



March's Guest Speaker

Our March guest speaker will be Joe Salvey with Fish Hawk Adventures Guide Service.

Joe is one of the best Columbia River fishing guides in Oregon, specializing in Sturgeon fishing, Salmon fishing, Steelhead fishing, and Shad fishing on the Columbia river, Willamette River, Clackamas River, Sandy River, Lewis River, Cowlitz river and Wilson Rivers, as well as Tillamook Bay, Garibaldi, Buoy 10, Columbia River Estuary and the Pacific Ocean.

Joe has also participated in many local radio and tv outdoor programs.

At our March meeting Joe will be demonstrating big river spring chinook salmon techniques for fishing in the Columbia River, Willamette River and Multnomah Channel.

Election of Officers, Directors and Members of the Board of Directors April 3rd—Membership Meeting

As required by the by-laws, the Sandy River Chapter needs to notify its membership of the upcoming election of officers.

The four positions that we need to vote on are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We will be electing members to the Board of Directors, as well.

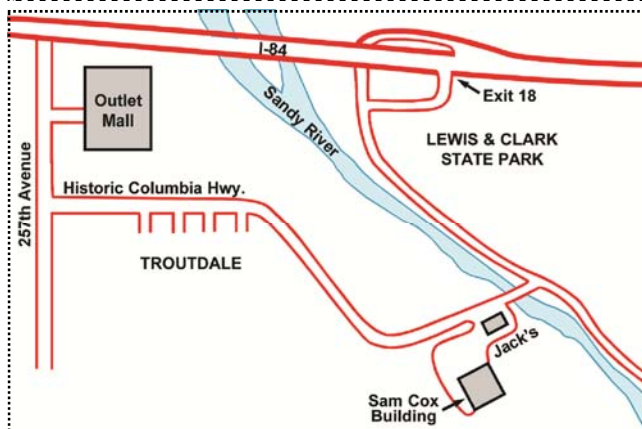
If you would like to run for any of these position all you need to do is contact any current officer or member of the board of director.

To run for President Position you must be a current member in good standings and must have been a member for longer than a year. 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, Treasurer or Director ask them if you can nominate them for the positions.

You cannot nominate someone without their permission.



Welcome new members!

Todd Keller - Portland

Membership Meetings

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

Where: Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park
1102 E Columbia River Highway
Troutdale, OR

President's Message

It don't run on 'Thanks'

While fishing with a chapter member in his sweet new boat, the discussions came to the cost of a boat, gear and cost of an individual outing.

The discussion turned to 'gas money' and this angler said his buddy has a sign on his motor that says 'It don't run on Thanks'.

Good used boats start at \$500 a foot and a new 'Brand Name' boat, better set down, start at \$1,000 a foot and can easily pass the \$2,500 a foot mark.

Throw in the hardware, anchor systems, electronics, required safety equipment, not to mention fishing gear and the price just went up.

After you buy the boat and outfit it, then you have the ongoing operating costs, obviously fuel & bait, but there are a lot of other costs, including, registration, insurance, storage, winterizing and routine maintenance.

Boat don't do miles per gallon like cars, they use gallons per hour. Eight hours of running a big prop, or worse yet, a jet, will burn 4 gallons per hour or a whopping \$125.

I'm on my 5th boat and have done the math on cost of owning & operating a boat.

My rough calculations are that it costs of a power boat is a close to \$200 a trip and a drift boat about \$50 a trip.

To calculate your trip cost, divide your annual costs by the number of trips per year. So the more you use the boat the smaller the 'per trip cost', but that reasoning will probably not work on the wife.

Getting more time on the water is not actually saving money.

Your 'per trip cost' does not even consider the time needed in getting the boat ready and putting it away.

The next time you get invited to fish on a buddy's boat remember 'It don't run on Thanks' or, chances are, you won't be invited back.

Doug Briggs,

President





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Lunch? Check. Rods? Check. Waders? Check. Bait and scent? Check. Camera? Check. Gear fanny pack? Gear fanny pack? Doh! Left it at home. Not to worry, others will lend me some tackle. Fishing license? ... In the gear fanny pack. Double Doh!

Such was my thought process as I arrived and suited up at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park in time for the Sandy River Steelheaders Oxbow Flood Plain Clinic organized by Jeff Kirkland and Doug Briggs.

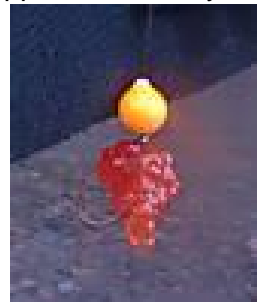
Despite that sheepish feeling that sinks in when you forget something important, the drive out to Oxbow was worth every bit the effort. I would say there were about 10 of us and Jeff was well prepared with example rods rigged and a picnic table littered with plastic lure boxes stuffed with yarn, spinners, corkies, slinkies, dropper lead and jigs. After 20 minutes or so of Jeff's rigging tips and tackle musings, the group made the trek to the river. As one person remarked; "what a beautiful place". Indeed, our beloved Sandy fits that description well. Not being able to fish had its silver lining. First, it forced me to pay more attention rather than tune out and fall into the bad habitats I was hoping to learn about and correct. Second, it is fun watching others fish. Here are my take home messages from the clinic:

Use proper equipment. It doesn't have to be top-of-the-line. But, it needs to be balanced and suited for the style of fishing you employ.

Pay attention to the little things. What one could call the Goldilocks rule by making adjustments until things are "just right". This is all encompassing such as responding to what your bobber is telling you about depth; having good quality line, proper rod position, making each cast count and of course, good knots and sharp hooks.

Read the water. Either visually by recognizing current seams (good) over rock and boulders (good) versus sandy back eddies (bad) or shallow, featureless water (bad).

One message I would add -- especially to those new to steelheading -- is to pick one hole, one matching technique and stick with that combination until success is achieved. It may take a while, but this approach forces you to learn your equipment, to experiment with the little things; all the while learning to fish the right water for each of the various conditions the river can offer.



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SCIENTIFIC NAME FOR STEELHEAD:

Oncorhynchus mykiss, previously known as *Salmo gairdneri*.

Sandy River Chapter - Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - February 13, 2013

Attending: Eric K, Nona B, Scott B, Steve R, Leslie H, Doug B, Larry P, John H, Bill B, Russ S, Howard B, Mike M.

Meeting began: 6:30 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Leslie reported she has received ½ dozen items for the auction and reminds paperwork needed for donations.
2. Larry will be meeting with ODFW for work on Buck Creek project. Also trying to arrange class on fish identification and training in use of electroshocking device from ODFW. Board approved purchase of hats with Stream Team logo for volunteers on stream projects.
3. Doug reported for Art I that the Ducky Derby is done and will not be continued.
4. Bill reminds everyone to turn in volunteer hours.
5. It was discussed to hold a March fishing clinic at Glenn Otto, possibly on the 7th, 14th, or 21st depending on site avail ability.
6. John reported problems with people paying the Association with PayPal.
Also that the Chapter website needs Events updated and current.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Doug reported that some of the remaining tackle is being arranged to sell to another Chapter.
2. Discussion on the Chapter taking over the 10th annual Sandy River Spring Classic Fishing Tourney on May 25th, started by Jack Glass and now by Trevor Storlie. Discussion on split up of funds raised and what funds would be used for.
3. Doug presented the survey results. There were 49 responses.
4. The Association has new clothing and hats out for sale on the Association website.
5. Discussion on improving Chapter website with Chapter clothing sales. Howard B taking over clothing sales From Eric.

III. OFFICER/DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Elections will be in April for Chapter Officers and Directors. Committee chairs will be appointed.
2. Comping of Guides will continue in Newsletter ads. It was suggested to have a Guides profile included in the Newsletter.
3. There will be an email blast to Chapter members for volunteers for smolt feeding at Bull Run. Howard B is coordinating with ODFW.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm

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2nd Quarterly 'My Favorite Hole' Clinic held at the Flood Plain at Oxbow

Jeff Kirkman was joined by ten anglers (yes, there are women who fish) at the Flood Plain on Saturday January 26th in the 2nd outing to help bank anglers learn where to fish and how to fish.

The key elements for choosing these locations are that they have to be accessible and fishable. Jeff began by demonstrating the preferred method of rigging for bobber and jig, spinners and a basic drift. He pointed out that smaller is better when targeting Winter Steelhead.

He used number 2 hooks, # 12 or smaller corkies and # 3 Blue Fox spinners. He used a 10 lb mainline and 10 lb leader, which makes for a more natural presentation.

After a short ¼ mile walk-in to the river (waders recommended) the group rigged up and wet their lines. The Sandy River was 11.2' and falling, ideal fishing conditions, if you don't mind an occasional shower or a little bit of hail. With ten people spread out on the bank, you might envision 'combat fishing', however the fishable water is long enough for everyone to spread out and have plenty of water available.

Jeff spent one-on-one time with the individual anglers showing them how & when to mend the line when bobber fishing, what the bobber is telling you when it leans forward, backwards or straight up and what the bottom and rock feel like on the drift. 'Low & slow on the Retrieve' was the mantra for those throwing spinners.

He also demonstrated the technique of retrieving a hung up spinner by feeding a little line, let the excess line load up in the current and then set the hook against the line. This technique will often dislodge the spinner and will work about 75% of the time, think of the other 25% as tribute to the river gods.

It was clearly a great day to be on the river, despite the fish having a bad case of lockjaw.

A resident bald eagle made his presence known, as it occupied a perch tree high above the river.

One can't help wondering if the eagle isn't quietly laughing at us and our fishing methods.

It no doubt learned as an apprentice to keep its talons sharp and to cruise low & slow across the water.



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Outdoor cooking gear needed

Part of the Sandy Chapters future stream projects will be nice lunches for all the volunteers cooked onsite by **Stream Team** member Joe Blum.

We are seeking donations of serviceable items from chapter members to build up a kit of gear to accomplish this cooking task.

So go look out in you garage for any propane powered stoves, portable propane BBQs, coolers, cooking utensils, Dutch Ovens or anything else useful around a typical camp cooking situation and *bring them to the next chapter meetings.*

All donations are tax deductible, and we thank you for your generosity.

Want to sample that big burger, with potato salad and baked beans, or Dutch oven chicken? Well come out to a project! I'll give you details of where and when soon.

Thanks,
Larry Palmer

Giggle.....

Mother to daughter advice:

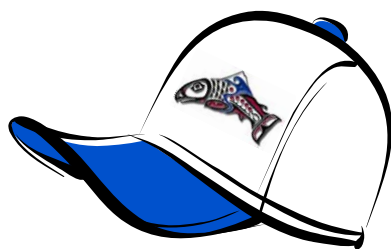
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Volunteers.....

You are all very important to the success of the
Chapter and Association events.

Please make sure to log the events you volunteer for
and **turn in your volunteer forms.**

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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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.

Fishing Clinic help needed

At the last chapter board meeting we decided to proceed with the first in a series of "How To" clinics that we have been thinking about for some time.

The clinic will take place March 20th from 5-8 PM in the Sam Cox building at Glenn Otto Park, our usual chapter meeting place.

These clinics have two primary goals: to give our existing members additional information about fishing methods and skills as well as attracting new members. The general public is welcome to attend this FREE clinic, however to go on the "On-Stream Session" April 6th, they must join as members.

The orientation of this clinic is to focus on methods that can be used for bank fishing and those things that would be helpful to someone just starting out.

Put simply, we need your help to make this event a success as well as the "**New Member On-Stream Session**" that follows it. It will take place on **April 6th from 8-12 AM**. Please meet at Glenn Otto Park, and help the new members get off on the right foot.

So here's what I want you to do:

Volunteer to sit behind a table at the clinic March 20th and discuss your favorite bank fishing method or basic skill. Two people can team up at a table and cover a topic of course.

Volunteer to lead a small group (say 2-3 people) April 6th and get the new members started right.

Volunteer to help set up the event tables, greet and direct guests as they arrive or help at the event in some other way.

I am certain you all have useful knowledge that would really help the newcomers. Nobody joins a group to simply keep fishing alone. We all joined to learn things and learn from each other. So let's do it! Contact me and I'll get you set up with the subject you want to cover, or get you on this list to help out with the On-Stream session.

I have created a simple ½ page flyer for this event.

It would be great to print it out and pass it around to people you know who might be interested in attending.

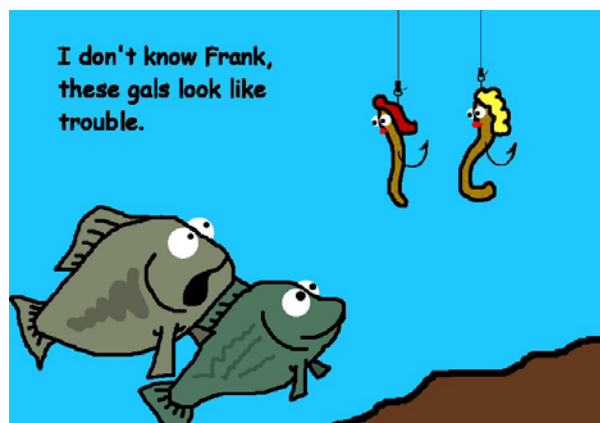
I'd like to hear from you about:

Volunteering for the clinic on March 20th

Volunteering to lead a small group on April 6th

Getting copies of the clinic ½ page flyer

Please respond to me at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com and I'll get you on the list to help at the clinic, lead new members,



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- Drift fishing
- Knots and hooks
- Bobber fishing and plunking
- Rigging baits and how to cure baits
- Where to go
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Chapter members— Please clip out and distribute to your friends! Feel free to photocopy and give out too!

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Fish Tales



New member Todd Keller caught his **first** steelhead on the Sandy River in January. He was fishing with member Scott Bowling, using corky & yarn.

How much better can it get when your first

Sandy River Chapter Completes Membership Survey

A one page survey was sent to 178 members of the Sandy River Chapter, most of them with a link to an on-line survey service.

58 members responded, most of them favorably, this represents a 33% return, which is on the high side of responses to surveys.

Another significant finding is that although the estimated time to complete the survey was 3 minute, but responders took an average of a full 5 minute, telling us more thought went into your answers.

Two highlights were Question: 'How do you normally fish?' Answer 'Freezer'.

37 respondents indicated an interest in becoming part of the Chapter leadership, 28 of those Volunteers only want to clean up the river and only half of those gave us their name & phone number.

For full results and a handout, come to the meeting!

Wednesday - 3/6/12 7:00 p.m. @ Glenn Otto

Frost Bite Follies

It's that time of year again to plan for our annual Ray's Frost Bite Follies. The follies are named in honor of the late Ray Hinea, who was President and a member for years with the Sandy River Chapter.

Ray and a few of planed a fishing trip in early January. It was one of the coldest fishing events that had taken place in chapter's history, it rained, snowed and had sleet by the end of the day.

It shouldn't be that cold for this year's event which will take place on March 23rd.

There will be a fee for lunch that will be provided by the ladies of our chapter.

The cost will be about the same as last year. It will depend on what we decide to have for lunch.

We will need to have as many boats as possible in order to make this event a success.

This is for Sandy River Chapter Members only. We will have sign-up sheet at the next meeting and we will draw names at the March meeting for boat assignments.

If you have any questions please call me or email at mjstoeger@msn.com or Phone # [503-704-7920](tel:503-704-7920).

Thanks,

Jeff Stoeger
V.P. Sandy River Chapter

Welcome to the Sandy River chapter *Stream Team*

Steve Rothenbucher
Team Leader - Project Materials & Volunteers

Art Israelson
Team Leader - Safety & First Aid

Larry Palmer
Overall Team Leader

Bill Kirkpatrick
Team Leader - Photos & Documentation

Joe Blum
Team Leader - Food & Refreshments

Lonnie Thurston
Scott Leininger
Tim Henson
Doug Miller
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Don Voeks
Doug Briggs
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Bob Gronlund
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38th Annual Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show

This was our 3rd year volunteering at the Sportsman show manning the Steelheader's booth. I believe that this was also the 3rd year that Scott & I were working the first shift with Pat from the Tualatin Valley chapter. Pat is a fun guy and it is always a great time.

We get to talk to so many fun and interesting people from all over, not only the country but the world! There are all walks of life - some just come out to the show for something to do - but most are sportsmen and sportswomen out to see the latest and greatest products. I was kind of disappointed this year, our neighbor to the left of the booth for the past few years was the Jerky Hut (hey, free beef jerky samples all day long!) and to the right a Montana big game guide, both were gone and we had new neighbors. In place of the Jerky Hut was a lovely couple from South Africa who were showcasing their safari adventures and to the right of us is guide - Cody Herman of Day One Outdoors and Outdoor GPS!

Cody has been the emcee for the Steelheaders for Salmon Quest, our Annual banquet and other events, so needless to say there was no shortage of conversation topics during the slower periods. I hope to have an exclusive interview with Cody in the near future.

The other most exciting part of volunteering for this event, is how much fun it is to talk to the kids! They see the fish tank set up and I think that they gravitate faster to the fish swimming in the tank than the bowls of candy sitting on a lot of booth tables!

One of us will grab the display with the jars that have the cycle of life of the fish. You can see in their eyes that they are as eager to hear about it as you are to share it with them.

The coolest thing ever - is hearing the kids ask when can they go fishing?



From L-R: Pat (TV Chapter), Art Israelson & Scott Bowling at the Steelheader's booth.

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Upcoming Events

Ray's Frostbite Follies

Saturday - March 23rd

Contact: Jeff Stoeger 503-704-7920

Chapter Election

April 3rd Membership Meeting

Sam Cox Building 7:00 p.m.

15th Annual Chapter Banquet/Auction

Wednesday - May 1st

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sam Cox Building

Contact: Leslie Hinea - 503-653-4176

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday - July 27th

* More details to come

Contact: Jolie Ritchie - 503-760-5551

Kathryn Israelson - 503-666-2599

25th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet

Saturday - November 16, 2013

* More details to come

Contact: Doug Briggs - 503-729-2023

Russell Bassett - 503-653-4176

Leslie Hinea - 503-653-4176

Spring Chinook Acclamation Pond

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is looking for help in feeding 66,000 smolts at the old Bull Run power station starting March 1st for 3 weeks.

The old power station is a very interesting place; it's been used in TV dramas.

The ODFW is not looking for us to do all of the feeding, just help out when we can.

We feed the fish once a day and it doesn't matter what time.

We check to see that everything is working right and check for any dead fish.

If March 1st doesn't work for you ODFW has two more groups of Smolts coming in later.

If you have any questions call me or email.

Thanks,

Howard Berg
503-665-8008

Tip.....

Experiment with your scents on your bait - shrimp oil and anise are popular scents and are good producers!

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