

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!

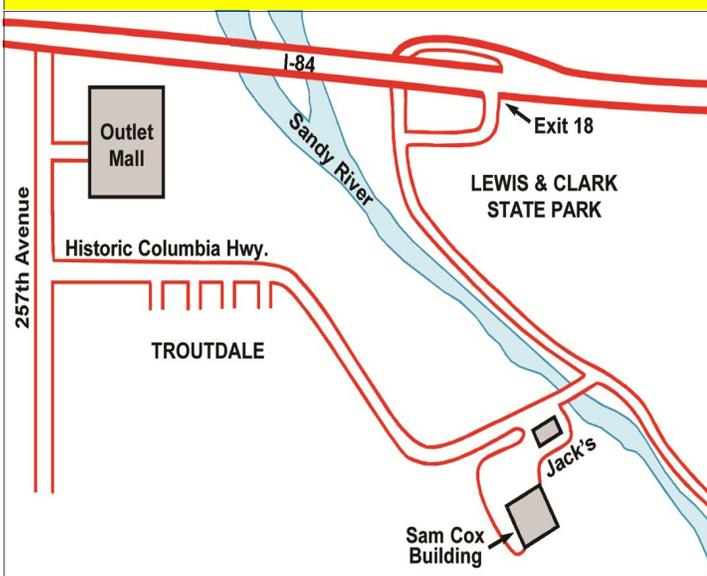
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This months' program

This month we plan to do something new. We will hold the chapter's first annual swap meet and sale. I have no idea how this is going to work. It will either be a big hit or a big bust. If you have some old or unused fishing gear, rods, reels and tackle that you just don't use or its collecting dust and it needs to go. Here is your chance to get rid of it by either selling it or trading with someone else. The chapter takes no responsibility for what is sold or swapped. Please don't bring your junk that doesn't work or is broken and try to trade it or sell it. This was designed so everyone has an opportunity to either buy or trade something and meet new friends in the process. Also don't come with the idea of selling your items for more than what they are worth. This is to be a fun event for everyone who attends. I hope to see you there.

Jeff Stoeger President.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of April. That's the 4th !



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jeff Stoeger—503-282-4830

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President's Note

We will hold the election of officers at the April 4th general meeting. You must be a current member in good standing in order to vote. We have a slate of officers that has been presented to the board. They read as follows for Pres John Hydorn, for VP we have Doug Briggs and Joe Blum, for Treasurer we have Mike Myrick and for Secretary we have Colonel Thomas. If anyone else wishes to run for one of the above mentioned positions you must either nominate yourself or if you wish to nominate someone, you first must have their approval before hand. We will have a write in for anyone who wishes to run for office. The VP position we have two individuals who agreed to run for that position. We will count the ballots and the person with the most ballots will be elected to that position. If we have a tie in the voting we will have co VP's. This is permitted by the by-laws. So please come to the meeting for it figures to be an exciting one. It will be the first annual tackle swap meet and sale. Hope to see you all there.

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.

RIVER CLEAN-UP COORDINATOR NEEDED

As most of you may not know, there is a fee involved for using the Glen Otto Hall for meetings/ events. In lieu of paying a fee, the chapter has arranged with the city to waive this fee in exchange for our volunteering to do at least two river clean-ups in the park area. Additionally, we help clean Dabney Park and the Lewis and Clark launch vicinity.

Tom Gemelli has coordinated this activity for the past several years. However, with his recent knee surgery, Tom is unable to continue this service. The chapter is now in need of somebody stepping up to carry on this task. Actually, the duties are relatively light, but if you are considering volunteering, speak to Jeff Stoeger or Tom for the exact details involved.

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, July 28th at Norm and Joli Ritchie's Back Yard

Mark your calendar now for our Sandy Chapter Family picnic. After many successful years at Larry and Sharon Beaver's back yard, it has become time for a change. The party is moving west to Norm and Joli Ritchie's back yard. Other than the location, just about everything else will be the same as last year. Everyone can expect a great time with barbecues on the patio and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family.

We will include all the details for the news letter in the May, June, and July newsletters.

Norm Ritchie

email: normritchie@q.com

cell: 503-807-7729

Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2012

Present: Eric K, Steve C, Howard B, Colonel T, Art I, John H, Bill B,
Jeff S, Leslie H and Mike M

Began: 6:30 P.M.

I. New/Old Business

1. New officer elections will be held at the April chapter meeting. The board has been presented with an initial slate of officers, but any member in good standing for at least one year may run. Simply contact a board member and attend the next chapter meeting. Written ballots will be available as you enter the hall.

2. July 28th is the date set aside for the popular chapter picnic at Norm/Joli's home near S.E. 165th and Division. Sign up sheets and more information will be available shortly.

3. Jeff K and Jeff S will be demonstrating at two Bi-Mart clinics on Sat.3/31/12
Gresham, 11:00-12:30; Sandy, 1:30-3:00. If you have an interest to volunteer at both or either of these clinics, please contact Jeff S or Jeff K.

4. Leslie updated the board on the progress for our annual dinner/ auction, which is our only fund raiser for the year is to be held on May 2nd at the meeting hall. If you have any new/good condition item(s) to donate, please contact a board member or Leslie directly.

5. Because of Tom's recent (actually today) knee replacement, a new river clean-up coordinator is needed. In lieu of paying a hall rental fee, which other groups must pay, the chapter conducts a couple river clean-ups so these projects are a chapter necessity. If this relatively pain free task is of interest, Please contact Tom or any board member for information.

6. Camp Angelo's has not contacted the chapter yet regarding necessary help for the cancer camp. If/when we hear from the camp a volunteer coordinator will be needed

7. Jeff K and Jeff S are trying to put together the details for upcoming guided reward trips for raffle and/or boat ticket purchasing.

8. Regarding speakers for this upcoming new season beginning in September, again we need somebody to step up and coordinate this. Also if you have any recommendations for speakers, please let Jeff S know of your interests.

9. Art I needs help for the next "Ducky" project. Art reported the chapter made \$205 for the last "Ducky" derby.

II Officer reports

1. We have \$8290.00 on hand in our various accounts

Ended: 7:30 P.M.

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 Glen 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
5/2/2012 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: _____

(Must be received by April 23, 2012. Price after this add \$1 per person)

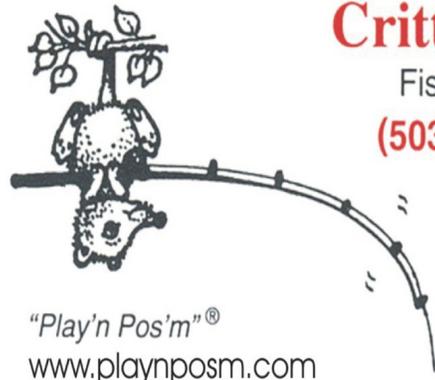
Make checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS

Send to: Joli Ritchie
 2834 SE 166th Ave.
 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.



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Willamette District Family Fishing

Jeff Fulop from the ODFW is asking for help at the 2012 North Willamette District Family Fishing Events, 9-am to 2-pm at Mt Hood Pond, May 19th and October 13th. This is a great time to use your fishing skills to help kids enjoy fishing. Contact Jeff Fulop, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: 971 -673-6034



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fishwithruss@yahoo.com

Russ Morrow

Cell **503.310.9733**

Salmon Quest on April 21st

Registration is already over half full. Act now or you will be left out until next year.

Salmon Quest is a fun way for the Steelheaders to give back to the resource. It includes a day of guided fishing followed by a reception at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. in Portland. The reception includes the awards ceremony for the tournament, catered bbq meal, drinks, and a silent auction. All of this for a registration fee of just \$250. The net proceeds will be used by the ANWS to fund sport fisheries and habitat projects within the Willamette and Sandy basins.

Fishing will be in teams of two anglers and one guide with the top three teams winning Salmon Quest trophies. The guides will furnish the boat, fishing gear and bait. Anglers may bring their own guide or select from our list of guides and boatmen.

For more information or to register, please call 503-653-4176 or e-mail office@anws.org or get details and a registration form on line at <http://www.nwsteelheaders.org/ht/d/sp/i/100713/pid/100713>

Unable to participate as an angler but still want to help the cause? We need volunteers to help out at the award ceremonies and dinner. Please email Mike Myrick at mcmifishandivote@msn.com or Norm Ritchie at normritchie@q.com.

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,

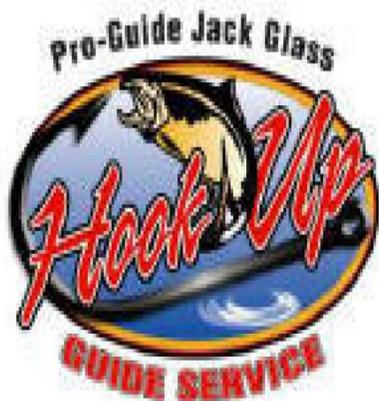
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Did you buy your Association tickets yet?????????

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.

Take A Soldier Fishing

The next Take A Soldier Fishing Event at Henry Hagg Lake near Forest Grove Oregon is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012. Active duty military and veterans and their immediate family members may participate. Volunteers with or without boats are welcomed to sign up as well. Go to www.takeasoldierfishing.org to register for this event. Select sign-up tab if you are an active military representative or veteran and wish to participate. Select the volunteer/boater tab if you wish to volunteer for this event.

Volunteers of the Month

My choice for volunteer of the month Is again Norm Ritchie as he is away travelling about the country, but still finds time to send me all these awesome entries for the monthly newsletter. Thank you Norm for all your hard work and devotion to the Association and the Sandy River Chapter.
Joe Blum

**Sandy River Chapter
Volunteer Hours Form**

Name _____

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.

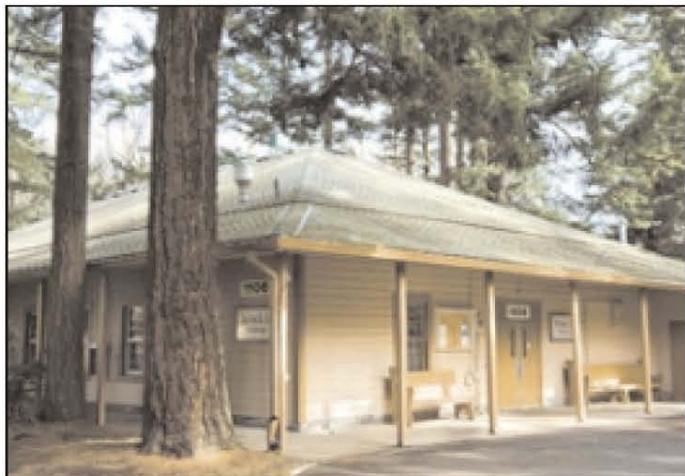
One Last Cast Navigator

Focus. For many reasons, I find it hard to focus on spring fishing. Snow on the first day doesn't help. I long for the good weather, warmer temperatures, more comfortable fishing. Perhaps it is hard to get up for Springer fishing from the bank. If steelhead are the fish of one thousand casts, Springers from the bank are the fish of one thousand lifetimes. Do I dare commit to the 120 hours of bank time only to be further hardened in my skepticism that these fish can be caught? Perhaps there are better things to do with my time, like taxes.

I find attending fishing seminars a good way to get focused. The seminar season starts with the Holy Grail of seminars – the Pacific Sportsman Show. I enjoy walking the aisles of the show taking in the endless opportunity of boats, tackle and destinations. It is a great time to dream and imagine what is possible; a chance to rub elbows with fishing icons and legends. Our own Chapter hosts seminars this time of year. Who would have thought of using squid for salmon or steelhead had it not been for Ed Fast showing some tricks? I especially like the seminars – like Ed's – that focus on the practical nature of fishing. Larry Palmer gave a great one a while back – about how to make due with stuff around the house; like being shown how to make drift bobbers with a curling iron and discarded pool toys. How many of you like me have a bucket full of wine corks just waiting for that “free” afternoon where you drill through the center, slide down a swizzle stick, laminate with shoo-goo and paint up as the most practical bobber in town. Just recently I attended – along with 100 of my friends – practical bait and brining seminar by Steve Lynch of Pro-Cure. It is refreshing to see a company rep emphasize NOT wasting the product when on the surface it seems to be in the company's best interest to have users waste the product. That is a good seminar – the focus on fishing and catching; not selling.

Magazines, videos, outdoor television and internet discussion boards are just another form of the fishing seminar. All can be mined for new ideas and tips. Perhaps focus isn't the right word – its becoming obsessed about fishing again. Coming off the long winter, one can get caught up in the trap of getting use to not fishing. There is always a reason not to go. Obsession is always having a reason to go. Seminars – whether they are in the form of a video, Chapter meeting, clinic or good book – build that obsession. So, get out there, take in a seminar or two and get use to going fishing. It only takes one cast to net you a Springer!





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.



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