



**April
2017**

Our Mission Statement

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

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Meetings

April 5

Sandy River Chapter of the NW Steelheaders
Meet & Greet 6:30 to 7:00pm

Meeting:: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR

Guest Speaker: Board Elections as well as some great How-To mini-workshops. It will be a great time to join us

April 12

Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders board meeting

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Izzys Pizza - 1307 NE 102nd Avenue, Portland OR



Events / Workshops

April 1

ODFW Family Fishing Event - youth only

April 8

Fin Clipping Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery

ODFW Family Fishing Event - Shorty's Pond

April 15

Bank Fish-A-Long - Contact Jim Cathcart

ODFW Family Fishing Event - St Louis Ponds

April 22

ODFW Family Fishing Event - Trojan Pond

May 6

ODFW Family Fishing Event - Sheridn Pond

A Special Thank you By Larry Palmer

I'd like to thanks all of the Sandy river chapter volunteers who participated in making the Feb. 25th ODFW Steehead 101 Workshop a resounding success. Everything ran smoothly, on time and to the complete satisfaction of the ODFW representative there. The class was full as usual with 30 students who are invited to our Chapter fish along on Saturday, March 4th. Meet at Glenn Otto Park at 8 AM and help them get off on the right foot !

Nineteenth Annual Auction and Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, May 3th, 2017 at 5:30 PM Sam Cox Building at Glen Otto Park, Troutdale

The May meeting is as usual on the first Wednesday but the rest of the details are not usual! This is a fun night to socialize. It will feature the annual chapter auction and **a great potluck dinner**. The doors open at 5:30 (earlier than our other meetings) with the silent auction which runs till 7:30. Dinner will start at 6:00, finishing with dessert by 6:45. The live auction starts at 7:15. The evening usually wraps up about 8:30 to 8:45.

People are welcome to come for the oral auction but don't miss out on the dinner. We have a lot of talented cooks in our chapter providing salads, main dishes, and side dishes and this will culminate with the famous Robert Wisner desserts. Of course the chapter will provide coffee, water, and soft drinks. There will be no charge for dinner, however we do encourage donations as this event is a fundraiser.

We need all dinner participants to fill in and submit the following form in order to let us know how much beverages and desserts will be needed. - Or call Leslie Hydorn at 503-255-0600 or email at LeslieHydorn@gmail.com . Please provide the form or contact Leslie so we have the information no later than April, 24, 2017. If you include a donation check, we will provide a receipt for your donation. Come dressed the way you normally come to our chapter meetings.

Our hall will only seat 80 people for a meal so please place your order soon to insure you will have a seat and to give us an accurate head count.

Anyone wishing to join us by contributing a dish please submit the form below. Also a signup sheet will be available at the April 5th meeting.

Your auction purchases help raise funds for our chapter's projects during the coming year, so bring your family and your checkbook!

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.

Since the chapter is part of a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, items donated to our auction are tax deductible, and we will provide a receipt for all donations.

Sandy River Chapter, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
5/3/2017 Auction Dinner Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preregistration must be received by April, 24, 2017 to insure adequate number of meals.

Number of Member dinners: _____ Number of Children & Guest dinners: _____

Make dinner donation checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS
and/or bring (check one box) ☐ Main Dish, ☐ Side Dish, ☐ Salad

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One Last Cast Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

Focus. When I grew up as a kid, my cousins, teachers, religious educators, den mothers and friends' parents found me to be, well annoying. I was fidgety, impulsive, hyperactive and excited. I couldn't sit still to save my life. Don't get me wrong, I was well liked — even by most of my cousins — but the point is, I didn't color between the lines. Fortunately, my Mother was there to defend me and thwart off many explosions. What does this have to do with fishing, you ask? Nothing. Except, to prove my point. Oh, and to write about being focused in your fishing. I probably spend as much time getting ready to go fishing as I do actually fishing. More time probably. I will be down in the man-cave with my rods and tackle laid out; trying to decide how to rig up for tomorrow's trip. Do I bring my jig rod? What about my drift rod? What if I want to throw a spinner? What about experimenting from the bank with that bobber dogging technique



"Focus has its rewards!"

(see the article by Brad Halverson in the January 2017 edition of this newsletter)?

I end up bringing 3 to 4 rods and my backpack bursting at the seams. And then end up only fishing one rod. Fortunately, opportunity knocked and I had a chance to self-arrest. Fellow chapter member, let's call him John (because that is his name), invited me along to fish out of his drift boat on the lower Sandy. Hmmm, this is an opportunity to be focused. So, I brought only 3 rods on our first trip

and only 2 rods on our second trip and only 1 rod on our third trip since our host that day (Larry) had

rods we could borrow.

Okay, focus does not mean bringing less rods. Focus means having a plan for when and where to fish those rods. Focus means sticking to the plan. Some of the best water for bobber dogging on the Dabney to Lewis & Clark float is just below the boat ramp at Dabney. That was my focus. I also rigged up just like the guides do when bobber dogging — a tandem rig with a yarnie up high trailed by a pegged bead. Then cover the water. I first took a sucker on the bead and then a pikeminnow on the yarnie. Fishing too soft of water. I increased the size of my bobber and added a bit of weight so I could fish the heavier water. (The river was at 11.25', 4,000 cfs and 42 degrees). On my one-thousandth cast, at the end of the drift, the peach/orange yarnie got bit and with John's heroics with the net, we landed my first ever steelhead bobber dogging. Focus.



Swap, Sell, or Tell

A swap meet/sales event



- **Where**– Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park,
1102 Historic East Columbia River Hwy., Troutdale Oregon
- **When**- Saturday July 15th, 2017 9 AM - 6 PM
- **What's it all about**- A fun fundraising event to support City of Troutdale parks facilities, youth fishing education and stream conservation efforts by the Sandy River Chapter, NW Steelheaders. There will be fishing and outdoor gear, steelhead rigging demos, hand made crafts, food, local businesses, and more !
- **How it's organized**– reserve your 72"x36" table for just \$25. At your table you may sell items, swap items or advertise your business.
- The table reservation is your only cost. There are no other fees .
- Got a boat to sell? Spaces in the parking lot are the same \$25 fee! Display your boat in person to the many interested attendees . Spots are limited. Reserve in advance.

Admission for the general public is FREE !

Do you have items to donate for sale to support our youth fishing and conservation efforts? Wish to reserve your table?

Contact Larry Palmer at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

The Feb 25th Workshop

Once again our ODFW Steelhead Workshop was a resounding success due to the excellent team of volunteers assembled for this effort. There was a new version of the class manual, and slight revisions of content for topics covered, but basically it was very similar to our past Workshop efforts.

The day sped by as it normally does, once again featuring the popular lunch by Kathryn and Art Israelson and , and stellar snacks by Robert Wisher.

There is always a lot of content to cover, but Terri Boughton kept it all running on time.



Steve Rothenbucher makes a point about the right kind of rod and reel to use and Tim Heath lets students know about the importance of ODFW regulations



Everything the students needed to practice knots and rig up with different techniques was in zip lock bags provided at check in. Even needle nosed pliers used to de-barb a hook as these two students are doing.

The most enjoyable part of the Workshop was the March 4th fish along. Students and chapter volunteers met at Glenn Otto Park to go practice what had been learned, and hands-on from old pros stream side. Many of the groups that teamed up simply walked down to the river from the parking lot and got to it. One of our members, Rob Bitney, even caught a bright steelhead with a bobber and jig at the top of the hole opposite Tads Chicken and Dumpling Restaurant ! Now that's showing them how !!

For many students it was their first steelhead trip. Turning the classroom experience into actual hands on with experienced guidance....it can't be beat.



ODFW sent Jenny Ammon to the Workshop to see our team in action. She was very pleased and impressed with how well everything went.

Here chapter member Rick Pare explains the check in procedure and the handing out of those very important zip lock bags of gear.



As is normally the case, we had some students that traveled a long way to attend the Workshop. Kayla and Crystal, drove all the way from Cottage Grove! They rigged up after class was over and headed on down to the stream to get in some casts too.

The purpose of the Steelhead Workshop is to introduce people to steelhead fishing or increase their skills under the guidance of experienced chapter members. Several of the students were kids, and here 11 year old Max, shows that he has got it down. Right spot, right method, right gear . Look out steelhead !



Sign Up Now April 15, 2017 Bank Fish-A-Long

Looking for an excuse to go fishing? Then sign up for the next Bank-Fish-A-Long, Saturday, April 15th. April is a transition month on the Sandy River; an opportunity to chase late run winter steelhead or encounter an early summer run or spring Chinook.

DETAILS; Optional breakfast begins at 6:00 am. Scheduled Fish-A-Long begins at 7:30 am and runs through 1:30 pm. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!** To register: Send an email to Jim Cathcart, ornavigator@hotmail.com. Please include "Sandy River April 15th Bank-Fish-A-Long Registration" in the subject line. Please include your name, phone number and your preferred method of fishing. Participants are expected to come prepared with all your tackle for the day, your fishing license for 2017 (including the endorsement stamp and harvest tag), rain gear, layers and a lunch. Waders are preferred because they allow you to cover more water. That is key to success. A wading staff and life jacket are good items if you have them.

MENTORS WANTED: — Want to help out? I am looking for experienced bank fisherfolk to lead a small group of 4 to 5 anglers for this event. **TO SIGN UP,** please contact Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com. Indicate the stretch of river you would like to take the group to and the fishing techniques you want to focus up on.

QUESTIONS: Call Jim Cathcart at (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106 or email Jim at ornavigator@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The year started off with a bang and volunteers have been busy. Sandy River volunteers participated at the Boat Show and the booth and Kids Fish Pond at the Sportsman's Show. Many came to help instruct participants and lend a hand at our February 25th Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop and Fish-along. Plus they were busy feeding the smolts at the acclimation pond. We've been busy indeed.

A big thank you to all volunteers for lending your time and talent. You truly make a difference!
VOLUNTEER HOURS

Month	Hours
January	286.50
February	841.00
Total 2017	1,127.50

If you have not yet turned in your volunteer hours for January and February, there is still time. Please email to bbetzer@wayne-dalton.com so we can include your hours in the totals.

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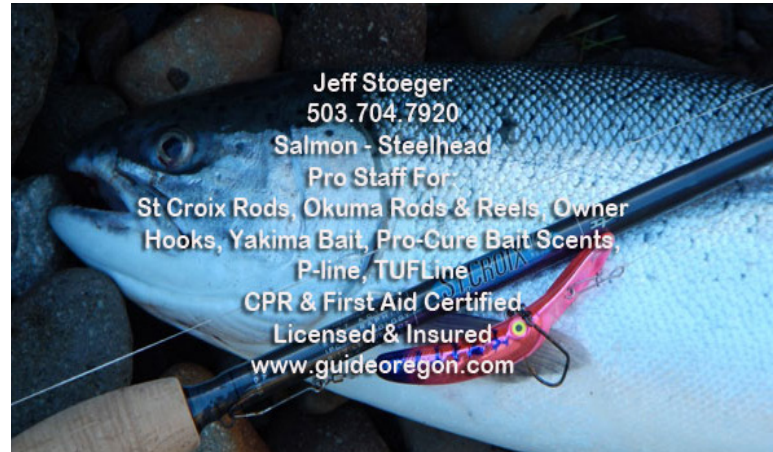
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