

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!

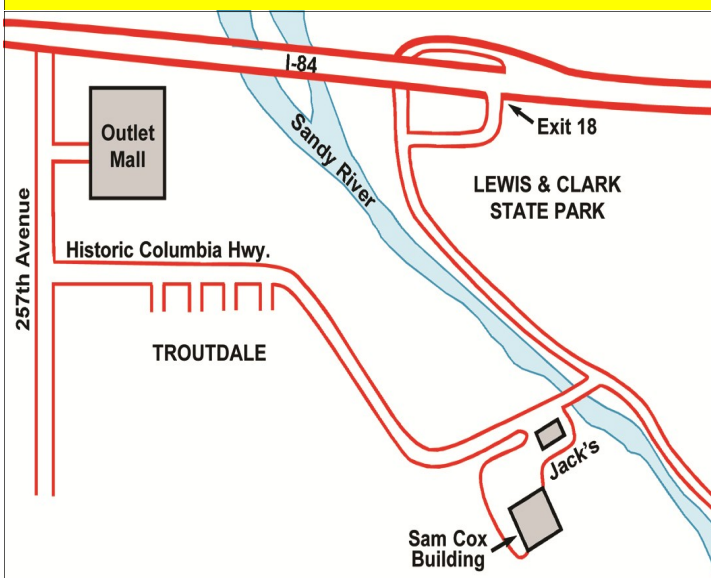
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This months' program

Banquet & Auction May 2nd Meeting.

The chapter will hold our annual banquet and auction in place of a general meeting. The dinner will start around 6:00 pm and end around 7:00 pm with a 15 to 20 minute break to get every thing set up for the auction. If you plan to come only to the auction portion of the event, we would like to have you come around 7:00 pm. This will give us time to clean up after dinner. I hope to see you all their. We have a lot of great stuff up for auction.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of May. That's the 2nd !



Our Chapter Officers-

President: John Hydorn- 503 255-0600
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President's Note The Results from the April Election.

We held the chapter's annual election of officer's, and we have elected a new President and Vice President. Our new President is John Hydorn and the new Vice President is Doug Briggs. The Chapter also has a new Step coordinator. Joe Blum said he would like to fill that position because Larry Palmer had to step down because of change in his work schedule. I want to thank Joe for stepping up and taking over. We also have a new River Clean up director. Russ Sumida said that he would take over for Tom Gemelli who is also stepping down. Thank you Larry and Tom for your commitment and support to the chapter. When you see these guy's make sure that you congratulate them. I wish you all the best.

The Chapter's Email Blast Address Please Read.

The chapter has created a email address that sole purpose was to notify the chapter's membership of important issue and very important topics that needed to be address either politically about fishing or things that pertained to the Sandy River. Also the important issue's that the association needs to get out to all the association membership. This email address is not to be used for personal gains or soliciting service or sales of items. It's important that we use this email address for it main purpose. So if you have some thing that you would like to share or solicit, please don't use this email address. You can share all your thoughts and idea's in the news letter. If you have any question please fill free to call me at 503-704-7920.

River clean up scheduled for May 12th.

There is a river clean up scheduled for May 12th. We will send out a email blast to notify every one who wasn't able to attend the May meeting to respond and get signed up for volunteering. There will be a no host breakfast at Dea's starting at 7:00 am and the actual clean up time will start at 9:00 am at Glen Otto park. We will clean Glen Otto, Lewis and Clark Boat ramp and Dabney park. So please sign up and clean up our parks.

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.

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**April 18, 2012**

Present: Eric K, Steve C, Colonel T, Jeff S, Tom M, John - call me
Mr. President - H, Doug twisted flasher B, Jeff K, Howard B, Leslie
H, Joe B, Russ S and Bea H.

6:35 begin

(Any resemblance to these minutes and the actual meeting are purely
accidental)

I. GENERAL

1. New board members were welcomed to this select group: John Hydorn
- president, Doug Briggs - VP and Russ Sumida - director.
New board members offered to pick up the pizza tab for future
meetings and hand off to Colonel when appropriate.

2. Leslie updated the auction details: as usual items are coming in
at the last minute. She still hopes to have 50+/- silent bid items
and 15+/- oral items and 25 grab bags. Donations are still coming
in daily. Leslie is contemplating offering some prints as door
prizes. On 5/2 the hall will be open for setting up at 1:00 with
the dinner beginning at 6:00 followed by the auction around 7:15.
Jeff S will again act as the auctioneer, and Bill will again be in
charge of issuing bid cards.

3. Our next river clean-up is scheduled for 5/12 with a 7:00 A.M. no
host breakfast at Dea's and the event beginning at 9:00 in the Glen
Otto parking lot. There was some discussion regarding acquiring
safety vest for participants. Jeff K will look into purchase
costs. Keep in mind that the chapter is responsible for two clean-
ups a year in lieu of paying the city a substantial fee for using the
hall. So member help/participation at these clean-ups is important.

4. Actual board positions -read that as director responsibilities
discussed as follows: Jeff K - chapter speakers; Jeff S - "table"
fund raiser; Leslie H - auction; Joe B - newsletter and STEP; Russ S
- clean-ups; Eric K - sales; Steve C and Howard B - membership
directors.

5. While there will be another Ducky Derby 7/21, at this time few
details are known or even who is in charge. Stay tuned.

6. Regarding contacting the city concerning hall use, Howard is the
contact person with Jeff S as a back-up.

7. Our popular chapter picnic is planned for 7/28 at - a sign up
sheet will be available. The fee for adults will be \$5 and \$2 for
children. This fee will be refunded at the picnic but is intended to
cover related food costs.

8. The fall fish-a-long is being planned but no date has yet been
set. Norm will check tides, etc. and make a decision later.

9. The chapter will purchase one premier table for the fall 11/10
association banquet.

10. Be alerted to the fact that chapter email blasts are for
chapter business only.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

1. Because Mike was vacationing in the south of France with our
funds, no report is available.

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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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2. Howard was sleeping and unable to give a current member count.

8:15 ended

(Board Meeting Minutes con't.)

Snap one snap on your ready to go K-fish/Flatfish type lure that is ready to go.

Snap a 2 oz. sinker into the snap swivel on the end of your "Rod line" and cast it out below the boat. Once it is on the rivers' bottom, take the free snap on the end of your leader line and snap it **over** the line running out from your rod. Carefully let the K-Fish down into the water. The current will pull it out and slide it right down to those two beads on your line. You are fishin' now!

Hey, before you let it out did you do these things?

Sharpen the hooks

Check to make sure the plug ran true *with the wrap on it*

Apply extra scent

I let the plugs work for 30 minutes, bring them in and check for grass, hit them with extra scent and put them back out. After an hour, I put on fresh wraps.

We had a total of 4 "sniffs" at our lures. Two were quick taps that did not continue. Two kept at it. We let them taste until they pulled the rod down hard and began to pull off line. Then I picked up the rod and set the hook. Striking too early usually means a lost fish.

I think this simple method has a lot in common with plunking that is often an underrated method. They share a common feature in carefully observing the current and fish traveling lanes, and stealthily putting your rig right in those lanes.

It may be simple, but it works!

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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,

Howard Berg

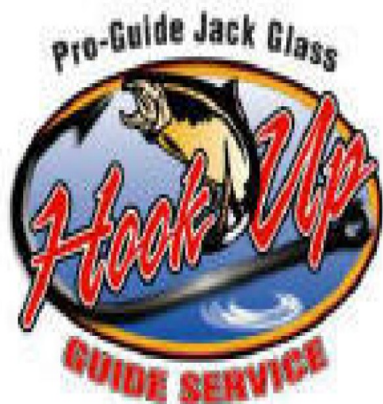


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The Spring Sandy River Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012.

We will meet at Glenn Otto Park in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. For the early birds there is a no host breakfast planned at 7:00 a.m. at Dee's in Gresham. Hope you can make it.

On Wednesday May 2, 2012 I will pass around a sign up sheet for members to volunteer for this event.

The chapter will provide the tools: gloves, trash grabbers and SOLV plastic bags for the waste collected from our clean-up areas.

Please be reminded that this is a very important event for the chapter because it offsets our rent expense for the Glenn Otto Community Building. Additionally the clean-up benefits the community as well as our aquatic friends in around the Sandy river.

Tom Gemelli
Director: Sandy River Chapter Clean-up

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

I would have to pick Leslie Hinea as this month's volunteer. Leslie is the reason we have a successful auction Every year as she spends countless hours inventorying our donations, coordinating volunteers to help out in all phases. I heartily thank you for all your work. Let's hear it for Leslie!!!

Joe Blum

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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.

THANK YOU TO YOUR GUIDE

The Sandy Chapter is fortunate to have numerous guides as members. While these guides are very generous in donating trips for our auction and other events, they also donate time for clinics and gear for various activities. Additionally, discounts to members are usually given. How many have taken advantage of the 4x4x4 trips in the fall/early winter?

I have become acquainted with several of our member guides and count many successful trips with them, yet while sitting in a boat recently - probably barely awake - something occurred to me: we tip our food servers 10-20% for taking our order, bringing our food and checking with us occasionally, but do we tip our guides? Yes, there are days when the catching is not that great, but consider the time/effort put in by the guide, and this is for up to eight hours. However, their work day begins hours before launching and does not end when returning home.

Please keep in mind how hard your guide works for you and say thank you with a generous trip.

Colonel Thomas

A Simple method

Recently I went fishing with Joe Blum in his 15' Smokercraft boat. These boats are great little fishing machines for 2-3 guys, easy to launch and tow, and affordable as boats go. Apparently, some fish don't care how fancy your boat is as long as a nice lure is placed in front of them. We caught two salmon, and I'll tell you how we did it.

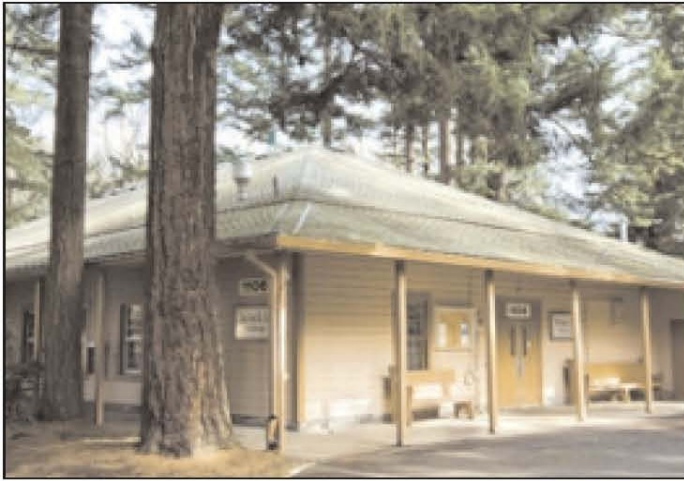
The river was high and muddy, and the Columbia was closed so we went down into the Multnomah Channel and as the tide was high at 10 AM and outgoing for the next 6 hours, simply elected to anchor and put wrapped Kwikfish out behind the boat. But where to put them out?

Most spring Chinook are caught between 8 and 20 feet of water. Sure, you'll sometimes find exceptions, but even if you are trolling over 60 feet of depth its common to fish only part way down. Using Joe's depth finder, we looked for a spot near shore where the fast high water current was slowed by friction from the shoreline. After looking at a couple spots (one was 22 feet, the other was only 7 feet...) we found a nice place to anchor in 11 feet. The current was very slow as the tide had just turned to head out, but both K-Fish would swim a bit. I knew they'd work great as the current built up. Here's a tip - if you find yourself in such a place, and the current is still a bit light you can always start out with a Spin-n-Glo. Those babies work in only a breath of current.

The muddy water suggested a bright lure, so I wrapped a fluorescent red with black dot K-14 and K-15 with Sardine wraps and applied additional ProCure sardine scent. I knew that seeing the lure would be a close-up deal, but with a salmon's nose they could follow the scent trail right to them.

The way I rig these is simple. First of all let's start with the sinker line. 24-30 inches of 12# with a snap swivel on the bottom end. At the top tie in a barrel swivel. Next the mainline...take the line from your rod and slide on two large round beads, then tie it into the sinker lines' barrel swivels opposite end. The "Rod line" is now ready to go. OK, now for the leader line. Take 4-5 feet of 20-30# test and tie a round bend snap (like those that come with the K-Fish) and tie one on each end (Con't on Page 5)





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.



Cedar fish make great gifts, inexpensive and easy to give! We will send the person for whom you buy a fish a gift certificate—no hunting for parking, fighting crowds, wrapping, just a donation toward the work needed for the building!

Your donation is tax deductible.

- ☐ Enclosed is my \$20 check (to City of Troutdale).
☐ I would like to donate \$_____ toward the renovation of the Sam Cox Building.

Please engrave my fish:

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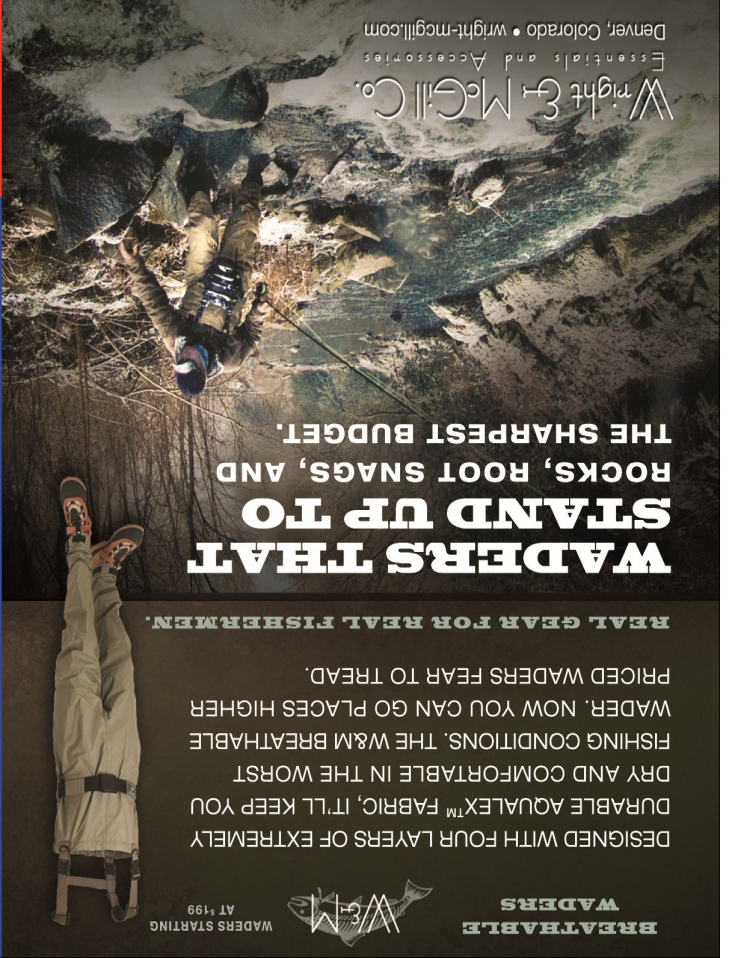
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