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### Our Mission Statement

The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.

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### Meetings

**June 7**

#### General Meeting

Meet & Greet: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Bob Rees, Exec. Director ANWS

Where: Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR

\*No General Meeting in July or August

**June 14**

Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders  
**board meeting**

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: TBA

### Events / Workshops

**May 3**

**June 15 - 19**

John Day River Campout

Contact: John Hydorn - [JohnHydorn@gmail.com](mailto:JohnHydorn@gmail.com)

**June 24**

Steelhead 101 Fishing Workshop

\*\* Volunteers Needed, contact Jim Cathcart at  
[ornavigator@hotmail.com](mailto:ornavigator@hotmail.com); (503) 238-4775, Ext. 106

**July 29th**

Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic to be held at  
Glenn Otto Park

~ REMINDER ~ REMINDER ~

If you volunteered for any event please remember to send me your hours. I know a lot of you volunteered at the ANSW Family Fish camp but I have not seen many hours yet so stand forth and be recognized. And many thanks to you for your dedication to helping others learn to fish..

Beverly Betzer ([BBetzer@wayne-dalton.com](mailto:BBetzer@wayne-dalton.com))

## ***Do you have questions about your rods, reels or tackle?***

Take your fishing equipment and questions to our chapter meetings where experienced Chapter Members will be glad to help you solve your problems. This message brought to you by Sandy Chapter President, Steve Rothenbucher.

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# Swap, Sell, or Tell

*A swap meet/sales event*



- **Where**– Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park,  
1102 Historic East Columbia River Hwy., Troutdale Oregon
- **When**- Saturday July 15th, 2017 9 AM - 6 PM
- **What's it all about**- A fun fundraising event to support City of Troutdale parks facilities, youth fishing education and stream conservation efforts by the Sandy River Chapter, NW Steelheaders. There will be fishing and outdoor gear, steelhead rigging demos, hand made crafts, food, local businesses, and more!
- **How it's organized**– reserve your table for just \$25. At your table you may sell items, swap items or advertise your business.
- The table reservation is your only cost. There are no other fees .
- Got a boat to sell? Spaces in the parking lot are the same \$25 fee! Display your boat in person to the many interested attendees . Spots are limited. Reserve in advance. No refunds after July 1st.

**Admission for the general public is FREE !**

Do you have items to donate for sale to support our youth fishing and conservation efforts? Wish to reserve your table?

Contact Larry Palmer at [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com)

## One Last Cast

Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

It is called fishing for many reasons. One of my reasons is to avoid disappointment. Should I set out to go catching and end up getting skunked, then the message to me is failure. Perhaps you have fallen into this trap; excited about the upcoming catch, the story telling and bragging rights to follow, only to have that sense of disappointment lurking in your thoughts when the trip turned out to be just a fishing trip.

Another reason is to think of fishing as an investment. Think of catching as the return on this investment. I recent had an experience that drove this point home. I had a Friday morning available for a trip — not a lot of time — but enough time to make a go of it. I snagged an open seat for spring chinook on the lower Willamette in my buddy's boat — let's call him Jack (because that is his name). Jack's recent success from a prior trip put catching at the top of our list. My afternoon itinerary was to head down to the southern Oregon coast for a weekend of intensive animal tracking and I could visualize my arriving at the campground with a fresh springer in the cooler for all to marvel ...

Nature dealt a different plan. The river had suddenly come up since Jack's mid-week success; turbidity was at 13 (ideal conditions are a turbidity rating around 6), meaning visibility

hovering around 2 feet. Jack and I could barely see our green label plug cut herring when we checked our rigs for that ever so important roll.

The glass was half full though — the morning



was crisp, beautiful (meaning it was not raining) and of course neither Jack or I were tending to any responsibilities; instead just

spending time in the boat worrying about turbidity and the roll of our herring. Conversation soon led to thoughts about how we should change tactics to match the conditions. Add a flasher to fish two instead of one? Shorten the leader behind the flasher(s). Try garlic or give it all the anise that your nostrils can handle? Of course, since a couple of hours of such conversation in the boat feels like 5 minutes anywhere else - it goes by that fast - neither Jack or I made any of those adjustments; instead sticking to what worked before.

No surprise we both got skunked. But, when I heard the news that Jack went out the next day under the same conditions and landed a hatchery fish, I emailed, "Did you double up on the flashers and shorten the leader?" You know the answer.

## A helpful guy

By Larry Palmer

The other day I finally got around to looking for a transom bracket that broke on my 8 HP Mercury trolling motor. I looked online, and found a couple sources of parts. I had bought parts from a used outboard motor business in Portland that had closed a few years ago, and wondered if I could again locate a used part. I had to go out to Troutdale for a chapter related meeting about the upcoming Steelhead Workshop, and decided to stop in at this boat place I had driven by many times on my way to Chinook Landing, on the corner of 223<sup>rd</sup> and Sandy Blvd.

I got to the shop and found the proprietor, Brad Jewett, doing a bit of bookkeeping behind the counter. He found out what I needed and looked to see if he had the needed part. The only one he had was from a much newer motor, and probably would not work. Using the model and serial # I had written down, he looked on E-Bay found a couple used ones and confirmed that one was exactly the part I needed. He then sent me a link to it, and I purchased the part. "No charge" he said. "Glad I could help you out". Needless to say, I was pleased. The replacement part was \$80, a new one over \$300.

Every once in a while, you get really good customer service. It's pretty rare these days, especially when there's no profit involved. So, thanks, Brad!



**"Give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day; teach him how to fish, and he'll eat for a lifetime."**

**~Anne Isabella Ritchie**



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