

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, Troutdale Oregon.

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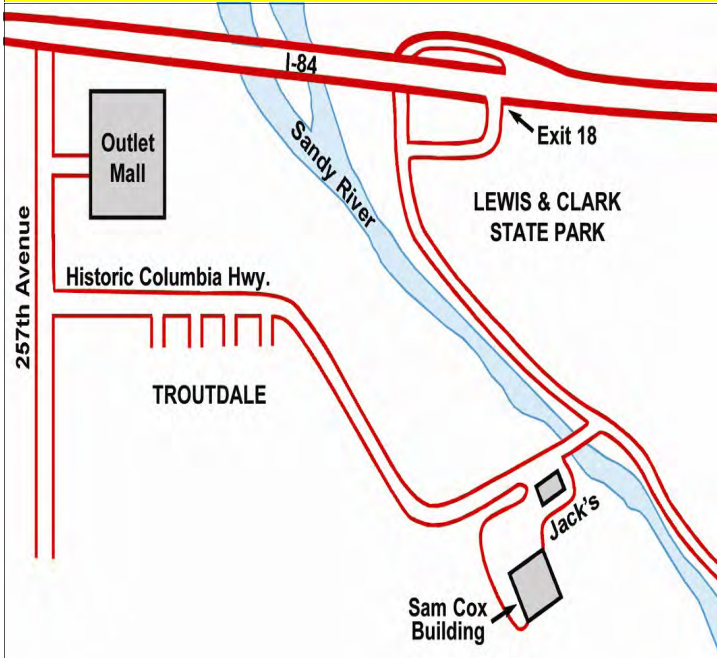
This months' program

Guest Speaker is Russell Basset

Russell Basset is the Association new Executive Director. Russell will share some of his ideas and plans on how to strengthen our chapters and association. Russell would like to see more chapter functions that included other chapters. He would like to see partnerships between chapters for functions to help build a stronger association. If you have some free time and would like to help out at the association office please contact the office and you will more than likely speak with Russell.

Hey...it's 2011! Turn in last years salmon tag and get a new license !

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of April. That's the 6th!



Our Chapter Officers-

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Chapter Raffle Ticket Coordinator

Joe Blum has graciously volunteered to be the chapter raffle ticket coordinator for both the Alaska trip and the drift boat raffles. If a member receives tickets from Joe to sell he will be given the tickets and a bookkeeping sheet. When it is time to turn in the paperwork, money, and ticket stubs DO NOT turn into anybody but Joe all other officers etc will refuse to accept them. If you cannot make the meeting and need to turn in the above mentioned items please contact Joe either by email at icecreaman310@hotmail.com or by phone at 503-704-2483 to make the proper arrangements to deliver the goods. Thank you for your cooperation. **Joe Blum**

What can I do to help

As most of you know, the association is experiencing some financial lows. If you are interested in helping the association and chapter, here is a possible answer: sign up to participate in the Quest. The association has stepped up to sponsor this event scheduled April 23, 2011 in conjunction with our Hall of Fame Banquet. Initially, the entry fee of \$250 might seem imposing, but consider that this will get you a guided all day trip and includes the entry ticket to the event.

Bill and I are entered with Russ Morrow, and it occurred to me that our chapter could get out and really make a statement by having a large membership participation. Also, while I am not completely certain of this, I think most or all of the cost is a donation and therefore tax deductible - check with Jeff or Jay for confirmation on this.

More information is available from Jeff or any board member.

Presidents Message.

I would like to thank everyone who attended this years follies. We gave out our new plaque, in honor of Ray Hinea. Eric Neiwert was the recipient for this years honor. He had caught the first fish of the day. He said he landed it around 7:45 am. I think he really caught it at Tony's fish market. Each year we will change up the way we will award it. We caught eight native fish and placed four of them in boxes for the brood stock program. We also place another fish in tank that a guide happen to catch right out front of our landing area for lunch. All in all we had a great time. Lunch was very good as usual. Thanks to Joli and Kathryn for preparing our lunch. I also want to thank Tom Gemelli, Bill Beith and Art Israelson for helping in shuttling people back and forth. Again a big thanks to all those helped out. PS I also want to thank Eric Neiwert in helping the night before in calling folks to see if they still planned on attending the event. We had some major rain that night only to find that the river stayed in shape and fished beautifully. I hope to see you all next year.

Our chapter is planning a spring chinook clinic at the Gresham Bi Mart on April 16th from 12:00 -2:00 pm. We will cover a variety of ways to fish for springer on the Sandy river. We don't claim to be experts, but we do catch a fair number of fish. So if you want some simple and easy tips come visit our clinic. If you don't have a membership don't worry, they will let everyone in for free for the clinic.

We will have our annual election of officers at our April Meeting. We do have a slate of candidates for this election. If you would like to run for one of the four open positions, please come to our meeting and nominate yourself for one of the positions. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will have desserts following the election.

Nominating Officers

Association and Chapter Bi-Laws call for chapter officer elections to be held during the regularly scheduled general membership meeting in April of each year, following the chapter president's call for members wishing to serve on a nominating committee. Elections must be held for President or Co-Presidents, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers may decide to continue to serve another term, however, the positions must be put up for election. The president's call was made during the January and February meetings, with no member giving notification of their willingness to serve. Therefore, a slate of nominees will be presented to the membership at the March meeting, at which time nominations can also be made from the floor. Any member being currently paid up with dues is eligible to run for office or nominate another member who has given his permission to be nominated. If you are interested in nominating or running for election, please contact Bill Beith at (503)-252-8278.

Sandy Chapter members spent Friday and Saturday (March 18 and 19) clearing kitchen walls to the studs. Eight members contributed a total of 79.5 hours to complete the project. The City of Troutdale is updating the kitchen, bringing it to code. There will be more projects the Steelheaders will be able to help with as the project progresses.

A big thank you to the demo crew: Leo Morris, Mike Myrick, Howard Berg, Larry Beaver, Roger Beal, Lonnie Thurston, Art Israelson and Matt Rockweit, President, McLoughlin Chapter.

Colonel

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If I haven't overloaded the system here are the beginning of some photos I took at the Ray's Frostbite Follies last Saturday. I had a ball riding with Jeff Kirkman who is not only a hell of a great fisherman but a great boat companion. The first photo is of two of the wild steelhead in the tank carried in Jeff's boat. The second photo has Jeff handling one of the natives to transport up the beach to the F & W tank truck. The third photo is of one of the natives being handed off to Jeff of F&W. The fourth is of Jeff and his F&W tank truck. I think our group brought in about six natives that day. Larry Beaver



I would like to thank the following members for offering to bring cookies to the chapter meetings.

Dave Biscare for September, Joe Blum for October, Rob Gibbs for November, **Bill Beith for January**, Jeff Kirkman for February, Tom Gemelli for March, Patty Housley for May, and Mike Myrick for June.

Howard Berg Chapter Cookie Executive



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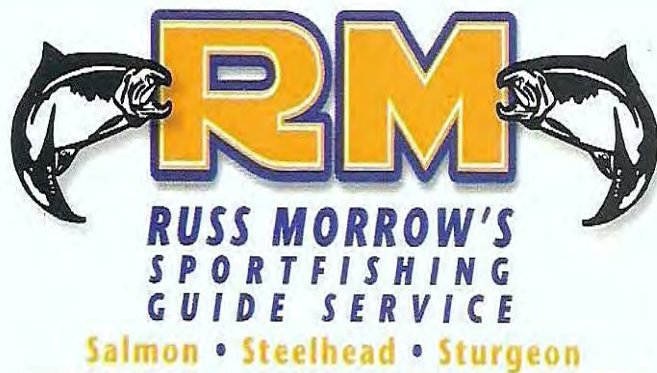
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We've kept costs as low as possible: Only \$5 per person (under age 7, free) includes one dinner and activities. Camping costs are additional. Each 10'x60' site in the **Group Camp Area** includes water/electrical hookups, a table and fire ring, at a cost of \$30 for the weekend. There are 27 group sites available on a first-come, first-served basis. The **General Tent Camping Area** has room for approximately 15 tents at a cost of \$8 per tent for the weekend. Tent campers will park in the park's main lot, or pay a \$6 parking fee to park in the group area (limited spaces available). You also may reserve your own site in the park's **non-group camping area**; cost varies depending upon type of site. Reserve and pay through Linn County Parks, www.co.linn.or.us/parks/parks/sunnyside.html or 541-967-3917. Once we've received your registration form and payment, we'll send you more information. Please include your e-mail address.

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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!

Volunteer of the Month

The volunteer of the month for April is Colnel Thomas as he is still soliciting donations for the Auction banquet.

Helping with the kitchen remodel and still recovering from knee surgery.

Hooray for The Colnel

Sandy River Chapter, ANWS

Volunteer Hours Record

Member Name _____

Event/ Activity _____

Date _____ **Hours** _____

Contact: Jack Morby
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“TAKE A SOLDIER FISHING” DAY ON HENRY HAGG LAKE JUNE 4, 2011

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OR - Combat Warrior Crisis Network is proud to present its second annual “Take A Soldier Fishing” day at Henry Hagg Lake near Forest Grove, Oregon, on June 4, 2011. This is an opportunity for us to say thank you to these brave men and women and their families by hosting a relaxing day in a beautiful outdoor surrounding. The event will be held at Henry Hagg Lake in Scoggins Park, 50250 SW Scoggins Valley Road, Gaston, OR 97119. For information about the park call 503-846-8715, or a map of the park and lake with a description of the facility is available at: www.co.washington.or.us/Support_Services/Facilities/Parks/Hagglake/index.cfm

Volunteer fishermen will be launching their boats with soldiers aboard at Henry Hagg Lake for a couple hours of trolling for trout or casting for bass & pan fish. Fishing from the shore is also a great way to spend the day. Active military personnel and veterans from all branches of service and their immediate family members are welcome to register for this event on line at www.takeasoldierfishing.org.

The event will be limited to 45 participants which includes family members. A valid Military ID card or DD214 must be presented upon arrival at the lake. We are trying to raise funds to make the day completely free to all of the participants of this event which would include the \$5 vehicle entry fee as well as a one-day angling permit for those participants 14 years old or older that do not already have an Oregon fishing license.

VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We need some fisherman with boats who are willing to take soldiers & family members out on the lake for a couple of hours of fishing. Rods & reel will be provided as needed. We also need volunteers to help with set-up, check-in, provide information to participants, serve lunch, and clean-up. Just click on our website, www.takeasoldierfishing.org, fill out the registration form and confirmation will be sent to you immediately. Combat Warrior Crisis Network was founded on the ideas that we can and will provide support for our soldiers and their families before, during, and after deployments. Consider our fishing trips as a support group.

SPONSORS -Please visit our website for a complete list of sponsors and supporters - without them, we could not make this event happen.

If you wish to participate as a sponsor for our event, please contact Jack Morby via email at morby517@aol.com.

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