

## May 2016, Sandy River Chapter Newsletter

**MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

The Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders will meet

Wednesday, May 4th – Glenn Otto Park, Sam Cox Building, Troutdale

### **ANNUAL BANQUET AND AUCTION EVENT**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM. SILENT AUCTION 5:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**\*DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM UNTIL 6:45 PM**

**AUCTION STARTS AT 7:15 PM – EVENING USUALY ENDS 8:30 TO 8:45 PM**

**\*After April 25th and at the door**

**\*PRICE FOR DINNER IS \$14 FOR ADULTS AND \$9 FOR CHILDREN AGE 10 OR UNDER**

You do not need to participate in the Banquet to attend the Auction.

Come dressed the way you normally come to chapter meetings.

.....

### **ELECTIONS HELD AT THE APRIL MEETING. ‘That’s an Acclamation’**

**Elected incumbent officers:**

**PRESIDENT: Steve Rothenbucher**

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Robert Wisher**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Don Voeks**

**TREASURER: John Hydorn**

**New officer / director**

**SECRETARY: Frank Cantino**

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Rick Pare**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: TBD**

**STREAM PROJECTS: TBD**

**\*\*All were elected by Acclamation**

### **SANDY RIVER CHAPTERS UPCOMING EVENTS**

<div>MAY 4</div> <div>Chapter Banquet / Auction</div> <div>Doors Open 5:30 PM</div> <div>Sam Cox Building, Glenn</div> <div>Otto Park, Troutdale</div> <div>11 Board Meeting</div> <div>14 June newsletter deadline, 6 PM</div> <div>21 Fish-Along ? See details inside newsletter</div>	<div>JUNE 1</div> <div>Chapter Meeting</div> <div>4 Spring Chinook Classic – Corbett</div> <div>8 Chapter Board Meeting</div> <div>11 July Newsletter deadline, 6 PM</div> <div>18 &amp; 19 Volunteer Appreciation / on</div> <div>Willamette River. See details</div> <div>inside this newsletter</div>
<div>JULY 23</div> <div>ODFW/Sandy River Chapter, <b>OXBOW PARK CLINIC, FLOAT FISHING</b> methods</div> <div>30 Picnic, Glenn Otto Park. Bring your family! See information in June Newsletter</div>	

**SANDY RIVER CHAPTER HAS AN ACCLAMATION!**  
**Election was held....See our new 2016 leaders listed below**

**By Doug Briggs**

Two days after my 72nd birthday, I was in the middle of the Chapter Election at the membership meeting when Mike Myrick jumped up like a 70 year old with 'Bingo' and exclaimed 'That's an Acclamation'. I had to plead ignorance since acclamation has more syllables than my typical choice of words.

Turns out Misters Webster's Unabridged and Roget's Thesaurus agree with Mike. We had one, characterized as 'a shout or salute of approval without a formal ballot'.

**Chapter Board Members**

**President**

Steve Rothenbucher  
 (503) 257-0039  
 rothenbuchers@gmail.com

**Senior Vice President**

Robert Wisher  
 (503) 780-8212  
 rjwisherstix@gmail.com

**Vice President**

Don Voeks  
 (503) 661-1816  
 donvoeks@gmail.com

**Secretary**

Frank Cantino  
 (503) 347-3708  
 fcantino@gmail.com

**Treasurer**

John Hydorn  
 (503) 255-0600  
 johnhydorn@gmail.com

**Special Projects**

Larry Palmer  
 (503) 286-2093  
 palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

**Committee Heads**

**Special Events**

Jeff Stoeger  
 (503) 704-7920  
 mjstoeger@msn.com

**Stream Projects**

To Be Determined

**Website, Content**

John Hydorn  
 (503) 255-0600  
 johnhydorn@gmail.com

**Website, Design**

Kerin Laurence  
 (503) 643-3168  
 kerindimeler@comcast.net

**Website Development**

Victor Laurence  
 (503) 998-3365  
 victor@victorlaurence.com

**Sales**

Brad Halverson  
 (503) 201-6052  
 orcabrad@comcast.net

**Chapter Directors**

**Auctions**

Leslie Hinea  
 (503) 653-4176  
 officemanager@anws.com

**Fish Tanks**

Mike Myrick  
 (503) 281-6438  
 mcmifishandivote@msn.com

**Membership**

Rick Pare  
 (541) 948-6896  
 pare419@gmail.com

**Newsletter Editor**

To be Determined

**Newsletter Publisher**

Larry McClintock  
 (503) 257-0553  
 lwmclintock@comcast.net

**River Clean Up**

Don Voeks  
 (503) 661-1816  
 donvoeks@gmail.com

YOU are  
 what  
 makes an  
 event  
 successful

Thank  
 You

Grazie

Gracias

Merci

Danke

Arigatō

**Please do not forget to turn in your volunteer hours. It is important that these hours are recorded.**

**You can turn in the volunteer hours form at the monthly meeting to Robert Wisher or by e-mail: rjwisherstix@gmail.com**

**Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hour Report**

**Name:**

**Event:**

**Date:**

**Hours:**

**Event:**

**Date:**

**Hours:**

**Event:**

**Date:**

**Hours:**

**Remember to include your travel time to and from the event. If you have any questions about your how to report your hours, contact the event coordinator. Turn this form in at the monthly meeting or by e-mail to Robert Wisher (rjwisherstix@gmail.com).**

## ODFW / SANDY RIVER CHAPTER – JULY 23RD CLINIC

By Larry Palmer

Our next ODFW Clinic will be held Saturday, July 23rd, this time AT OXBOW PARK, GROUP PICNIC AREA “ALDER” (formerly, Group Picnic Area “A”). In the past, our Summer Clinics suffered from limited beach access and fishing opportunity for our students, but not at this spot! The fee to reserve this location was paid for by ODFW.

There is a covered picnic structure there, tables and BBQ facilities, so we think we’ll be able to have a fun day in the great outdoors. Volunteers, please arrive at 8:00 AM, for set up and orientation. The Clinic will last from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The focus of this Clinic will be on steelhead, with a special emphasis on float fishing methods.

I need you to please volunteer as an instructor or general volunteer. In the past, it was very difficult for me to get an accurate head count on how many instructor /volunteers I had coming. Many people did not sign up as requested and just said later “well, you knew I would come, right?” No, I didn’t ... ! It’s pretty much impossible to make a plan that way... So here’s the method this time – respond to me by email at [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com)

Let me know what sort of role you’d like to play – instructor, what subject, general volunteer, food prep assistant, etc.. I’ll put you in an e-mail group list and any updates will go out to all of you on that list. From that list I’ll select at random two names for a fish trip with me in the near future. It could be the Sandy River, maybe the Clackamas River, we’ll see. Bottom line though...if you’re not on the list obviously you can’t get drawn. So, volunteers get on that list. Thanks to each of you who will help us! Larry Palmer





## THE SUMMER INVITATIONAL

By Larry Palmer

Several years ago I organized a couple of chapter float trip/camp over's down the Willamette River near Eugene. These were a lot of fun, we caught many trout and the river traffic (except for us...) was just about nonexistent. We spent the night camped on an island hearing only the sounds of water and wildlife. Because of working weekend days, I have been unable to organize similar trips for awhile. Now that has changed and I am off on weekends again.

I have decided to re-constitute these trips with a new wrinkle...they will be a special trip done as a sort of a "Thanks" to those who have volunteered for chapter functions over the year. If you are one of our volunteers interested in going, please submit your name to me (the coordinator of this effort...) at [Palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:Palmerlarryd@yahoo.com). That will be the only avenue of tracking your interest, attendance and keeping you informed of any trip information.

I'll put your name in an e-mail work group to keep you advised of any details of the upcoming trip. I will need your name by May 31st. The trip will occur on June 18th and 19th.

Pairings will be made with boat skippers from this email list. I'll put them in touch with each other with that list so they can plan their camping gear and so forth.

Obviously, we need as many boats and rafts as possible. If you can go and have a boat that can accommodate another person, that will serve as your volunteer effort this year!

It is likely that we will have more interested people than we can accommodate so a small committee set up by the president will choose the names of the lucky ducks (beavers and others) who will be going. No word yet on whose hat they will use to draw the names from...

There will be no charge for this trip. The chapter will provide dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning. Other lunches and snacks are up to you.

You'll need to provide your own tent and sleeping kit. Transportation of all that stuff will be arranged with your boat captain and there's no need (or room) to take extra stuff. Register early and work out those details with your boat captain.

OK, now about the fishing... this is basically a trout trip although you could fish for steelhead in some places. As a trout trip, we've found that fishing below the riffles with a dry fly (Humpy, Elk Hair caddis, etc.) works well, although the ol' Wooly Worm and Wooly Bugger type work too. As we drift from riffle to riffle, cast out with a Rooster tail or similar spinner, brown, yellow or black. Have an iced tea, then go ashore to fish below the next riffle with that fly. That's pretty much it.

We camp overnight on an island, take out at Harrisburg on Sunday afternoon about 3:00 PM, shuttle and go home.

Again, I'll be the coordinator of all this and any questions or registration will be to me at: [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com). Thanks, Larry Palmer

## ABOUT THOSE FISH-ALONGS

By Larry Palmer

I started the monthly fish-alongs as a way for experienced members to help the lesser experienced members learn about fishing methods one technique at a time and a bit about where to go as well.

Our first outing had 5-6 people. The next had 13. I thought, "now we're getting somewhere!" then 2 and then zero.

Worst of all, I had no way of knowing whether anyone was coming or not. I might be driving out to Troutdale for nothing, a wasted weekend day...

So here's the new method – like the clinics, I'm going to ask you to register for a fish-along with me by email at [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com)

If, by the Wednesday morning before the trip, I get 5 or more who want to go, I'll email each of you to show up at our meeting spot (normally Glenn Otto Park at 8:00 AM).

If there is not enough interest, I'll tell you that also and the trip will be cancelled. In any case, I'll know what to do that day, based upon your level of interest.

Going forward, with this system in place, our next fish-along is – **SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**.

.....

## OUCH!

By Larry Palmer

Recently, someone in my boat got a hook in their finger. It was de-barbed, but it still stuck in there pretty darned good, too good for us to get it out. We tried Art Israelson's hook removal method, and other things, but to no avail. Eventually it was obvious that floating downriver and a trip to Urgent Care was required.

I felt embarrassed that none of the fishing pliers in the boat would allow us to clip off the hook, but none of them would. I have never needed them before, surprising considering my overall coordination, but we needed them that day...big time!

The following day, I took a hook of the same size (a # 1/0 treble) and went to Lowes to see what was required. A good quality 8 inch pair of diagonal cutters would do the job. Smaller ones would not. I went to Harbor Freight. They had 6 inch and 7 inch cutters. Neither would do it. No 8 inch ones at Harbor Freight, but they had diagonal cutters and I doubted that there would be enough room to slip them into the spot and get the job done.

I looked on E-Bay and found some 10 inch ones, two pair for \$20 – purchased them, one set for each boat.

Hopefully, they won't ever be needed for that job. But don't be like me – unprepared.

.....

**Visit our website at <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/>**

# A CONSERVATION CONVERSATION

By Brad Halverson, VP Conservation, Association Northwest Steelheaders

April 2016

Over its 50+ year history, Northwest Steelheaders has energetically and effectively advocated on behalf of sustaining healthy fish runs to create fishing opportunities for sports anglers. The Association has peopled committees, boards, and volunteer groups addressing such common concerns as avian and pinniped predation; hydropower spill and flow; sustainable forestry harvest to insure clean water and safe marine temperatures for migrating salmonids; ecological commercial salmon harvest to lessen impacts to ESA listed stocks; hands-on efforts to restore watershed habitat; defending our waterway rights; informing hatchery reform; monitoring coal, oil and LNG transportation and handling in the region; and recently contributing an historic voice to protecting forage fish.

Into the foreseeable future, the purpose of this column will be to provide readers with a snapshot of a few of the many advocacy issues your Association is engaged in. If anything you embrace here piques your interest for further involvement or knowledge you are encouraged to reach out to other ANWS Board members or myself.

Let's get started:

## 1. Avian Predation:

2016 will mark year two in a four-year plan by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to lethally take nesting cormorants on East Sand Island in the Columbia River estuary in order to reduce predation by the birds on out-migrating juvenile salmon and steelhead. The permit, issued by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, must be renewed annually, and allows USACE contractor (Wildlife Services) to cull 3,114 double crested cormorants with minor take to Brandt's cormorants and Pelagic cormorants this year. The permit also allows destroying 5,247 double crested cormorant nests and the oiling of existing eggs to effectively terminate the embryo inside. Lethal take as well as hazing efforts will begin once nesting activities increase, which coincides with the peak migration period of salmonids in the estuary from April to October.

A motion for preliminary injunction to stop culling filed in May 2015 by the Audubon Society of Portland and four other conservation groups was denied, but the lawsuit continues.

This colony of birds grew from 100 breeding pairs in 1989 to over 15,000 pair by 2013. The goal of USACE action is to cull 10,912 individual birds or 56% of the population over the four year period.

## 2. Pinniped Predation:

### A. Columbia River

On March 21st this year, USACE issued a status report of pinnipeds observed at Bonneville Dam, and so far this year the count at the dam is about average according to the report. The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho petitioned NOAA in January of this year to continue removing by lethal means California sea lions. The initial authorization was issued in 2012 and expires June 30, 2016.

To date, predation of salmon and steelhead has been about normal, but that of white sturgeon has dropped significantly from the 10-year average consumption. That's the good news. However, last year, salmon and steelhead predation of 8,474 fish far exceeded the 10-year average of 3,515 for those stocks.

In addition to lethal take, hazing activities by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) began in early March. USDA will haze seven days a week in 8-hour shifts, while CRITFC will haze three days per week. In addition, the Corps has taken the supplementary step this year of placing wooden panels on top of the floating gates to prevent the mammals from climbing over these gates and entering the fishway. While somewhat effective, sea lions have still been observed in fishways and forebays.

### B. Willamette River

While NOAA lacks sufficient authority to effectively address this problem in the Columbia, it is completely unable to address the problem at Willamette Falls. My personal inference has been that the mammal prey on the Columbia are protected under the Endangered Species Act, and hundreds of millions of federal dollars are expended annually to restoring them. That's not the case in the Willamette, so the federal incentive might not be as pronounced.

However, in January 2015, Washington Congressman Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-Camus) joined Oregon Congressman Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) to introduce federal legislation (HR-564) to better protect Columbia and Willamette rivers

salmon and steelhead from marine mammal predation. This far reaching legislation would authorize NOAA, the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and Columbia River treaty tribes to remove sea lions from areas where they impact endangered salmon and steelhead runs. Specifically, this bill amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the lethal take of up to 10 sea lions deemed a threat to listed and nonlisted stocks. These permits are for one-year periods, and may be renewed; and are exempted from environmental review requirements. The bill is presently in committee in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

### 3. Forage Fish Protection:

Through the efforts of NW Steelheaders such as Norm Ritchie, and our associated partners at the National Wildlife Federation, an historic precedent was established early this month when NOAA Fisheries issued a final ruling prohibiting targeted commercial harvest on an extensive listing of forage fish off the states of Oregon, Washington and California. These smaller fish found in the lower strata of the marine food chain play an important role in the marine ecosystem as prey species for larger fish, marine mammals, and seabirds. This ruling does not affect sardines and anchovies, species already federally managed under a long established Fishery Management Plan.

Such regulations are intended to protect species from commercial harvest where there is insufficient scientific evidence to determine with certainty its impact on the species under consideration and other already existing fisheries. During this rule-making process, numerous letters, emails and petitions from environmental organizations and individuals (over 90,000) were submitted in support of this action. Many involving your Association constituents. This is a prime example of why the Association of NW Steelheaders is seen as regional leader in responsibly managing our fishing resources.

### 4. Klamath River Dam Removal:

An agreement between the states of Oregon and California, the U.S. Departments of Interior and Commerce, and PacifiCorp (owner of the dams) was signed earlier this month, paving the way for the removal of four Klamath River dams by 2020. It will be filed with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) on or around July 1st of this year and must follow their established processes. When completed, this project will represent one of the largest river restoration efforts ever in the nation, and facilitate the significant return of Upper Klamath Basin fish runs, which is of noteworthy concern to those Oregon anglers from the central coast south. The peril of these stocks impact fishing seasons, quotas and bag limits in that region.



**2016 SANDY RIVER SPRING CHINOOK CLASSIC**  
**HELP SAVE OREGON'S FISHERY BY FISHING!**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
 Proceeds used to protect Oregon's Fishing Heritage, Wild and Hatchery



**Fish can be caught anywhere in Oregon or Washington**  
**Historic Springdale Pub - Corbett, Oregon**  
**Cash Prizes • Door Prizes**  
**Beer Garden • Eric Savage Live Band**  
**Boat Parking and Security**  
**Burger, Chips, and Drink for participants**  
**FREE T-Shirt if you Register by May 25**  
**Early Registration \$65 (\$75 after May 25)**  
**Register at [www.anws.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/](http://www.anws.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/) or call 503-653-4176, or mail the form on the back**



### 2016 SANDY RIVER SPRING CHINOOK CLASSIC SPONSORS

2016 SANDY RIVER SPRING CHINOOK CLASSIC SPONSORS		
Abbott Construction	Fisherman's Marine	Red's Guide Service
John Aho Fishing Adventures	Fritz Concrete Cutting and Coring	R2M2
AMG Fiber Optic Technologies	Historic Springdale Pub	Salmon Trout Steelheader
Argus Network Solutions	Hometown Hearth and Grill	Sandy River Investments
Bear Electric	Lamiglas	John L. Scott, Sandy
Cousins Rods	Lanware Technologies	Sowles Steel Erectors
Crescent Electric	Northwest Data	Paul Swift Guide Service
Eagle Claw	Northwest Steelheaders and Sandy River Chapter	Weston Buick Kia GMC
EZ Marine Products	Pro-Cure	Wright & McGill

**Register at [www.anws.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/](http://www.anws.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/) or call 503-653-4176 for more information**



# EARTH DAY WAS CELEBRATED SATURDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

Twenty three Sandy River Chapter Steelheaders and guests enjoyed a great morning of cleanup in parks, followed by lunch, prepared by Robert Wisher at Glenn Otto Park. Event was chaired by Don Voeks.

By Kathryn Israelson



The following are volunteers involved in our Earth Day Celebration: Anthony Pedro, Doug Briggs, Bob Nelson, Rob Bitney, John Hydorn, Rod Weigel, Art and Kathryn Israelson, Russ Sumida, Harry Waskiewicz, Don and Fusako Voeks, Gene Stacy, Gary Alfsen, Laurie Beadell, Robert Wisher, Jim Carthcart, Larry Palmer, Terri Boughton, Carla Robinson, Sue Hostetter, Pam Paquette and Laurie Johnson

Our cleanup crews were at Glenn Otto Park, Sam Cox Building grounds, Lewis and Clark Park and Dabney Park, plus the trails to the west side of the Sandy River.

The City of Troutdale asked that we clear the rotting tree waste away from the siding of the Sam Cox Building. The excavation was to be six inches deep and three feet out from the siding. That's a lot of shovels full of material!! An estimated 48 hours of man/woman power was volunteered for this portion of the project...then there was the ivy removal, general raking and cleanup of the landscape.

Solve had several people involved in various other tasks in the area. Our photo shows just a minor part of the bags of trash, bottles, tent frame, invasive plant material and other items picked up by our crews.

Thanks to all who helped! **Photo by Robert Wisher**





*Clean-up Day at Glenn Otto,  
Lewis and Clark and Dabney parks*

*Photos by Robert Wisher*



# SPINNER DAVE'S

CUSTOM DESIGNS

## PREMIUM SPINNERS AND COMPONENTS

EXCLUSIVE HOME OF THE "SG" SERIES BLADES AND SPINNERS



Spinner Dave can also be contacted at [sdcustomdesigns.com](http://sdcustomdesigns.com)



10 CANE  
80M  
EAGLE CLAW

**Trevor Storlie** / Professional Guide

Phone 503.695.6515 / 503.307.5601 cell

37000 SE Gordon Creek Road, Corbett, OR 97019

[www.redsguideservice.com](http://www.redsguideservice.com) / email: [trevor@redsguideservice.com](mailto:trevor@redsguideservice.com)

**Dean's Guide Service**  
Dean Pierce  
503.333.4575

Salmon- Steelhead  
Sturgeon- Walleye

US Coast Guard  
Licensed & Insured



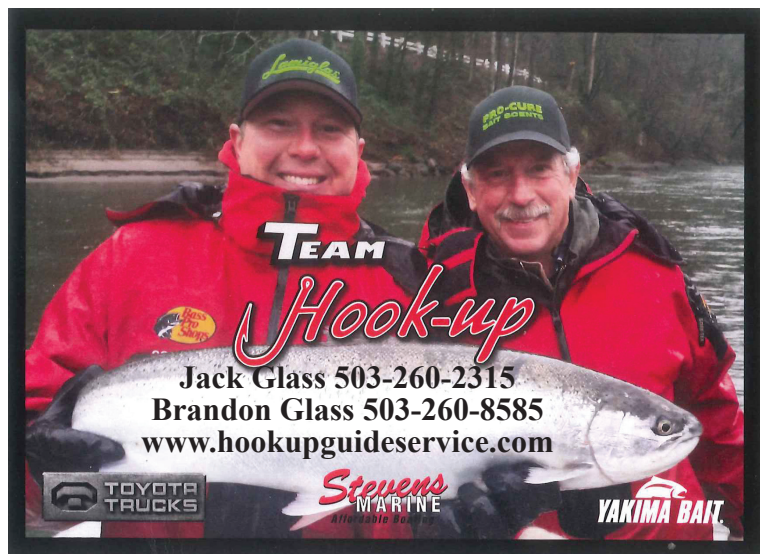
[www.deansguideservice.com](http://www.deansguideservice.com)

• CUSTOM-MADE STEELHEAD AND SALMON JIGS •  
INSTRUCTIONAL DVD • HOW-TO-KITS • FLOATS • TACKLE AND MORE



MARK ANDERSON  
CINDY COUTURE  
HILLSBORO, OREGON

PHONE 503-998-3994  
[FIRSTBITEJIGS@FIRSTBITEJIGS.COM](mailto:FIRSTBITEJIGS@FIRSTBITEJIGS.COM)  
[WWW.FIRSTBITEJIGS.COM](http://WWW.FIRSTBITEJIGS.COM)



Jack Glass 503-260-2315  
Brandon Glass 503-260-8585  
[www.hookupguideservice.com](http://www.hookupguideservice.com)

### O2BFISHN GUIDE SERVICE

Jeff Stoeger

503-704-7920

Salmon - Steelhead

Pro Staff for:

St Croix Rods, Okuma Rods &  
Reels, Owner Hooks, Yakima Bait,  
Pro-cure Bait Scents, P-Line,  
TUFLINE.

CPR & First Aid Certified

Licensed & Insured

[www.guideoregon.com](http://www.guideoregon.com)



Sandy River Chapter Logo Apparel

Shirts (men & ladies), hats, sweatshirts, blankets, fleece and accessories

[www.stancelgraphics.com/sandyriverchapter](http://www.stancelgraphics.com/sandyriverchapter)  
or Call Brad Halverson (503) 201-6052



755 E. Burnside

Gresham, OR 97030