

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway, Troutdale Oregon.

Bring your kids too! No charge to visitors!

This months' program

Our guest speaker is up in the air as of 5/22/11I have contacted two individuals and have not heard back as on now. We could have two speaker or no one. We have plenty to talk about.

Hey...it's 2011! Turn in last years salmon tag and get a new license !



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President's Message

I know that Larry Palmer is still needing people to help tie up some yarnies. We would like to tie up about couple thousand or more. These will be stapled to application for membership and for anyone who shows up at our booth on July 16, for the Troutdale Days.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the river clean up. I heard that there were about 17 individuals who showed up and did a great job. Thanks Tom for a great job in getting the volunteers and organizing every thing.

I volunteered at the Mount Hood kids fishing event that was put on by ODFW on May 14. We had between 120 to 150 kids show up for this event. I was asked if our chapter would be up to tying some trout hooks for future events. They will supply the hooks and line if we would tie them up. The quality of the store bought hooks seem to fall apart or made of poor quality. So if you would like to help out contact me and we can make arrangements to help out ODFW before there next event.

All of you who have trips coming from either buying or selling a hundred dollars worth of tickets, I need you to either see me at the next meeting or call me. We will set the weekend and go from there. I would like to get this done before the season ends. June is one of the better months for fishing for springer's and summer steelhead. you can call me at 503-704-7920. Thanks, Jeff & Jeff

The fate of the Sandy River could come down to a law suit in the next couple of weeks. The native fish society has notified ODFW that they plan on filing a law suit due to operation of brood stock program and some programs that have not been put into place. NFS would like to make the Sandy River all native fish and close its hatchery and its operation. We are waiting to see what and if the NFS files their law suit. If they do file their law suit i'm going to ask for all your support and help in mailings and writing letters of support on behalf of ODFW.

I hope that in the next month or so to have our chapters web site revamped and up dated and with a possible new look to it. We will meet with a couple of groups to discuss how we can operate the web site and make it more friendly and easy to use. So if you have any idea's or suggustion, please fill free to email me at <u>mjstoeger@msn.com</u> or call me at 503-704-7920. Thanks, Jeff Stoeger President.

Volunteers Needed

The Fish Camp dates this year are July 11 - 15th. For Fish Camp I will be needing help on July 11, 12, 14,&15. If volunteers can only work one day or even half a day I can make that work.

I have 20 kids from the Big Brother Big Sister program fishing at the camp in two weeks on Saturday May 7th, 10am to 4pm and I will also need help with the Highland Christian Youth Group from the evening of June 15th through the evening of June 17.

Any help you can give me in finding volunteers will be appreciated.

These are Rod Brobeck's contact numbers: (503)-819-1561 (503)-255-6059. If you are able to volunteer for any of these dates please contact Rod. **Rod**

SANDY CHAPTER CONTINUES KITCHEN PROJECT

Rob Gibbs, Leo Morris and Art Israelson worked on Glenn Otto Park's, Sam Cox Building's kitchen on Friday, May 6th

The crew removed parts of three walls and installed header beams over the openings. Fifteen hours of labor were donated.

The plans for the new kitchen have been drawn up. The plumbing and wiring will soon be worked on so the Sandy Chapter volunteers can do the sheet rock work. The completed kitchen remodel will be a welcoming improvement to the building!

Board Meeting Minutes

present: Howard B, Larry B, Colonel T, Art I, Eric K, Tom HOTC G, Mike M, Leslie H, Jeff K, Jeff S (phone)

began: 6:40

I. General

1. There is a association/chapters board meeting in Tillamook scheduled for 6/4: Jeff S, Jeff K, and Mike will attend.

2. Much discussion regarding the potential lawsuit involving brood stock/native fisheries on the Sandy. At this time not enough information is available to determine chapter support. Jeff S. intends to meet with Jack G, Todd A. and Jay to learn more. Because of the importance of this issue, it is imperative that members be aware of this issue.

3. At least one fishing clinic is being planned for the hall probably following the format successfully used previously. While volunteers will be needed, a confirmed date is yet to be established. More info will be available. In the past these events have been well attended and have resulted in gaining new members.

4. A group of four will meet with Victor and Karin to work on updating/improving our website. Jeff is handling this project.

5. Our fall Tillamook fish-a-long is confirmed for October 8-10. This is a highly anticipated well attended event. Fee is \$50 with an extra \$10 contribution to participate in the event's tournament.

6. Art discussed the Troutdale July 16 parade event. Due to a glitch, the 1700 wooden fish, that Art has spent considerable time making, will not work. So being ridgedly flexible he went to plan B - rubber ducks. If interested in volunteering for this event, contact Art.

7. The hall renovation is progressing, but there is no time table available.

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Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic



Saturday, July 23rd 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 12:30 PM. Kid's games with prizes starting at 1:00. Your kids or grand kids (nephews, nieces etc.) will have a great time. We will start the meal at around 1:30 PM.

The Beaver's home is close by for most members at 1130 SE 9th St., Gresham, OR 97080

You can call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 for details or to sign up to attend or sign up at the chapter meeting. There will be a \$5 reservation deposit per person and \$2 per kid age 12 & under.

.If you attend the picnic, your reservation payments will

be refunded at the event. You can also sign up at the next meeting. Reservation payments will be refunded at the event. You can also sign up at the next meeting. Payment must be received no later than Tuesday, July 19th to insure we have enough food & beverages.

Deposit will be refunded for cancellations received no later than July 19th.

Norman & Joli. Ritchie

Sandy River Chapter Association of Northwest Steelheaders email: normritchie@q.com cell: 503-807-7729

The Sandy Chapter Steelheaders Cookie List

I would like to thank the following members for offering to bring cookies to the chapter Bisacre for September, Joe Blum for October, Rob Gibbs for November, Bill Beith for January, Jeff Kirkman for February, Tom Gemelli for March, Patty Hously for May, and **Mike Myrick for June.**



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Thanks!

I just wanted to thank all the volunteers who tied, and are tying, the leaders up for our big member recruitment effort at the festival in Troutdale in mid July. These leaders will be a big help in attracting new members to our chapter.

The chapter is working out the details of a fishing clinic and members-only fishing event following this festival. We'd like *you* to be involved with those, have a bit of fun and welcome in the new members.

Congratulations to Mr. Briggs who won the \$30 knife for tying up leaders last month there will be more prizes this month. Want to win? Well you have got to tie 50!

See me at the next chapter meeting.

Thanks, Larry Palmer

PASSPORT TO FISHING "THE END OF AN ERA"

ODFW has officially announced 2011 will be the final year of this extremely popular and successful event, to be held on June 11. As part of Oregon Fish & Wildlife's state wide family fishing events, "Passport" has provided a structured, educational and entertaining fishing experience for youth aged 2 thru 12. Participants are instructed at 6 safety/education stations, they then go fishing to catch 2 trout, which are measured, bagged and iced.

ODFW will continue to operate family fishing events at other dates and places, but the Bonneville event has run its course. We will have a volunteer sign- up sheet at the May and June membership meetings. If you want to volunteer for this event and will not be attending the meetings, please email me with your name and phone

number. Volunteers need to arrive at the mechanical building by 8:00 AM to register, then go to our booth #9 for set-up. Thank you for your help. Mike Myrick 503-281-6438

Please support these generous donors and members of our chapter by fishing with them and using their excellent products!





<u>June 2011</u>

Really swell prizes to be awarded to volunteers

In an ongoing effort to get more members involved and achieve better reporting of volunteer hours, I will be holding prize drawings at all regular chapter meetings for those members who volunteer for *any* chapter project outside of our regular meeting. It could be a river cleanup, a clinic, planning a stream project, helping out at the Kids Camp whatever... just volunteer. **Fill out the Volunteers hours form below at the bottom of the page** (also available on line or at chapter meetings) **and drop it in the bucket**.

I'll draw names from that bucket , and you may win things like a folding knife, a Leatherman tool, yarn flies...a 120' yacht...OK, maybe actually just a picture of the yacht. Take one of the other prizes, they'll be more useful, and less upkeep. Get your name in the hat– or bucket!....<u>VOLUNTEER !</u>

Use the form below to report your volunteer hours and win cool prizes. Drop the form in a bucket by Bill Beith. He'll keep the forms. I'll draw from them and you may win! But to win...ya gotta volunteer!

Volunteer of the Month

This Month's Volunteer of the Month

In my humble opinion the guy that deserves this the most is Larry Palmer.

How many guys do you know that can balance a full time job, classes and studying nights I believe. and still attend the meetings.

Not only is he attending the meetings he is tying up yarnies as volunteer gifts and for our membership event. Plus helping coordinate that event.

Larry Palmer you are my hero.

Joe Blum

Sandy River Chapter, ANWS
Volunteer Hours Record
Member Name
Event/ Activity
Date Hours



The Sandy River Clean-up on Saturday May 7 was a great success despite the weather and an unforeseen conflict of schedule with the "Troutdale Trot." The "Trot" participants almost dominated the Glenn Otto parking lot preventing us from meeting at our usually gathering point. We moved our meeting point a short distance to the parking lot across the Sandy River bridge adjacent to Glenn Otto park. Bill Beith and the Troutdale police volunteered to direct our volunteers to the new location.

I want to thank Colonel Thomas, Bill Beith, Doug Briggs, Joe Blum, David and Michele Desrosierr, Terri, Jeff and Josh Baughton, John and Leslie Hayden, Joy Garnnett, Howard Anderson and Warren for their participation in the event.

A special thank you to Russ Sumida and his daughter Debby for their efforts in the clean-up and for the donation of two fine trash grabbers to the chapter.

We gathered close to forty SOLV bags of trash and a Safeway shopping cart from our targeted areas adjacent to the river. Our most unusual find was about thirty wet, soggy, and moldy telephone books dumped near the Troutdale bridge.

The event was slightly marred by the arrest of Colonel Thomas by the Troutdale police for an outstanding warrant for pouching other angler's catch by invoking a questionable self invented "hand off" rule to innocent amateur anglers. Fortunately, because of the testimony of his latest victim he was released, the hand cuffs taken off and allowed to continue to pick up trash.

Tom Gemelli



8. Tom (HOTC) reported 14 of the 23 that signed up were present for the chapter clean-up. Some 40 bags of garbage/litter were collected. Tom displayed his leadership skills when confronted with a filled Glen Otto parking lot - Troutdale Trot was being held - and relocated his staging/collection center east of the bridge. He was also involved in cementing chapter relations with the Troutdale police.

9. The Mt. Hood National Forest area will be the site of an invasive species project - removal and replanting. At this time the project is still in the grant writing stage, and more information will be available. When the project is up and running, there will be a call for volunteers to assist.

II Officer reports

- 1. Mike reported we have approximately \$8600 in our various accounts.
- 2. Bill was not available for a membership report.

ended at 8:00



Sandy Steelheader Rob Gibbs (pictured) is building a wooden 14 foot drift boat. The boat has a curious history. I was cleaning up the Sandy River in front of some homes and as I was leaving I noticed the boat and as an old wooden boat builder I asked about it. The owner said he wanted to get rid of it and asked me if I would take it. The boat was started by a guy with no boat building experience and it showed, but I thought I could use the Mahogany strips that went with it, so I took it. It sat in my boat house for a few years and I was getting ready burn it. Rob Gibbs had an old wooden drift boat with a bad hull, so I gave him the boat as is; just the sides and bottom. Because the boat was sitting outside unfinished when I found it and my boat shed roof fell on it during a bad snow storm, he had to cut out some bad wood. The boat came without any plans and I couldn't find any plans to match the design, so we have used a plan that is close and our own ideas. Fixing this boat has taken a lot of hours, but we should have it completed in a few weeks.

Howard Berg

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