

# SANDY RIVER CHAPTER Newsletter

*A Member Chapter of the  
Association of Northwest Steelheaders*

**Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in the Glen Otto Building, Troutdale Park, 1106 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon.**

**No charge to visitors! Bring your kids too! We welcome you to come by for one of our informative monthly meetings. Learn more about fishing! Get involved with conservation projects in the Sandy River.**

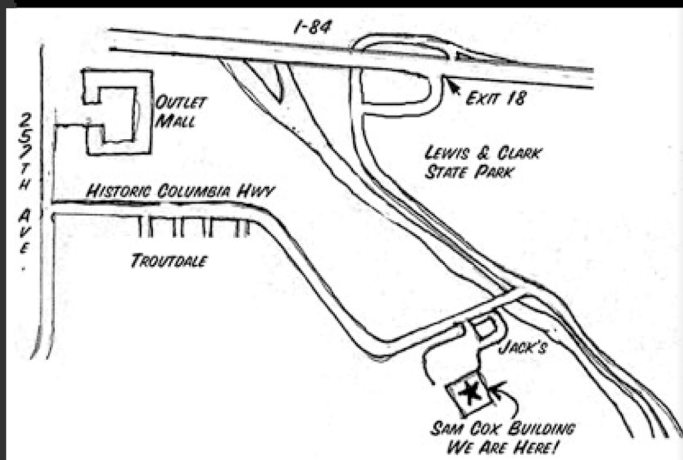
## **This months program— Rob Brown guest speaker**

Rob Brown owner of Jack's Snack and Tackle will be our guest speaker for are June 3rd meeting. Rob is a expert spinner fisherman and he builds and designs all types of spinners. Rob will share with us some of his top producing spinners that he uses on summer steelhead and will also share his favorite spinner for spring Chinook. Rob will also discuss what type of water you should look for when spinner fishing

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## Meeting Map



## **Our Chapter Officers-**

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**Monthly program (continued)**

and he will also share his technique for making sure you get the optimum performance from your spinner. Rob will have a few of his top performing spinner on hand at the meeting and you can buy them at his shop. Rob will not have any spinners for sale at the meeting. But if you want to get the best spinner out there on the market stop by Rob's and he sure will set you up with a great selection to start with. They will catch fish. Rob has by far the largest collection of spinners, he has every color and size and shape you can imagine. So stop by Rob's and get your hand on a few of his spinners, you wont be sorry.

**Presidents Message**

A whole month has gone by and it has been busy. Between Association meetings, chapter meetings, having a job, and trying to have a life, my calendar has been full. The Association meeting in Tillamook was very interesting. There was a speaker from ODFW that discussed fall Chinook runs and Cormorant hazing. The coastal fall Chinook runs are looking dismal this year. On the other hand the Coho runs are looking great. There is a possibility of being able to keep three Coho with one of them wild. Check the regs before bonking one please! There are areas where the Cormorants are predating the migrating smolts as they head out to the Ocean. ODFW is look for Cormorant Hazers. Hazers would be people that go out every morning and buzz the Cormorants as they are waiting for their breakfast of smolts and chase them away. Apparently jet skis are very effective. The hazers would have to have a special permit issued by ODFW.

It looks like this summer is going to be busy. As you can see from the articles in this newsletter there is a lot going on. Passport to Fishing, Chapter Picnic, McKenzie drift trip, and the various Fishing Camps, just to name a few activities. I am hoping to add a few more things to the list. I would like to see our chapter take on a conservation project or two this summer. There are a few thing that have been discussed that if they develop further I will be asking for volunteers. Hopefully ODFW can get everything lined out for us.

We are always looking for people that want to actively participate in the Chapter activities. I hope you will all volunteer when you have the time and ability.

Sincerely,

Jay Burris  
Sandy River Chapter President

**Chapter Volunteers Needed**

Because this is the last regular meeting before the 3 Camp Angelos kids camps, I will be circulating 5 volunteer sign up sheets at the next chapter meeting on June 3rd.

1. Angler Education Certification class June 20th
2. Rod and Reel repair July 18th.
3. Fish Camp July 27th
4. Kids Cancer Camp August 1st
5. Greek Kids Camp August 10th

Thanks, Howard Berg

### **NO Meeting Scheduled for July**

Our July schedule meeting for the first Wednesday of the month will be cancelled. Instead of having our general meeting on that Wednesday will have our chapter picnic at Larry and Sharon Beavers' home instead. The Picnic will be held on July 25th starting around Noon time. Check the monthly calendar for direction and other info. I hope to see every one at the picnic.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

### **NO Meeting schedule for August.**

Our August schedule meeting is also cancelled due to vacationing. Every year we cancel this meeting because everyone with families tend to get that last minute vacation in before the kids have to go back to school. It also hard to find guest speakers, for everyone is fishing buoy 10 and or they are on vacation before they have to get back to the fall fishing or they are coming back from Alaska.

### **STEP News**

This summer we are looking to do a couple of things– one familiar and one new. We want to cooperate again with the Sandy River Basin Council on chopping down some more of that invasive grass in the upper watershed channels. I'll get project dates soon...look to sign up at the next meeting so I have your contact info.

We also want to start evaluating a couple of projects within a stones throw of Glen Otto Park with our ODFW STEP biologist, Jeff Fulop. Instream habitat and fish passage work. Should be fun!

There has been a lot going on throughout the state and with the Association on behalf of the chapters and the membership. Much of this is covered in more detail in an "email blast" from our Executive Director, Paul Cathcart. Send an email to [sschaub@anws.org](mailto:sschaub@anws.org) asking to be added to the distribution list if you have not been receiving this monthly update.

**Begin preparing for the 2010 celebration of the Associations 50th Anniversary.**

Due to the significance of this celebration, heightened focus will be initiated to examine unique and economically feasible events during 2010 that would generate net revenue equal to or exceeding 2009 banquet results. Some of the initial efforts will be directed to visiting venues and developing celebration strategies for recommendation to a Board sub-committee. If you are interested in being a member of this sub-committee or want to offer suggestions on venues and/or types of celebration events, please do not hesitate to email me at [pccathcart@anws.org](mailto:pccathcart@anws.org).

**Assist Association Chapters in seeking grant funding for specific Chapter projects.**

Since many Association Chapters lack grant writing experience, Association staff will assist in identifying Foundations with funding priorities consistent with the proposed Chapter project and then the ED will draft the grant proposals based on input received from chapters needing the funds for the specific purpose.

**Develop new website homepage**

There is a dire need to upgrade the ANWS homepage to reflect the professionalism of the organization to attract visitors such as donor and member prospects. Also, the ability to have real time editing by staff will allow for up to date events and action alerts to be posted.

**Membership Drive Incentive Awards**

The 2009/2010 Membership Drive Incentive Program continues with the first of the quarterly drawings recently taking place on May 9th at the Spring Board meeting.

Jim Robinson was the overall winner with 25 new members recruited and therefore 25 chances out of 38 total chances in the drawing. Additional membership drive incentive awards were also presented to Allan Gabe, Art Israelson, Chris Kauffman, Greg Harlow, Jim Robinson, Jim Neal, Ken DeMacon, Mary Attaway, Mike D. Smith, and William Holsclaw.

Valuable prizes will be awarded to members who help the Association achieve the goal of increasing our membership by 50 percent via the recruiting of 750 new members by February 2010. Incentive prizes that will be awarded include guided fishing trips, art prints, rods, reels, tackle and other fishing gear generously donated to help our organization grow.

**Status of Proposed State Legislation-** Association State Legislative Advocate Bob Oleson offers his latest assessment of the key bills he has been tracking for our membership:

SAFE for Salmon (HB 2579) Due to the lack of political consensus on SAFE, this is the alternative effort to form a task force who will supposedly address lower Columbia salmon allocation issues. The SAFE Coalition continues to massage the bill to the benefit of sports fishing.

## Status of Proposed State Legislation (continued)

ODFW Budget (HB 5014 and HB 2223) ODFW is underfunded yet the proposed budget contemplates a 30 percent across the board cut for all State agencies. The Association will continue to monitor an increase in fees to insure that it is balanced and benefits directed more to sport fishing.

SB 571, a bill that increases the penalty for any intentional release of non-native fish into any of Oregon's bodies of water without a permit, has passed both the House and Senate Floors. If signed by the Governor, the penalty would increase to a maximum fine of \$125,000, maximum imprisonment of five years, or both. A few years ago, the state spent more than \$5 million to eradicate an invasive fish species from Diamond Lake in Southern Oregon. This bill passed the House Floor unanimously this week, and is on its way to the Governor's desk.

Invasive Species (HB 2220) Establishes sighting inspections along the States border and grants additional actions to police and ODFW staff. However, no funding is proposed to insure that invasive species will be stopped.

Preserve Oregon's Legacy (HB 3013) This is the Marine Reserves bill which the Association continues to oppose if it is amended to include more areas without first establishing the goals of each new area or reduce restrictions based on success or failure of imposed restrictions.

Oasis Bill (HB 2406) We continue to oppose this bill since it proposes to take significant water supplies from the Columbia River at a time when migrating salmon need it most.

*Norman E. Ritchie*, Government Affairs Director

## Auction Items Shout Out

For our annual auction in December we're normally well-supported by our many local business supporters for donations. But, the economy has made it more difficult for businesses to be as generous as they have been in the past. We know everyone in the Chapter likely has new-in-the-box items that they're not using that would be great for our auction. It doesn't matter if they're fishing related or not, since variety is the spice of life (or a good auction as the case may be).

We are open for business now in the donation department. Bring your new or very gently used items to any general meeting or call Colonel Thomas at 503-666-5035 for pickup. If we can use them, we'll take them, though we reserve the right to decline potential donations. Also, if you have packaged fishing lures to donate, Eric Koellner will have a can at each general meeting to collect them.

Leslie Hinea

## Chapter and Association meetings and contact info -

- Chapter board meetings now occur two weeks after the regular monthly meeting date.
- 6 PM Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd Ave Portland
- All members are welcome to attend !
- Association Executive Board meetings are held at the Association office, 6641 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, on the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome .
- Need help from the Association to answer a question? Call the office at
- 503-653-4176. Fax 503 653-8769. Ask for Sharon Schaub, Business Manager.  
E-mail there is <sschaub@anws.org>

**Deadline for submissions of materials for the next issue of the Chapter Newsletter is:  
JUNE 17**

## How to submit your articles to this publication -

- All entries must be in a file readable by Microsoft "WORD 2007". Spell check your work! It will be run under YOUR name as you submitted it.
- Email all files to **palmerlarryd@yahoo.com** include "newsletter story" and a descriptive phrase about it in the subject line. Example "newsletter story - Buck Creek STEP"
- Due date = No later than two weeks after the general meeting.
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## Volunteer Highlight -


This month a few words about recently retired ( from the chapter board...) Larry Beaver. Larry has been extremely active in the chapter and Association for many years. Larry was instrumental in the first years of the Associations *River Rights* campaign, and has participated in auctions, stream projects, river cleanups and as a fine volunteer coordinator.

He claims he wants to kick back and just go fishing now, but we're not buying that. Although Tom Gemelli will be coordination projects now, we're pretty sure Larry will still be a part of many of them . Thanks Larry!



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## **Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



**Kriara, Gus John****12/15/1924-4/9/2009**

Gus Kriara, age 84, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2009. Born Dec. 15, 1924, to Greek immigrant parents Harriet and John Kriara in Portland, Gus attended Jefferson High School and Oregon State University for a short time before he joined the Navy



during the height of World War II. Stationed in the Pacific theatre, Gus served on the aircraft carrier USS Antietam until the war's end. He was drafted back into the Navy at the start of the Korean War after which he returned to Portland. He worked for the Karamanos family at Sunshine Dairy as a milkman and later as sales manager. Gus worked for Sunshine Dairy more than 20 years, going on to start his own food import and distribution company, Far West Food Associates.

Gus is survived by his wife, Sophia; sister, Dianna George; his daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Marvin Peterson and JoAnne and Kent Grewe; and seven grandchildren, Nicole, Matthew, Gregory, Madeline, Diane, Alison and Michael. Gus was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral where he once held the position of parish council president. He was affiliated with the American Hellenic Educational Progressive As-

sociation (AHEPA), the Chefs de Cuisine Society, the American Hellenic Education Center (AHEC), a member of the Sandy River Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders and was a lifetime member of Riverside Country Club.

Gus' true life's work was the founding and stewardship of an outdoor camp and retreat center on the Sandy River, Camp Angelos ([campangelos.org](http://campangelos.org)). Gus contributed his vision, leadership and more than 60,000 hours of volunteer time to the camp. He and his AHEC board have created a place that has and will continue to touch the lives of thousands of people for years to come. The camp has been used by Outdoor School, Easter Seals, Kids 'n Cancer Camp Agape, and the Camp Angelos Fish Camp, as well as by the Greek community at large. Last summer, the camp's lodge was named the Gus Kriara - Kalamata Lodge. Members of the Sandy River Chapter were instrumental in his famous "Fishing Camps for Kids", first helping to construct a fishing dock for kids over a pond, and later installing a fountain that irrigated the pond. They also staffed the kids fishing camps each summer, and helped with other camp projects.

Gus was a decorated veteran, received the AHEPA Plato award and was awarded the Medal of St. Paul, the highest honor bestowed upon a layman by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for his tireless service and numerous accomplishments. Gus' vision, independent spirit and grandfatherly presence will be missed by many, many people. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made to Camp Angelos Retreat and Conference Center, 32149 S.E. Stevens Road, Corbett, OR 97019.

## Salish Pond Event a Success

On May 16, 2009 during the Salish Pond youth angling event sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) the Sandy River Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders assisted ODFW with volunteers from the Chapter. In addition to helping ODFW manage fishing equipment and assisting the young anglers we took the opportunity to clean-up using SOLV's trash bags to clean-up the pond area and adjacent parking lots. For the inquisitive mind, Salish Pond is the site of an old rock quarry. It consists of two ponds in a seventy acre wetland park located between Halsey and Glisan streets and opened in October 1999 in Fairview, Oregon.

The Sandy River Chapter is grateful to the members that volunteered for this event. Special thanks goes to Howard Berg, Hal Blenn, Howard Anderson, Dave Bisacre, Art Noyes, Rob Gibbs, Tom Gemelli and the SOLV organization that provided the sturdy plastic SOLV bags for clean-up.

It was a beautiful day, the companionship and cooperation among ODFW, ODFW volunteers and the Sandy River Chapter members was significant. Most of all it was gratifying to observe the children and parents catching their first fish in a safe and clean environment. I believe the volunteers set a good example for the parents and their children because they were very visible with their SOLV waste bags picking up trash. Hopefully, the public that fish in the ponds will "carry out what they carry in" in the future or use the trash receptacle.



**Sandy Chapter volunteers cleaned up around Salish Pond in addition to teaching kids to fish !**

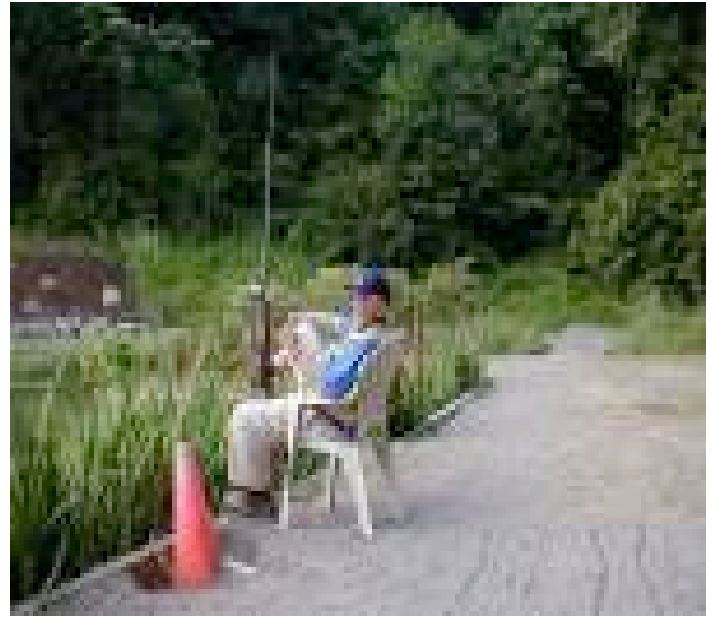
## PASSPORT TO FISHING 2009

It's that time again, when Passport to Fishing, one of the largest and most successful youth fishing events in the state, occurs. This year's event happens on Saturday, June 6. The Sandy River Chapter provides volunteers at the measuring, icing and prize station, and we are looking for volunteers. We will have a volunteer work sheet at the May and June membership meetings, Due to the fact the event follows our June meeting by only 3 days, we will be looking for a large sign-up at the May 6 meeting. This your chance to get involved in a great teaching experience for kids, so please consider joining us.

### Gus Fishing



### Gus Planning a New Project



### Gus Kriara and the end of an era

It is with deep regret that we report of the passing of fellow member Gus Kriara known by many of us as 'Gus' with his Greek camp (Camp Angelos) on the Sandy River. To those who are more recent members Gus with the little older guy, with the scratchy voice, who came to chapter meetings soliciting volunteers for his fishing programs. He was a most unique guy who was totally dedicated to his camp and to his kids. He had a charm and style that made it impossible to tell him no. He can always be copied or imitated but there will never be another Gus and he will be terribly missed.

I first came in contact with Gus when I was part of the Steelheaders that built the fishing dock. The frame had been built over the water but it was a rainy day when the deck and rails were installed. Larry Palmer was instrumental in getting volunteers from several chapters to work on the project. Chapter member Nick Galash, the senior, was deeply involved in coordinating many Sandy Chapter volunteers and I worked with Nick installing much of the cable wire around the rearing pond and the fishing pond. Money was obtained from the parents of one of the cancer camp kids for a statue which is mounted in the middle of the fishing pond. Our late Bill Cluney was in the pump business and was deeply involved in the pump for the fountain. Nick Galash, the junior, and his side kick Andy Franklin, both of DP Construction were involved in the construction and later built the bridge to the gazebo. Andy was most recently involved with the construction of the nurses' quarters. These were all projects Gus was promoting volunteers, supplies and money. Many Sandy River chapter members were involved in much of the construction work, except for the nurse's station, and they were all there because of Gus.

When Nick, senior, retired I had the pleasure and chore of coordinating the volunteers for the Kids with Cancer Camp, there were two of these, the Fish Camp which was a week long, and the Greek Camp for the Greek Community which owned the property. There were great volunteers for these camps and one of the outstanding people was Howard Berg who is currently now the chapter's camp fishing coordinator. All the great folks that came out and volunteered were because of the great organization skills, dedication to his camp, and the appreciation he always expressed make Gus Kriara one of the most likeable and loved people I have ever known.



Pink and white... all right!



There are other books, but you need this one

### **This months tip-**

Clearer water means think smaller sized lures and a bit lighter leaders than for winter fishing. Try smaller Corkies and a drop of shrimp oil on a small tuft of yarn for drift fishing. My best colors....pink and white, peach and white, and light green and white. Naturally, sometimes they want the brightest pink or flame orange one you have ! Still, think small size-wise.

If you haven't tried a lot of jig fishing, now is the time to start! I have included a pix of a pretty jig and the basic book above...get 'em and get fishing!

Larry Palmer

### **Some Useful Info-**

#### **1. National Weather Service - NWS Portland**

Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington Weather. Map FAQs | Glossary ... Portland, OR 97230-1089. Tel: (503) 261-9246. Disclaimer. Information Quality. Credits ... [www.wrh.noaa.gov/Portland](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/Portland) -

#### **2. National Weather Service - NWS Portland**

2009 Tide Forecast for... South Oregon Coast. Brookings. Bandon. Reedsport. Central Oregon Coast ... Portland (downtown) text. graphic. tide data. Vancouver ... [www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/tides.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/tides.php) -

#### **3. Oregon River Levels**

[waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current/?type=flow](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current/?type=flow)

#### **4. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**

[www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us) -

## Chapter needs-

Donations to the chapter of any kind, are deductions under IRS 501-C-3 rules

Current needs– more camp style cooking gear for chapter cookouts . Hand tools like linesman pliers, cable cutters, a working gas powered chain saw. Gas powered weed whacker.

**Check out this cool “Fish Hook” clip. Gold plated and only \$2.00 !  
See Eric Koellner at the next meeting.**



**Have you moved in the last year?**

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## **School Yourself...Obtain Your Angler Education Certificate**

**What:** Learn the proper way to teach kids how to fish by attending the Angler Education Class hosted by the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation (OWHF) and the Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

**When:** June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Where:** Camp Angelos, 32149 SE Stevens Rd., Corbett, (503) 695-5888

**Other:** The class is open to anyone but there is room for only 15 adults. Persons completing the class will receive a State Certified Angler Education Certificate and be qualified to be an instructor.

**RSVP:** Register for one of the 15 spots in the class by contacting the ODFW's Aquatic and Angler Education program and its Angling Education Coordinator, Shahab Farzanegan at 503 947-6025.



**STEP Conference** “Spawning Solutions through Creative Ideas”  
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 5390 4-H Road NW, Salem, Oregon 97304

**Details and Registration Information:**

**<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/STEP>**

**2009 STEP Conference Registration Form**  
**September 11 – 13, 2009**

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Student Registration \_\_\_\_ x \$ 5.00 = \$

Lodging at 4-H Center

Per Person (Friday) \_\_\_\_ x \$16.75 = \$

Per Person (Saturday) \_\_\_\_ x \$16.75 = \$

Meals (Saturday)

Breakfast \_\_\_\_ x \$ 6.75 = \$

Lunch \_\_\_\_ x \$ 7.00 = \$

Dinner BBQ \_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Free Tour – Sunday, September 13 - 9:00 a.m.**

Please indicate the number of people attending the following tour:

\_\_\_\_ Fairview Sustainability Community

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## Senior Summer Festival

On Saturday May 23rd, Jim Cathcart and I participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Senior Summer Fishing Festival at the Columbia Springs Environmental Center in Vancouver Washington.

This event brings in seniors from the areas lower income assisted living facilities and pairs them up with an "at-risk child". The two of them spend the day fishing, eating lunch and looking at the various nature displays. Jim and I and the other volunteers helped the seniors and kids fish for trout and we also helped clean and ice the 3 fish that each person was allowed to keep. The fish ranged from 9" to 18" in length. The seniors, kids and staff were most appreciative of our help.

At the Festival I met the "Fish Goddess" and we exchanged information on funding and purchasing equipment.

Howard Berg

### Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Larry and Sharon Beaver's Back Yard

Mark your calendar now for our Sandy Chapter Family picnic. Larry and Sharon Beaver will host the event again this year! Everyone had a great time at their spacious and tree shaded back yard with barbecues on the patio and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family.

The chapter will provide salmon, hot dogs, and hamburgers as well as soft drinks and coffee, plates and utensils. Bring your family and a salad, side dish, or desert to share. Do not forget your appetite for food and fun. We will have everything set up for people to arrive at 1:00 PM. Kid's games with prizes starting at 1:30. The Beaver's home is close by for most members at 1130 SE 9th St., Gresham, OR 97080

Your kids or grand kids (nephews, nieces etc.) will have a great time. We will start the meal at 3:00 PM.

You can call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 for details or to sign up to attend or sign up at the chapter meeting.

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