top of the float. Cut the duct tape down the center line making it into one inch strips. Cut the strips about 5-6 inches long and wrap on.

Building the floats – corks spaced out ready to glue up. You can use 2 or 3 corks.

A-Slip style with plastic tube in center

B-Thru stick style with bamboo skewer

Trim the center tube or skewer back if it is a bit too long.

Rigging the floats

C - Slip style float with line running through the center, beads and slip knot on line above- rigged with a jig

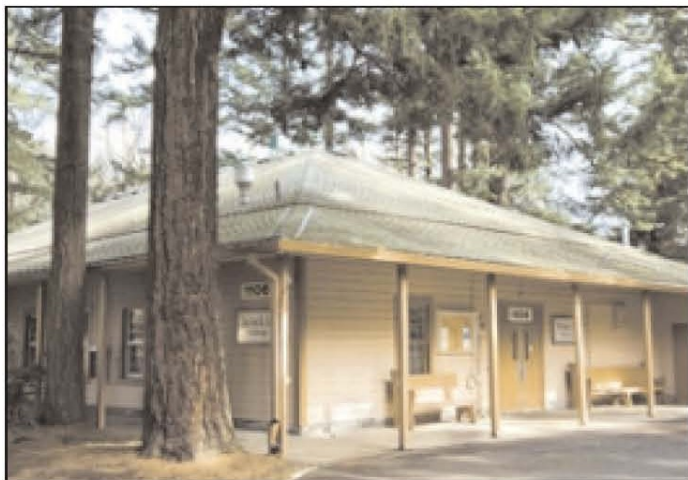
D- Thru stick style float with the fishing line pinched in 1/8 surgical tube running along side the float. Rigged with a rubber salmon egg cluster. Apply scent to it also.

I find that a 1 1/4" piece of 1/4" hollow core lead on the line below the float balances them out well. If needed, a couple BB shots can be added to the leader.

The rule of thumb is to set your float to fish jigs about 24 inches above the bottom, but to set the "drift fishing" rigged float so that your bait, pink worm, or rubber eggs touches the bottom every few feet. How would you know if it touches? Watch your float! When the bait rig touches the bottom the resultant drag makes your float tip over a bit. Keep your eyes on it and strike at any likely bite. Typically you'd fish these rigs in the slower moving water, along seam currents, and snaggy obstacles. Save the regular style drift rigs with a slinky for those faster spots.



You can use either style of float with either rig. It's all what you find easiest. Larry Palmer



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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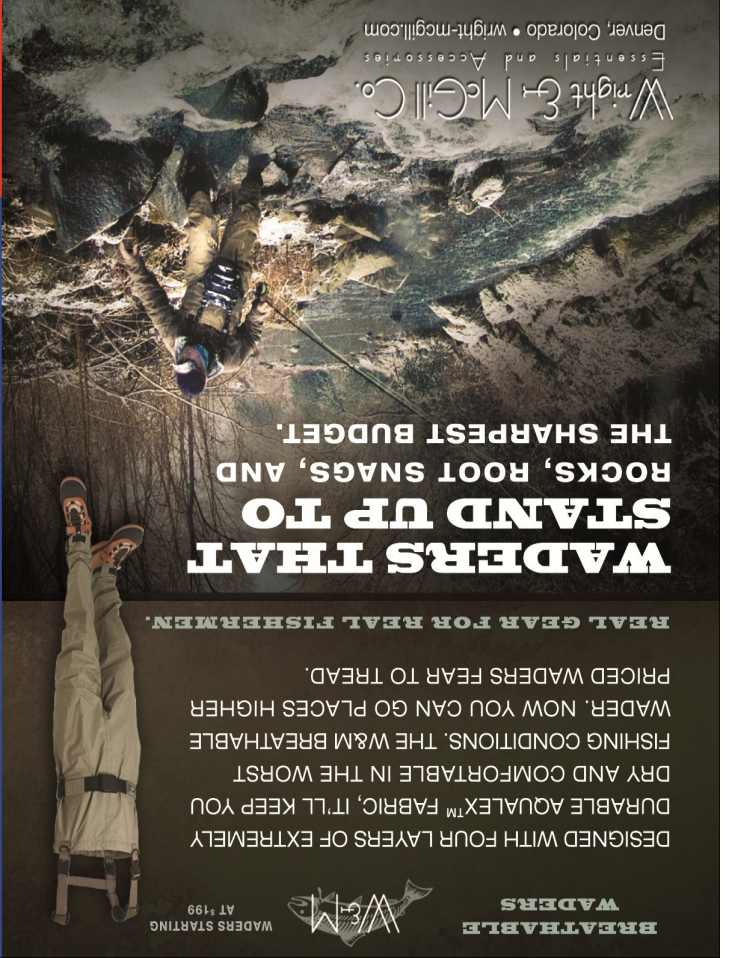
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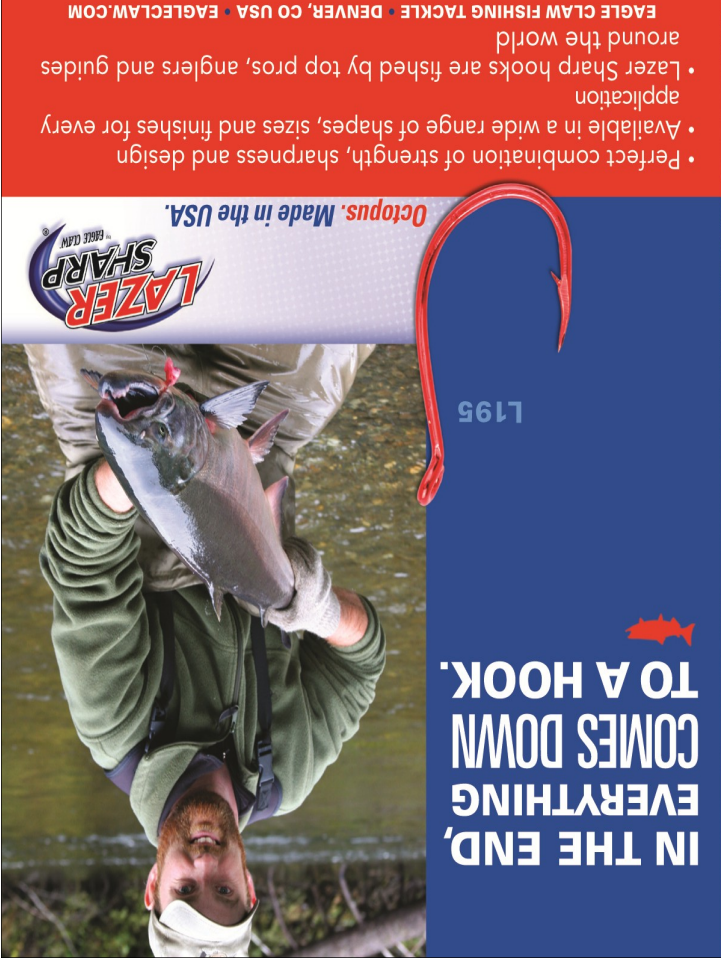
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