

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

No charge to visitors!

This Months' Program- Elections!

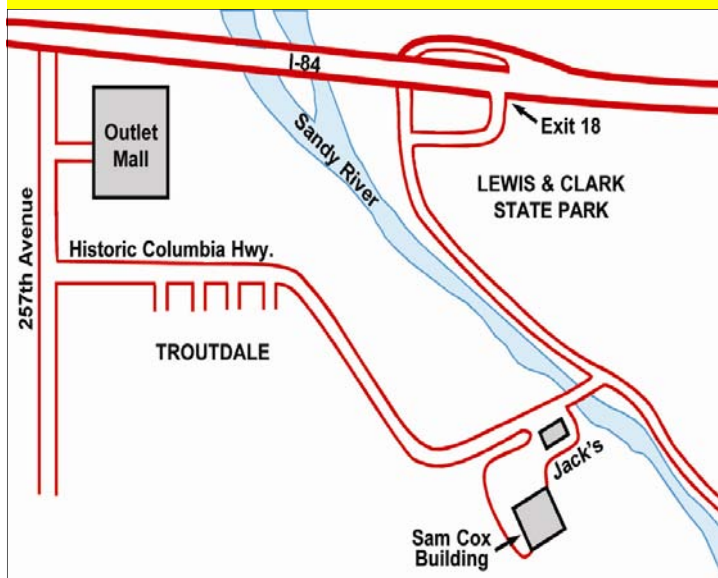
We are having elections and I hope to have ODFW come and speak about program and what's going on with the acclimation ponds. We will also open the floor up to get a idea what the chapter members would like to see more of and less of., program-wise.

Next chapter fish along- maybe

I have a idea for a spring Chinook fishing event, similar to the recently concluded "Rays Frostbite" and a bit like "Hogs and Dogs". This event would combine a day of fishing local rivers with a nice BBQ lunch afterward. It would be done as fundraiser also with the \$\$ going into the bank account with matching funds for stream work as its goal. Cost \$50. Those volunteering their boats are not charged of course. Without them, we can't do it ! Tentative date is Sunday May 16th. We'll talk it up at the chapter meeting.

Larry Palmer

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



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830

Vice Pres. : Howard Berg- 503 665-8008
Jeff Kirkman- 503 250-0724

Secretary: Colonel Thomas - 503 666-5035

Treasurer: Mike Myrick - 503 281-6438

Directors: Larry Palmer - Newsletter and Stream Projects— 503-286-2093 e-mail palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

Leslie Hinea - Auction (360) 892-0473.

Tom Gemelli - River Cleanups- 503-667-4197

Bill Beith - Membership 503 252-8278

Mike Myrick - **Fish tanks** -503 281-6438

Eric Koellner - Sales - 503-233-1334

Chapter Board minutes

Present: Mike M, Larry P, Karen K, Tom G, Jeff K, Bill B, Howard B, Leslie H, Corporal T, Eric K, Bea Hoove, Jay B, Rob G

I General

1. The chapter picnic is planned for 7/31 at Larry Beaver's home. For new members info, the Beaver's have an exceptionally nice, quiet and large yard which easily accommodates our group. Because of past problems with no shows, there will be a non refundable \$5 per person fee.

2. Our April meeting will be the new officer elections and dessert. It is worth attending this meeting if only to partake of the desserts. So far the potential slate is as follows: Pres-Jeff Stoeger, VP-Jeff Kirkman, Treasurer-Mike Myrick and Secretary-Colonel Thomas. If any member is interested in helping the chapter as an officer or director, please contact a board member.

3. Rob Gibbs stepped forward volunteering to help with membership.

4. After much back and forth discussion, for the upcoming association banquet, the chapter is purchasing one patron table and three regular tables. If anyone is still interested in attending this event as either an attendee or volunteer, contact Mike Myrick by phone or see a board member at the next meeting.

a. Bill offered to be in charge of tables for next year's banquet.

5. October 23rd is the date set for next year's popular fall/coast fish-a-long, which will be an association activity in part to accommodate the new Tillamook chapter.

6. After some discussion, it was determined the popular Ray's Frost Bite Follies will remain a Sandy Chapter member only event. Apparently our recently concluded RFBF's large turnout turned some heads.

II Officer/director reports

1. Association logo can be applied to our chapter clothing items for an extra \$5.

2. Currently we have approximately \$4800 in our accounts.

3. There is a program to take a soldier fishing, more details will be available at the chapter meeting.

4. Currently our membership is 250+/- . Remember the \$10 new member offer has increased to \$20 with a \$30 renewal fee.

5. According to Tom G. the next river clean-up is scheduled for 4/24. We are planning to have two drift boats available to work the west/east sides of the river. Initially, there was discussion to help remove some appliances that were dropped over the side of the hill near the lower end of Oxbow Park; this may be a major project.

6. It was discussed and voted upon that the popular handoff to Colonel program be discontinued. Bill hooked up twice the next day ignoring Col's beseeching to "handoff", while replying, "hook your own". **Corporal Thomas**

SPRING Sandy River Clean-up, APRIL 24 2010

Please reserve some time and mark your calendar for the Spring Sandy River Clean-up scheduled for **April 24, 2010, (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** We will meet in the parking lot located at Glenn Otto park. The river clean-up will encompass Glenn Otto park, Lewis and Clark park, and Dabney park as well as along the Sandy river bank and along the road shoulder of the Gorge Highway. It is planned to have two drift boats float from Dabney park to Lewis and Clark park boat ramp to snag river bank and debris flotsam. SOLV organization is providing sturdy trash bags for the collected trash. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the next regular meeting, April 7, 2010. ***Don't forget: Your volunteer time qualifies you for a Larry Palmer super secret hook and yarn rig permeated with Larry's super secret hard to describe invisible and odorless marinate. Odorless to humans that is.***

Tom Gemelli 503-667-4197

Presidents Message-

It's hard to believe that its almost April and the Springer's are just now starting to enter our local rivers. I heard of a couple caught last around Tad's. One native and one hatchery fish. I'm heading to Boston and when I get back, I'm hoping to put some major hours into chasing after some of these brutes. At our April meeting, we will be voting for this years slate of new officers. We currently have a few names submitted for the various positions in our chapter. If you would like to run for one of these position that are currently available. Please email me at mjstoege@msn.com or Phone me at 503-704-7920 if you are interested in filling a position. Current positions available are, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure. We also need to fill the membership director position. If you would like more info on any of these position call me ASAP. Tight lines and Good Luck Fishing. **Jeff Stoege, President.**



Hogs and Dogs

The event was won by some local guy who got several scuba divers to put fish he had bought at Safeway near his hooks. Despite this obvious fraud, no one seemed to mind and a swell BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.

Photo is of the angler who claimed to be the winner, near a table full of good looking fishing gear which was carted off by some lucky winners, shortly before the police arrived to investigate this miscarriage of justice.

**Colonel
holding forth**

Everyone seemed to have a good time, and after having a burger or two, the police left and said to give them a call if any leads developed, or if there would be pie later .

New Fishing organization formed-

The electronic age has “spawned” many new innovations, and virtual fishing is one of them. With the power of modern computers, “E-fishing” has become a reality for many time-pressed anglers who have now formed an organization to further the boundaries of their sport. Ken Haake., president of the recently formed “Northwest E-headers” put it this way “ I have a demanding career, a wife and, other commitments. With E-fishing, I can do it when I have time, anywhere as long as I have my laptop. No travel costs either! The graphics and simulations on my program are simply outstanding. I want to get connected to DSL at home., because I’m going to wire it up to my big screen TV. I can’t wait! I have a friend who has E-fished in New Zealand and the scenery there is so beautiful. I’ve been able to clean out the back room where I had all my fishing stuff, which I sold on Craigslist, and am going to sell off the jet sled as soon as I can, before the market gets glutted with them..”

Ken and his organization can be reached at northwestE-headers@spurious.net

Ray Follies

It was finally Saturday March 13th, the big day had arrived. The weather earlier in the week showed possible snow at 1000 feet and lots of rain. We needed the rain, the week before, I float the river was the lowest I've seen it in years. The weather sure made us believers that the follies was going to live up to its name, Ray's Frost Bite Follies. On the 12th I fished for about 6 hours and I hooked into a nice native that weighed somewhere around 12 to 14 lbs. We heard all along the river that fish were being caught. A guide the day before had hooked 8 and landed 6. It got our adrenalin flowing. We thought that we had picked the right weekend for this event. Every thing started to fall into place. We Had 20 boats show up at Dabney park. We all then headed to Oxbow to launch our boats and commence for a great day of fishing. We took time to remember our late friend Ray Hinea. Everyone had a seat for the event. Jay Burris was a life saver. Jay gave the two stranded fishermen them the opportunity to fish. There was quite a few fish hooked and released and few keepers as well. I want to thank Joli Ritchie, Kathryn and Art Israelson and Sharon Schaub for putting on a fantastic lunch. The day was very successful and everyone seemed to have a great time. My thanks to everyone who participated in this event. **Jeff Stoeger**

Bribery at the polls!

Because the April 7th meeting is an important election meeting and to entice the membership to attend we will have pie, cake and ice cream instead of cookies.

The following members have volunteered to provide the cookies for our May and June Meetings:
Patty and Mike Housley for May
Howard Anderson for June

We do not have any meetings in July and August, just a spectacular chapter picnic at Larry Beavers in July.

We have spots open from September on for cookie volunteers, so this might be your chance to distinguish yourself in the chapter.

Howard Berg Chapter cookie manager



Critter Gitter
Fishing Stuff!
(503) 257-0553

Larry & Rebecca
McClintock
Owners

"Play'n Pos'm"®
www.playnposm.com
P.O. Box 30454 • Portland, Oregon 97294

Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

(503)281-0919

3825 NE Hancock Suite GL-B Portland OR 97212



A Legacy of Innovation
Since 1969

Mack's
Lure®

Larry McClintock
Wholesaler
(503) 257-0553

Wedding Ring Spinners®
Smile Blades®
Hot Wings®
Sledge Hammers®
Wally Pops®
Cha Cha Squidders®
Boogie Baits®
and much More!

www.mackslure.com

Win A Steelhead or Salmon Trip.

How would you like to win 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 our 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 through 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 their 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 3 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.

New plug cutter makes herring preparation a snap



The "Herring Master 2000" by **PreciseCut** gives the serious angler the ultimate in choices of angles, and thus, available rolls. Powered by an interchangeable 18 volt battery pack, it will work for several days before needing a new power pack snapped into place, just like any other cordless tool!

It cuts any angle up to 60 degrees, right or left handed, with compound cuts to 32 degrees. The motor case is sealed to resist moisture, and the 3.5 inch stainless steel fine-toothed blade removes with one stainless steel machine screw for easy cleanup. Only \$199 at leading tackle outlets. *The "Herring Master 2000"..we're on a roll!*

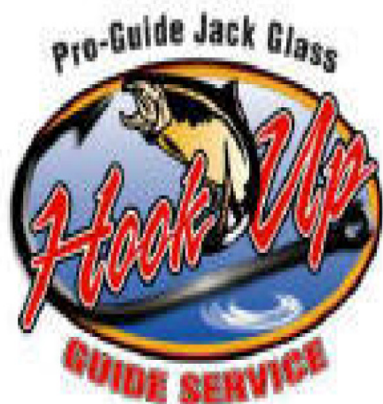


FIRST BITE™
Jigs
Fishing Jigs with Attitude!
www.firstbitejigs.com

Custom Tied Schlappen Jigs on strong Owner hooks
Complete How-to Kits
Floats, Tackle and More
(503)998-3994
Mark Anderson

Wild and Scenic...
Upper Sandy River!
Only 45 minutes from Portland
Guided Steelhead and Salmon Fishing
Bird and Wildlife Viewing
Trips for Children
503-449-0195
Ed Fast Guide Service
Edfast@comcast.net
www.catchmoresteelhead.com
Fall Chinook and Winter Steelhead!
Coastal Rivers now
and the Sandy River in January
10% of all fees will be donated to the Sandy Steelhead-ers if booked by members or their referrals

Over 20 Years Full Time Fishing Guide



Pro-Guide Jack Glass
Jack Glass
Pro Guide
(503)666-5370

www.hookupguideservice.com



755 E. Burnside
Gresham, Oregon 97030

- Breakfast -
5:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 'til Noon

Try Our Delicious Longburgers
11 A.M. — 2 A.M. daily

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.**

I'll draw names from that bucket , and you may win things like a folding knife, a Leatherman tool, yarn flies...a 120' yacht...OK, maybe actually just a picture of the yacht. Take one of the other prizes, they'll be more useful, and less upkeep.

Get your name in the hat– or bucket!....**VOLUNTEER !**

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!

Volunteers of the Month

This month I'd like to thank the volunteers who responded to my pleas for help and donations on the Association Auction . (**That event is April 10th by the way...**). Some responded by building lures. Others made calls, or donated personal items (even money!), or hustled up goods from donors. It all helps. Still others have promised to staff this event.

It is a simple fact that without this chapters' efforts, the Association auction would not occur. Thanks!

Larry Palmer

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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.

Longtime Member Passes

The Sandy Chapter lost one of it's oldest charter members with the passing of Maurice Bliss, 84, on March 16. Maurice was a quiet person and although not one to speak out at club functions he was always participating and there when needed and doing his share. I especially remember working along side Maurice during the Marmot Dam acclimation pond construction where this little guy, five years older then me, was working circles around me and not even stopping to take breaks. I admired his work ethic and decided then and there to be his friend. Most members will remember Maurice as the little older guy that in his later years came to meetings, social functions, and picnics with his son John pushing his wheel chair. John tells me "Dad loved the Sandy Chapter Steelheaders. He was so proud to be



a part of all the functions. He spoke highly of it's members. He was frustrated that his poor health, due to a heavy equipment accident, and his damaged breathing prevented his full participation in his final years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. I see him in every thing at the family farm".

Member Nick Galash, a neighbor of Maurice in Pleasant Valley, knew him well and shared some common hay farming experiences. Nick talked lots about Maurice's great hard working farm experiences and about the farm accident where Maurice was trapped and crushed under his tractor. This accident didn't stop Maurice but greatly slowed him down. Maurice was a life long farmer, fisherman, big game hunter. He was a life time member of the Gresham Rifle Club and a member of the Antique Steam Club of Brooks, OR. Maurice is survived by his sons John and Tim, seven grandchildren and nine great grand children. Memorial services will be held April 24, Saturday, 11:00 AM at Gresham Memorial Chapel, 257 SE Roberts, Gresham, OR 97080. Some of Maurice's favorite food will be served following the service and all members are invited.

Larry Beaver

May 1 "Take A Soldier Fishing Event"

I am requesting volunteers who have boats and would be willing to take a soldier out for the day on Hagg Lake.

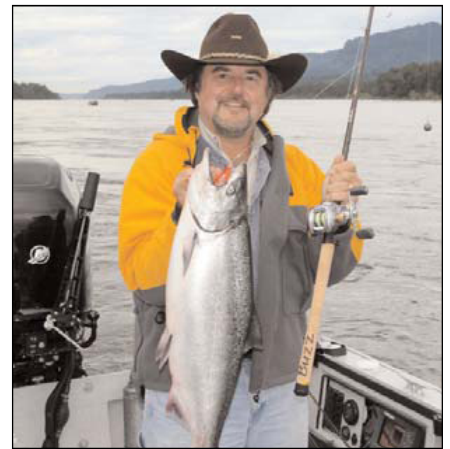
Jack Morby
ODFW Angler Ed
NW Steelheaders, Sandy Chapter

If you wish to participate in this event, contact Jack Morby moby517@aol.com



You're Invited to join the Northwest Steelheaders in celebration of 50 years of enhancing and protecting fish and habitat

Featured Speaker Buzz Ramsey will outline the history and future of the Northwest Steelheaders, including great photos from the early days off the Association



Saturday, April 10—doors open at 4:30
Portland Airport Holiday Inn, 8439 NE Columbia Boulevard

Patron Table/10, \$550; Regular Table/10, \$450; Individual Seats, \$50
New York Strip Steak and Grilled Salmon topped with asparagus, shrimp, and Hollandaise sauce

Fishing Tackle, Guided and Hosted Trips, Artwork, and a huge selection of silent auction items for everyone

For Tickets, call 503-653-4176 or order from the website: nwsteelheaders.org

Note: You may attend the auction without buying a banquet ticket.



THE STEELHEAD AND SALMON HOOK

This hook is designed with
a long, sharp point and
extra-strong shank for powerful
Steelhead and Salmon.
The turned-up eye increases the
gap for better hooking.



**LAZER SHARP®
NICKEL**

**More Fish Caught...
More Tournaments Won...
More Than all Other Hooks Combined.**

Wright & McGill Co, Denver CO 80216

**Sandy River Chapter
NW Steelheaders**

**PO Box 301114
Portland, OR 97294-9114
Return Service Requested**