



**March 2023** *The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers is dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.*



**March 2, 2023, Thursday, Sandy River Chapter monthly meeting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm** – our guest is Larry Palmer speaking on Surf fishing and clamming. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



**April 6, 2023, Thursday, Sandy River Chapter monthly meeting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm** – **Annual Election of Chapter Officers will take place this evening.** Speaker to be Announced. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



**May 4, 2023, Thursday, Sandy River Chapter monthly meeting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm** – Speaker to be Announced. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



**May 6, 2023, Saturday, Sandy River Chapter Annual fundraising event and auction.** Speaker to be Announced. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



**June 1, 2023, Thursday, Sandy River Chapter monthly meeting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm** – Speaker to be Announced. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



**August 19, 2023, Saturday - 11:30am, Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic -**  
Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park area B, Troutdale, OR

## **Sandy River Chapter Websites**

We invite you to visit the Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group at “**Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders**” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/451895135882897> . Or the Chapter Website at: <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/>

Note: There will be redundancies between the Chapter Newsletter and our Facebook Group page in our attempt to share items to followers of both. Due to limited space in our Newsletter, there may also be more posts on the Facebook group page than in the Newsletter.

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### **February Sandy River Winter Steelhead fish along**



Thanks to the 8 participants who showed up last Sunday February 19, 2023, at 8am. And thanks to Rob Bitney and Larry Palmer for hosting the event.

We met at the west end of the parking lot. After some discussion, at approximately 8:10am some went to fish just upstream from the beach at Glenn Otto Park and some went to the beach at the railroad tracks near I-84.

While no fish were caught all had a good time, and it was great to get together for the morning. Hope to see you at the next outing on Sunday March 12, 2023, at 8am. We will meet on the west end of the parking lot at Glenn Otto Park ( 1208 Historic Columbia River Hwy., Troutdale, OR ) again and disperse from there at about 8:10am. See you there.



# ***Steelhead 101 Workshop, 2023***

By Rob Bitney



After three and a half years, the Sandy River Chapter in conjunction with ODFW along with some help from both the Tualatin Valley and McLaughlin Chapters, was, at last, able to host a Steelhead 101 Clinic. February 11th and 12th were selected knowing it was a week before the Sportsman's Show, allowing the class participants to use their newfound knowledge to purchase the correct gear. The response was overwhelming, with all 36 class slots filling in less than a week.

The clinic portion was conducted in the chapter's tried and true format of small groups paired with mentors going through a series of station rotations (knots, rigging, casting practice, spinner and spoon fishing, float fishing, and drift fishing) before assisting the students to rig up a rod and spend the following morning on the river fishing. Enthusiasm was high as participants headed to the river to practice what they had been taught. Water conditions were not the most favorable, but the sun was out and it was an otherwise beautiful day.





A huge thank you to the 22 volunteers involved, half of which hadn't participated in the class before, and to our Association Co-President Tom VanderPlaat, who was there not only to welcome the newest members to the Steelheaders, but he rolled up his sleeves and taught both the knots and float fishing segments.



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## **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS PICTURES**

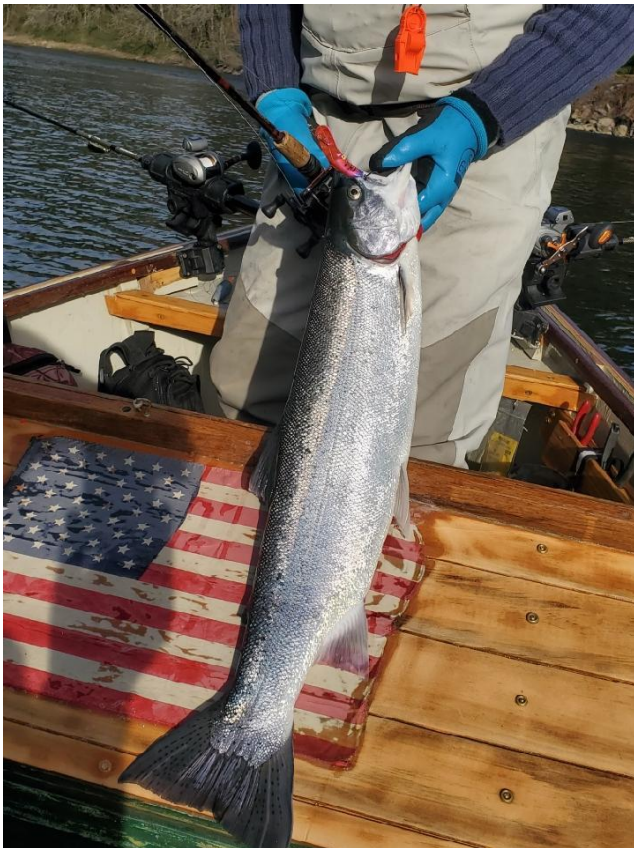


***Steve Chlidress on another past Winters Day.***

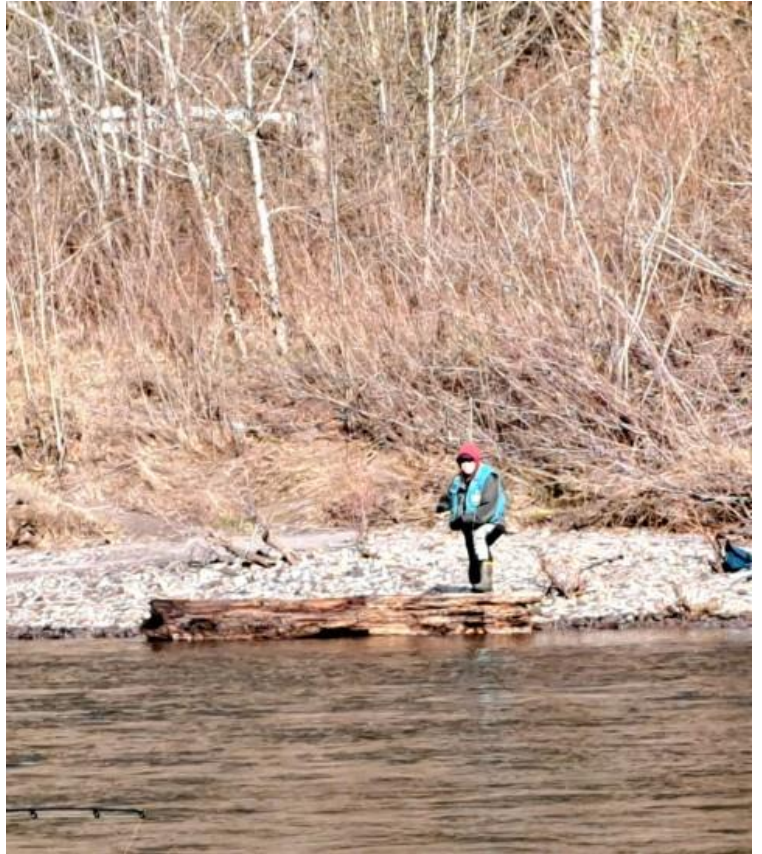




***24" trout on "Barbie rod & Reel" caught by Amanda Boyles (ODFW) goes to show you can catch fish without high end rods and reels!!***



***Rob Gibbs***



***Colonel Thomas on the Sandy!***

# Chapter news

By Rob Bitney

First and foremost, a huge Thank You to all who volunteered/participated in the Steelhead 101 clinic on February 11th & 12th. All the clinic's 36 slots were filled in less than a week and we had 35 actual participants. On the volunteer side, almost half had never participated in the clinic before, which makes me want to believe the Chapter's mission of "continuous education" is alive and well. We have yet to see the student's evaluation of our clinic, I assume we will find we did a very good job but there will be areas for improvement. I know the manual needs a section on the color and level of the water and what that means in regard to what-where-how to fish. Any volunteers on that?

Next up, Chapter officer elections are coming up in April, and we are in need of candidates for Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President as the people currently holding those offices have hit their term limit. Also, the club as a whole benefits from new ideas, new perspectives and we as a group stay current. Do not think that if you take office you will be abandoned, on the contrary, you will have more than enough support to carry out your office. If you wish to know more about how much time is involved, please call me directly, 503-320-9821.

Further down the horizon, we will be holding our next semi-annual Glen Otto Park cleanup in the near future, date and time TBD. Our what used to be annual auction is May 6th, donations, both fishing and non-fishing are gladly accepted. Please plan to attend.

Lastly, we are in talks with ODFW to make the June Chapter meeting an Angler Educator certification class, as we had such a positive response from the first time volunteers wanting to up their involvement. I must confess it was so nice to see the next wave step up and help out, makes me feel good about the overall direction of the chapter.

March is almost here, be sure to make some time to get out there and fish. See you on the river.

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## **Election of new Chapter board members**

**Held at the April 6, 2023 Monthly Chapter meeting.**

Please let us know if you are interested in running for any position. Many of the current board, including President have served for years and while not leaving the Chapter, do not intend on running for office in 2023. Past Officers will help the new Board in the transition.

We need candidates of all offices and supporting members. This includes, Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter editor, and Membership coordinator. ***We have no one offer to run for the position of Secretary as of today.***



The basic duties of officers and directors of the Sandy River Chapter are as follows:

**The President** shall:

- Be chief elective officer of the Chapter and have the general and active management of the business and affairs of the Chapter.
- Preside at all Chapter and Board meetings.
- Appoint special and standing committees, which shall include Membership, Communications, Fund Raising, Program, and Projects.
- Attend Association Board of Directors meetings and prepare a Chapter Report to be presented at the meeting.

**Vice-President**, shall:

- Assume the duties of President in the President's absence.

**The Secretary**, shall:

- Keep minutes and other records of activities and minutes of all Board and Chapter meetings.

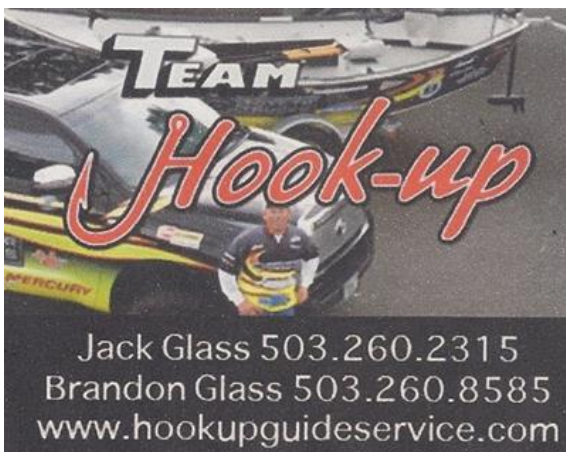
**The Treasurer** shall:

- Be responsible for all funds belonging to the Chapter and maintain complete and accurate records of the same.
- Furnish Chapter financial reports to the Association each month and for a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 to comply with 501 (c) (3) status.

If you are interested in stepping up and running for a position contact either:

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