

April's Guest Speakers

Dave Harding of Dave's Tangle Free Tackle will be demonstrating his new lead free fishing weights. These weights are made of coated steel that are low snagging. Dave's weights are made of mostly American made products and are available at many of the local large tackle stores. His tackle will also be available for on-line purchase through his new website at www.davestanglefree.com starting in April.

Our other speaker will be.....

Our very own Art Israelson, he will be speaking on water safety regarding personal floatation devices (PFD). Art will be focusing on the PFD type ratings, what they indicate and what they mean to you as a user.

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 also elect members to the Board of Directors.

This will occur during our membership meeting and results tallied and announced by the end of the meeting.



Welcome new members!

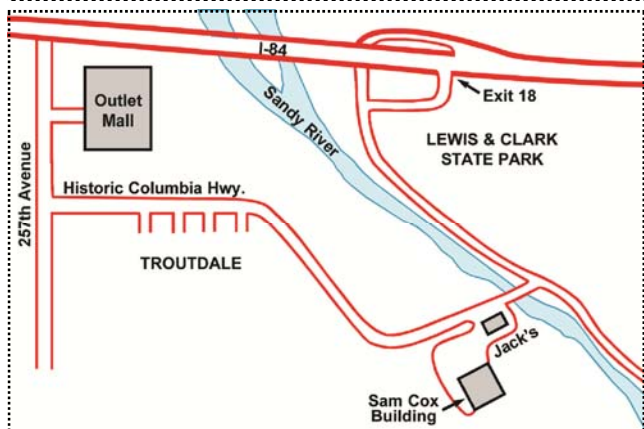
At press deadline last month I did not have the new member update - so here it is, check it out!

Ron Kurahara
Robert Blackburn
David Richardson
Patrick Carter-North
Steve By
Kyle Craig
Todd Keller
Dave Harding
Jim Calantino
Matt Jones
Danette Cusimano
Matty Kirk
Myron Linder

The following are new members who signed up at the clinic:

Bob Stephens
Matt Mawsfield
Kuley Kopta
Matt Kaminker
Marty Valenci-Blanco
Marv Blanco
Robert Downing
James Stengle
Danette Cusimano

Marty & Marv are Husband & Wife



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

The Duck is Dead.....



R.I.P

Duck

a.k.a. Ducky Derby

2011 - 2012

Words I never thought I would hear from Art Israelson, creator and promoter of the Troutdale Ducky Derby. For the two years the Derby was run by the Sandy River Chapter.

Art initially came up with the idea of using cedar wooden fish shaped cutouts, had some help cutting out 2,000 fish shapes and got told they weren't ducks and he couldn't put the raw cedar in the river. Apparently they never noticed the logs in the river or considered why Cedar Creek got its name.

Art worked his concept thru the maze of regulation, past the bureaucrats and got a permit to dump 900 rubber ducks in the river off the Troutdale Bridge. In a scheduled test dump to test their 'duck worthiness', we put a hundred fish shaped cedar cutouts in the river only to discover they clung together like long lost cousins. Time to go to back-up plan 27B.

Unable to find a 'Rent-a-Duck' outlet, Art was forced to get the Ducks at the local 'Buy-a-Duck' store. Where he found the store, the pair of fuel spill booms for free and the numbers for the duck remains a mystery to me, because he was also out beating the weeds for 25 prizes, selling the chances, rounding up and directing the dozen or so volunteers.

The ducks were transported to the 'X' brace in the bridge, the boats closed the boom, ticket sales concluded and 900 little rubber duckies were thrust into the river. The ducks separated and raced for the center of the boom. The first 25 to get to the center and get scooped up were the winners. Registered & numbered ducks with corresponding certificates purchasers were notified and the boom was returned to the trailer and delivered back with the owner.

Fast forward to 2012 and do it again with an improved 'pro bono' boom complete with SS eye bolts and carabineers connectors and a custom PVC slot that forced the winning ducks to line up.

2012 was a good year for being a duck and thanks to Art, profitable.

We tried to salvage the event by creating a role for four people to replace Art; one to be the overall coordinator, a sales coordinator, a prizes coordinator and a ducky coordinator to handle the duck portion.

Art was slated to be the advisor to retain continuity. Sadly no one rose to the challenge and the Boss gave Art specific orders, 'No More'. We need to sell the ducks, remove the booms from Art's back yard, which will take some volunteers.

We owe Art a big round of applause for doing this not once, but twice, nearly single handedly.

Thanks also go to Kathryn for letting him have fun.

As for the cedar fish cutouts, that's another story, for another time.

Doug Briggs,

President





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Frostbite Follies - March 23, 2013

Jeff Stoeger Sandy River Chapter Vice President , owner of O2BFISHIN Guide Service and event organizer got down to his shirt due to the warm weather.. Jeff was the oarsman in the boat with chapter President Doug Briggs.

Don Voeks and Norm Ritchie caught a Chrome Bright Summer Run Steelie hen.

Dan Drazan & his sons, Isaac and Christian, had two fish on, but the first one broke off after a lengthy fight and the second tangle itself in the limbs of a tree in the water & broke off, but not before the fish showed off its aerial



Doug Briggs at Ray's Frostbite Folly with a feisty 9 lb Hatchery buck caught using s green pirate on an fast action Okuma rod and Okuma reel.

Jeff Stoeger's Clackacraft low side drift boat in the background.



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I heard the food was delish, as usual. When I asked Scott about lunch - he looked at me at then away quickly, knowing when he told me that they had chili or clam chowder bowls I would run thru a slew of feelings: sad (that I didn't get any), mad (still, that I didn't get any), and a vow that next year I am going to make sure I go, if not for the fishing, most definitely for the food.

Shout out again to the Ladies that always make sure we are not only well fed, but fed well!

Nona Bowling, Editor

Sandy River Chapter - Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday - March 13, 2013

Meeting called to order by Doug Briggs at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Larry P, Steve R, Eric N, Leslie H, Bill B, Jeff S & Howard B

Meeting minutes from prior meeting were approved. Treasurer's report submitted @ \$10,601.52

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Larry reported STEP is getting some attention from ODFW with 7/20 the Buck Creek date.
2. Howard reported good volunteer participation at acclimation ponds, which go an extra week.
3. Larry stated he is getting poor volunteer effort for the How To Clinic set for 3/25 - 8.
4. The ballot for the April Election was discussed, Jeff & Doug to contact potential candidates.
Eric agreed to take back the Director of Clothing Sales position.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Doug reported that Russell Bassett met with Trevor Storlie and got the Salmon Classic information.
Date set at 5/25 (moved to 6/1) with \$50 entry fee.
2. Jeff stated that the boat assignments are forthcoming on the Frostbite Follies set for 3/23/13.
3. The board ratified its prior agreement to provide \$2,000 to the Association defense fund on the Sandy Hatchery lawsuit brought by NFS. Funds to be disbursed on Association needs.
4. The Tillamook Fish-along date was set for October. Norm Ritchie & Jeff Stoeger to coordinate.
5. There was a discussion about using volunteer hours to determine who is invited to the Fish-along events with limited capacity. Currently there is no established method of selecting. Bill Beith confirmed the current reporting system will accommodate this need.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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Thanks

I want to thank all chapter members who participated in making the recent fishing clinic a success. The chapter got some new members and useful information was shared. We handed out information about the chapter to all who attended, and I'm sure some folks we'll see again when they return to join later.

So, thanks:



Jim Cathcart	Ed Fast
Ron Kiningham	John Hydorn
Doug Briggs	Russ Nishitani
Lonnie Thurston	Nate Honeymiller
Joe Blum	Dave Harding
Eric Koellner	Steve Childress
Jack Glass	Brandon Glass
Dean Pierce	Robert Wisher
Mel Stanislawski	Jeff Kirkman
Rob Gibbs	Howard Berg
Doug Miller	Steve Rothenbucher
Art Israelson	Kathryn Israelson

And that guy who helped out but whose' name I forgot to write down and is now angry at me.



Welcome new members!

15th Annual Sandy River Spring Chinook Classic

When: Saturday - June 1st

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Any river in OR & WA

Any legal method

Weigh-- in @ 4:00 P.M.

Early Dinner

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Contact: Doug Briggs
503-729-2023
doug@leewens.com

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Spring Chinook Acclamation Pond - *Update*

Our group of 12 volunteers put in 122 hours and traveled 1,317 miles on this project.

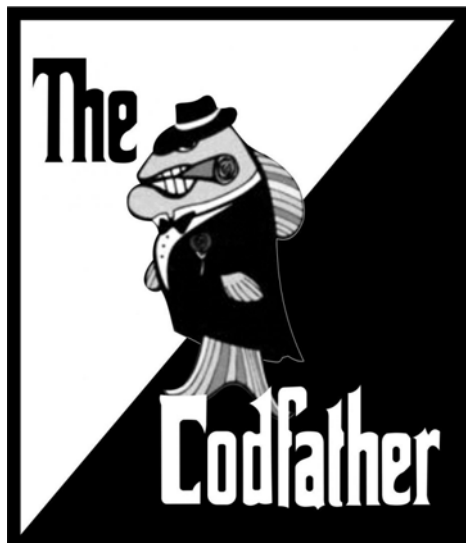
I don't know what the schedule will be for any future Spring Chinook acclamation pond projects, but I will let you know for those who are still interested in helping out.

Thanks, it was great working with such a fine group of volunteers.

Howard Berg

Giggle.....

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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 _____

Event _____

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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.

Fish Tales

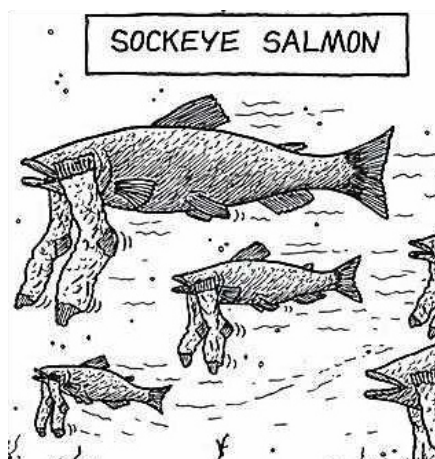


Landed this bright hatchery hen on the Clackamas River just above Carver in mid-February. She fell to a 1/8 ounce pink First Bite jig on what was to be the last cast of the day.

Dan Drazan

2013 Salmon Quest: Give back to the resource while having fun!

This year's Salmon Quest will take place April 20. You don't want to miss out on this exciting tournament! A full day of fishing for spring Chinook followed by an informal dinner and the awards presentation. **Seats are filling quickly so reserve your spot today!** Register [online](#) or call the office, 503-653-4176



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Mark Anderson

Stream Team Update

Firstly I'd like to thank all of you who have volunteered to be members of the Sandy River Chapter **Stream Team**! We have a couple projects in the process of being organized and I am working on a third one for late fall.

The first intended project will be improving cover habitat for juvenile fish in Beaver Creek by placing bundles of old Christmas trees. These give the young fish a place to hide from predatory birds, and a place for insects that the fish eat to grow. At this time Steve Rothenbucher is hard at work looking into the details of getting the trees and getting them transported. If you have any contacts with a big truck, please let him know. Steve's contact info is [503-257-0039](tel:503-257-0039) srothenbucher@clear.net.

Trees would be moved probably in the next month or so and placed in stream in early June. We looking over other details to coordinate the exact day now.

The Buck Creek fish passage project is set for July 20th. This is a simple project, but involves removing rocks from jump pools below the culvert by hand. We'll be in the water a bit, so bring your boots, and grip type work gloves. If you have some 5-gallon buckets bring a couple of those too, I'm trying to get a supply of those as well. From doing similar projects in the past I have found that the "human chain" method of passing buckets along is the simplest, safest, and least tiring way to get this job done. There will be a nice camp style hot lunch served by Joe Blum so please call me ahead of time or send me an email so we can get the head count right. [503-286-2093](tel:503-286-2093) palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

The lunch will be good, and for all you workers it will be free! Who says "*there is no free lunch?*"

To be a part of this project, be in the parking lot at Glenn Otto Park at 7:45 Saturday the 20th.

About those lunches...the chapter will pay for the food for all such events, but in order to save funds we could use donations of serviceable cooking gear for camp style cooking, a propane stove that's easy to transport, ice chests, and so forth. So go look out in your garage, and see if that thing you bought to go camping and only used twice is still in your way. If so, contact

Maybe you forgot - but there are still plenty of dinner seats available for the 15th Annual Chapter Banquet

This is a longstanding annual event and to keep the tradition alive - ***you need to attend!***

It is great food and the auction is great fun and cool stuff!

Only \$17 per person - Contact: Mike Myrick @ mcmifishandivote@msn.com

Auction items: Fishing trip for 2 with Guides: Fast, Glass, Pierce, Glass & Stoeger (Choose by Guide, by species or by river) Wright McGill Fishing Rods, His or her haircuts, knives, bark (for your yard), Gore Tex rain gear and more...

Sandy River Chapter Stream Team

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We can always use YOU! Join up today.

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Upcoming Events

Chapter Election

April 3rd Membership Meeting
Sam Cox Building—7:00 P.M.

Fishing Clinic On-Stream Session

Saturday - April 6th
6:00 A.M.
Sam Cox Building
Contact: Leslie Hinea - 503-653-4176

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

Buck Creek Fish Passage Project

Saturday - July 20th 7:00 A.M.
Contact: Larry Palmer 503-286-2093
Meet @ Glenn Otto Parking Lot

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

Donate Tackle to the River Ambassador Program



The next RAP event for our returning war veterans is set for May 17-19. Each wounded warrior goes home with a rod, reel, line and tackle, and we are soliciting donations of quality used tackle.

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