



# Sandy Steelheader

**Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders**  
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May 2007

## In Memoriam: Ray Hinea 1955 -2007

Ray Hinea past president and always active leader in our chapter passed away April 5, 2007 due to complications from cancer. Ray's presence in our organization was one of leader, friend, and a positive force for the improvement of the status of salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest.

Ray's sharp wit and infectious laugh were always a highlight to any get together. He always had something positive to say when it came to the contributions of his fellow members.

As I stated at the memorial, the thing I will remember the most about Ray



is his compassion and connection to others. He was keenly aware of those who needed assistance and always sought to help them out. One time I was in need of help on a trip on the Deschutes. I had just purchased my first drift boat and had never run it on water like the Deschutes. I was nervous and Ray picked up on this fact. When we put in everyone else shot down river perhaps hoping to pick up any gear that floated by after I flipped in the first rapid. Ray on the other hand waited back and watched over me for the majority of the day. He always volunteered at the kids with cancer camp to help the families put the pain of their disease aside for a little while and try a little fishing. The steelheaders and the whole northwest has lost a great person and he will be sorely missed. For me Ray's memory is an inspiration to provide leadership, help others, and do everything I can to make this world better for this generation and all that follow.- -

Eric Neiwert

On April 14th we gathered at Camp Angelos for a Life Celebration for Ray Hinea. As people arrive for this occasion we soon found out how many people Ray had touched in his short time with us. There was about 250 plus at this celebration. As people were mingling around and talking with each other about how they knew Ray, it was clear to see that Ray was a very outgoing guy. We heard Ray's life story from friends and family; how Ray was a very accomplished musician and loved to play the bass as well as the harmonica. Ray was a fire fighter, educator musician, fishing guide and an attorney. Ray loved to be in the outdoors. He loved to hike, hunt and fish. These were the things that he loved to do most. He and Leslie would take hikes as many photos showed the two of them together. Ray found out about two and half years ago that he had cancer. Ray shared this news with us. The doctors told Ray that he had about three months. Ray wouldn't put up with this diagnoses. He went in for treatments right away and was going to fight until it was cured. After the first set of treatments, Ray showed some great improvements and things started to look up. The cancer was shrinking in

size, but the side effects of the treatment was making him sick. Ray was a fighter and never gave up. He tried all types of treatment. Over the past two and half years, Ray tried every treatment possible to beat this disease. Ray passed away on April 5th. This chapter has lost a great friend and family member, and we will miss him. Ray was very involved with the Steelheaders. He served this chapter in many ways. He served on the board as a director, he then became President. After serving as President of our chapter, Ray talked Leslie into working with him as Auction coordinators. They took the bull by the horns and man handled it. Leslie did all the hard work by listing and organizing everything and Ray found out that he had another calling if his job every fell through. He became the chapters official auctioneer. Ray loved to fish and there was no doubt about it. Ray shared with me, that his greatest pleasure was working the Kids with Cancer week at Camp Angelos. I remember talking with him during one of session of the Kids with Cancer Camp, how much he cared for each child that was there. He gave each child his utmost attention. He had passion for these kids because he cared. Ray realized how important it was for us to be there. To share in the moment when a child catches their first trout ever and to see the smile that beams across their face. This is what is important. Ray greatest treasure will be the **Frostbite Follies**. Ray and his counterparts were part of a group of guys who decided to float the Sandy in early January. The weather was extremely bad. There was ice and snow and it was very cold out. They made this maiden voyage and since then it has continued. Ray took part in this event every year. This was the first year that Ray wasn't able to fish, but was able to make the luncheon part. Ray was very proud of this event and took ownership with pride. The chapter will rename this event in Rays honor. Leslie would like to thank everyone for there tremendous support and help. Sincerely, Jeff Stoeger

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## May Guest speakers: Todd Alsbury, and Doug Cramer ODFW and PGE fish biologists

Todd Alsbury and Doug Cramer will be on hand to share with the chapter the plans that are in place for the removal of Marmot dam. Todd is the ODFW district fish biologist and Doug is the PGE biologist. As many of you are aware the dam is scheduled to come out this year. For years the dam has been a sorting facility to keep hatcheries from straying up into the wild fish habitat above the dam. The broodstock program that was started in the Sandy basin was designed to address the problems of hatchery strays getting up into the upper basin. Todd will focus on what ODFW is currently doing and what its future plans are for the Sandy and its fish stocks. Doug will likely focus on the actual removal of the dam. This is an important meeting to attend.

## Join The Mailing List!

The Sandy Chapter email mailing list is back!

After a long hiatus the mailing list for the Sandy river chapter has been re-established. We can use this mailing list to send messages to other steelheaders in the chapter. Start a discussion, ask a question, make an announcement, or use it to hook up with fellow steelheaders to go fishing. To get subscribed simply send an email to

mailinglist-request@sandysteelheaders.org in the body of the message type the word "subscribe" without the quote marks. This mailing list is totally safe and moderated. Your email address won't end up on a spam list and it won't be given to anyone else so use it with confidence.

## Refreshment schedule

Patty Housley	May-07
Rex McIntire	Jun-07
	Jul-07
No meeting	Aug-07
Joy Gannett	Sep-07
Howard Anderson	Oct-07
	Nov-07
Chapter Ban/Auc	Dec-07

If any one would like to bring refreshment for the general meetings, we have a couple of months that are open.

## Clackamas river cleanup

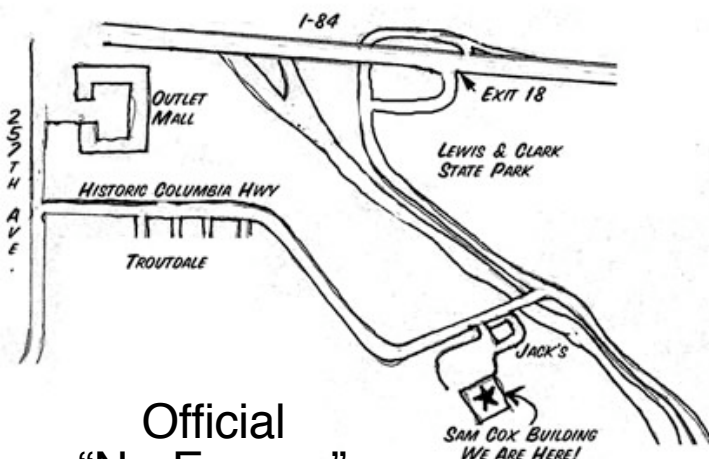
I had been asked by members who missed out last year to let you know when the next big Clackamas River Cleanup will take place. This event, coordinated by the Clackamas River Council will be on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Be sure to mark your

event calendars for this one.

Those who attended the event last year enjoyed a BBQ dinner and live band along with a lot of other good people after the cleanup. The cleanup itself had a bit of fun competition to see who would find the biggest, strangest, etc. trash.

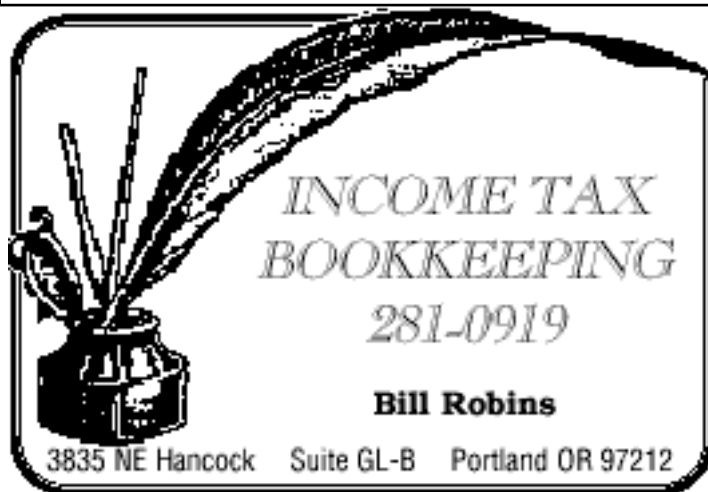
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## SANDY STEELHEADER'S CALENDAR

April 28 Spring river cleanup 8:00 am Glenn Otto park  
May 2 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto  
May 19 Spring fish along  
June 6 General Meeting 7:30 pm Sam Cox building Glenn Otto

July 14 Chapter Picnic

Board meetings are open to any and all members who wish to attend and express their ideas or to increase their involvement.





## In memory of Ray Hinea



## New member clinic and field trip successful

Several months back Larry Palmer suggested to Jeff Stoeger and myself that in order to attract new members it might be a good idea to offer a clinic in fishing for winter steelhead. One of the essential parts to this clinic was to hold a "field trip" where experienced anglers take the new members out and show them different locations on the river that they might try exploring and demonstrate fishing techniques and what holding water looks like for steelhead. This is just what we did over the course of two meetings and a Saturday. It appears that we gained at least six new members from this effort and that these members likely will be active and involved in chapter activities. The field trip was the real treat for this clinic though.

We assembled at Glenn Otto park on April 21 at 6:30 in the morning. The first thing that had to happen was for the gate to be opened. Once that occurred we circled up and introduced ourselves and talked a little about the current state of the fisheries on the Sandy. Then it was off to try doing a little casting at the top of Glenn Otto. After some short discussion about how to effectively fish with bobber and jig and a knot tying demonstration from new member Ed Fast we jumped in the van and headed up to Oxbow park.

At the park we took a look at Hosner and had a short discussion about ethical fishing and then hiked down to the river bottom between Hosner and the YMCA camp. After a short demonstration on drift fishing and how to approach a run several different members spread out and tried their hands at fishing the run. The lucky angler of the day was new member Rob Gibbs who hooked up with his first steelhead. After a short but spirited fight the fish broke Rob off. But needless to say he was pleased. Ed Fast did a great job of getting Rob to get out and cast into the run and then coach him on playing the fish.

I would have liked to have shown members more spots to fish but unfortunately there is only so much time to see new spots and actually try fishing. In all it was a great time and I believe we have some great new members on board. Members in attendance were Howard Anderson, Mike Myrick, Keith Stockbauer, Tom Gemelli, Bob Lane, Robert Gibbs, Ed Fast, Leo Call, Larry Palmer, Mitch Webb, and Eric Neiwert



Ed Fast coaches Rob Gibbs in playing a steelhead

## Chapter elections

Greetings chapter members. A situation, which must be addressed immediately, has been brought to my attention. When I attended the last Association Excom (Executive Committee) meeting, I was asked when the results of our chapter officers election would be forwarded to the Assn. When I stated that our elections last year were for three year terms, the result was completely unexpected. I was informed the Bylaws of the Assn. and chapters were identical, and that the articles concerning elections dictate chapter elections shall be held each year during the April general membership meeting. We mistakenly thought elections were for three years, when, in fact, the bylaw states, "No officer shall serve more than three consecutive years in the same office". While we thought we were in compliance because our officers were not serving more than three consecutive years, the actual rule is that officers may not serve more than three one year terms. Examples like this and other problems show why officers are expected to attend an Assn. administered training class during the annual May board meeting. One item addressed in the class is bylaws.

To rectify this situation, a nominating committee, consisting of five chapter members not currently holding officer or director positions, has prepared a slate of nominees for election to the positions of Chapter Officers and Directors. Rex McIntire and Mike Myrick polled each officer and director to learn if that person would or would not allow his name to be placed in nomination for re-election. Each person answered the question in the affirmative. The nominating committee was advised of this result, whereupon the currently serving officers and directors names were placed on the election slate. This slate is being distributed to chapter members via this email, as well as in the newsletter, which will be printed and distributed hopefully by Wednesday the 25th. The election of officers and directors will be held during our up-coming general membership meeting May 2. Prior to the election, the slate of nominees will be submitted to the general membership, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, providing the nominee has agreed to allow his or her name to be placed in nomination. Those elected will serve until the next election, to be held at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting in April, 2008.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S ELECTION SLATE

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## Kulongoski proposes Marine reserves

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski has instructed the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council to devise over the next year a state proposal for a network of marine reserves along the Oregon coastline, in addition to examining efforts to accommodate wave energy production and aquaculture in Oregon.

"It is essential that you develop and communicate a clear set of goals and objectives for creating a network of marine reserves along the Oregon coast," Kulongoski said in a letter to the Council. "I have watched with interest as the State of California has worked to create a system of marine protected areas. I think there is much to learn from California's experience and I encourage you to actively engage...with their work on this."

In December 2005, Kulongoski proposed designating Oregon's entire coast as a National Marine Sanctuary in a unique federal-state partnership to provide long-term stewardship of the ocean ecosystems.

In his letter, the governor commended OPAC for their interim report examining the proposal and encouraged the Council to continue their dialogue with the federal government.

But he also noted that outstanding questions indicate that the state should also pursue independent preservation initiatives.

OPAC's efforts, Kulongoski said, will complement the regional partnership between California, Washington and Oregon to collaboratively address ocean health issues that was announced in September 2006, letting the Council draw on the work of Washington to designate a marine sanctuary and California's recent designation of 29 marine reserves.

Kulongoski directed OPAC to give particular attention to four issues while devising the network of marine reserves:

- Coordinate with the Department of State Lands, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the National Wildlife Service Refuge Branch, the Science and Technical Advisory Committee, and other relevant state and federal agencies on establishing a clear set of goals and objectives that meet their needs for resource management and protection;
- Recommend how to broaden public awareness about ocean issues and seek public input on establishing the marine reserves;
- Identify "special places" worthy of protection with the Territorial Sea; and
- Consider alternate methods for designating marine reserves in Oregon, including the National Marine Sanctuary mechanism.

In addition, Kulongoski asked OPAC to continue their efforts proposals to develop wave energy resources and to offer input on federal plans to expand aquaculture off the Oregon coast. Reprinted with permission from Columbia Basin Bulletin

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## Another late spring run looks possible

The lower Columbia River has been closed to fishing this week as state fishery managers await surer signs of the strength of this year's upriver spring chinook salmon run.

For the third year in a row, the spring chinook run toward hatcheries and spawning grounds above Bonneville Dam in Idaho, Oregon and Washington appears to be lagging.

Historically, the number of chinook passing Bonneville would be at or near their peak right about now. The 10-year average count at the dam through April 17 is 44,528. This year the count through that date was only 4,326 adult spring chinook.

But, there are signs of life. That 2007 total includes 1,245 chinook that passed the dam on Tuesday, April 17, and 804 on Monday. Since breaking into double digits (10) on April 5, the daily counts

have steadily increased.

And on Wednesday, the daily count climbed to 1,643 adult spring chinook.

The puzzling trend of late upriver spring chinook arrivals during the past two years indicates that good things can happen. Only 216 chinook had been counted at Bonneville through April 17 last year; the final count was 126,158. In 2005, 1,061 fish had been counted through that date and 97,397 adult fish eventually passed the dam (spring chinook counts continue through June 15).

Read more by going to <http://www.cbbulletin.com/Free>

## Association Page

### Hall of Fame Banquet Auction - A Great Night



The Steelheader volunteers at the event and those who worked on it for months earlier are responsible for the success. Gary Benson's planning and marketing effort really paid off and Grant McOmie was a great auctioneer.

Those who contributed greatly to the Steelheader

mission were honored: Member of the year, Dick Henningsen; Chapter of the year, SW Oregon; President's Awards, Sharon Schaub, Ted Fountain; Hall of Fame Foot Soldier, Karen Kaiser; Hall of Fame Celebrity, Jennie Logsdon-Martin.

### Steelheaders Moving the Needle for Fish

The NW Steelheaders is structured to provide for fish and sport fisheries at every level. Chapters and their local members provide thousands of hours of volunteer service in their local streams and communities while the Association Executive Committee (elected by chapters) takes on the advocacy role from local to state to federal issues affecting your sport fisheries.

**Todd Crawford** (TV Chapter) represented the Steelheaders in Washington DC seeking fish and wildlife funding for Oregon. Now we need to insure appropriations are properly allocated for fish and riparian habitat.

**President Marc Davis** teamed with NWF's James Schroeder at Oregon's Capital in support of SB 373, a renewable energy standard for Oregon before the Senate and House Environment committee chairs

**Development Director Greg Harlow** testified before the Joint Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy committee in support of Senate Bill 432 to protect Oregon's bays from pollutants and invasive species from ship breaking. Greg has since formed a coalition with the NWF affiliates in California, Texas, and Virginia taking opposition of wet ship breaking to the National level.

**Executive Director Norm Ritchie** worked with NWF staff to create a national resolution supporting Klamath River dam removal and meeting in stream needs in managing irrigation diversion. This resolution was approved unanimously by all NWF affiliates at the annual meeting in Washington DC.

**Marc Davis, Norm Ritchie, and Greg Harlow** visited the Washington DC offices of all Oregon legislators to address global warming, and issues important to chapters

within the legislators districts. These topics were: the Salmon Planning Act; Sea Lion Predation on salmon and

management under the Marine Mammal Act (Congressman Greg Walden has signed on as co-sponsor of the Baird & Hastings

Resolution to streamline MMPA section 120 for salmon protection). Other Oregon legislators are considering their support for this as well. Wilderness designation for the Copper River area (headwaters of the Elk and Sixes) and for the headwaters of Mount Hood Forest basins from the Clackamas & Sandy Rivers to the west and Fifteen Mile Creek to the east; and coal bed methane drilling in the Coos Bay drainage.

**Steelheader Lobbyist Phil Donovan** and his Associate Paul Rainey gathered Steelheaders volunteers for Lobby Day in Oregon's Capital. Marc Davis (TV Chapter) and Art Israelson, Larry Beaver, and Mike Myrick (Sandy Chapter) were the only volunteers who responded to the Lobby Day announcement about a month earlier. We had hoped for much greater chapter participation as in past legislative sessions but thanks to Phil's orchestrations, we still had a good impact.

### Magazine Distribution Coordinator Needed

There are several chapters with volunteers delivering Steelheader magazines to stores. Some stores run out while others have volunteers from different chapters trying to stock the same display. We need a volunteer to coordinate magazine distribution. This is an easy job that is mostly communication with chapter volunteers via phone or computer. Let Chris Keller at the office know if you can help: [ckeller@nwsteelheaders.org](mailto:ckeller@nwsteelheaders.org) or 503-653-4176. Does this paragraph look familiar to you? Good, that proves you have what it takes to do this job. This was posted last month with nobody responding, while this is about the easiest volunteer position we have posted. It fills a real need to improve our public outreach and efficiency.

### NWF Presentation at May Board Meeting

The NWF Annual Meeting's keynote presentations were very inspirational. Steelheaders there could only wish that all their fellow members could experience it as well. In a way, you can. We will present a video of Keynote presentations before and during the board meeting lunch break. All chapters are to be represented by the chapter president or a designated officer, and this meeting will include special training sessions for chapter officers from your Executive Committee and from NWF.



### Membership Report

Keith Stockbauer joined our group last month. Keith lives in Gresham.

Please introduce your self when you see these new members at our meetings, let's make this club known for its friendliness.

Howard Berg



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