

Welcome New Members

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Thank you shout out to our June guest speaker and member Larry Palmer for sharing his tips and techniques for simple Bait Sac Systems!

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic - Saturday - July 28th

Hosted by Norm & Joli Ritchie - 2834 SE 166th Ave - Portland, OR 97236

After many successful years at Larry & Sharon Beaver's back yard, it has become time to give the Beaver's a chance to sit back and enjoy the picnic. The picnic is moving west to Norm & Joli Ritchie's back yard. You can expect a great time with BBQ on the patio, relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family. The chapter will provide salmon, hot dogs, hamburgers as well as soft drinks, coffee, plates and utensils. We will be set up at 12:30 PM, with kid's games and prizes starting at 1:00, and start the meal around 1:30 PM.

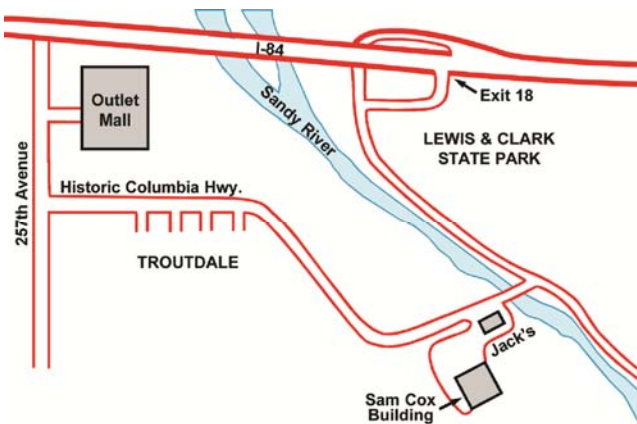
We are waiving the deposit this year to see if everyone shows up without the incentive of getting their deposit back. But to ensure there is enough food and beverages, please make sure and let Joli know no later than Tuesday - July 21st.

Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share!

If you need details, directions or to sign up to attend, call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551.

Call for Volunteers!

There are many events during the summer that need your help. Check out the Upcoming Events section on page 6 and help out the coordinators who generously donate their time and energy to organize these events. A few hours of your time are greatly appreciated and are a great way to get to know your fellow members, not to mention personally rewarding!



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

All guests are welcome!

No meetings during July and August



**Ducky Derby to Benefit Fish
Try Your Luck, Buy a Duck;
Make a Wish, Save a Fish**

**July 21, 4:30 p.m.
Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, Oregon
Sandy River Bridge
Participation - \$5 per Chance
Total Number of Chances: 2,000**

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

We need volunteers to support the NWSH Ducky Derby on Saturday - July 21st.

We need (4) boats, preferably jets (drift boats with motors will work too) that have the skipper plus 2-3 helpers per boat to set up and take down the boom barrier and to set up and collect the Ducks. This year we will not be using the heavy oil boom barriers that were used last year. The barriers will be 10' sections of 4' PVC pipe connected with eye bolts and carabiners.

We will need (6) members to sell Ducks along the parade route in Downtown Troutdale and (6) members at the booth at Glenn Otto Park. We need the volunteers from 9:00 AM until the race is over and the winners have been determined. On the evening of July 14th or 15th (TBD), we will need 6-8 members to have a trial Duck run - boats will NOT be needed for the test run.

The volunteers will meet at the Sam Cox Building at Glen Otto Park on 9:00 AM to set up the event.

Please call Art Israelson at 503-666-2599 to volunteer

We warned you!

How cats are beneficial to fishing..I mean health!

One evening as I was plotting a fishing trip to the Wilson and making steelhead jigs with pink maribu, I needed some kind of white, after digging in my treasure trove of supplies I could not find anything suitable. The store is closed - what am I to do? I started looking around to see what would work. Laying next me on the couch, was Marjorie's cat - Kuzco giving me the "pet me" look. As I petted her belly, her WHITE FUZZY belly - I thought - hmmm I wonder. Out came the scissors and after a few clips, I had what I needed to finish my jigs. She didn't seem to mind she has plenty of belly fur and the jigs turned out pretty darn good.

I kid you NOT - I caught 2 fish with my Cat Hair jig!

Scott Bowling

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Board Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2012

Present: Eric K, Steve C, Howard B, Mike M, Doug B, Colonel T, Joe B, John H, Leslie H, Scott B, Marjorie B, and Nona B
Began: 6:30

I. Old Business

1. The Ducky Derby is an association event scheduled for 7/21 with Art I as the go to person.
2. July 28th is the date for the annual chapter picnic this year to be held and Norm and Joli's.
3. Finally, the various fish camp info. was made available: Rod B. is in charge of the fish camp scheduled for 7/9-7/13, 9:00-5:00; the Greek camp is 8/6-8/9; and Joe B/Scott B are in charge of the cancer camp set for 8/29-8/1 with exact daily times still to be determined.
4. Jeff K and Jeff S have not confirmed with the board the dates for any upcoming clinics.
5. Norm is the go to guy for the fall coastal fish-a-long with more information available at the September meeting. This event is highly anticipated and well attended.
6. Jeff S was finally able to arrange the Sandy float trips for past ticket sellers/buyers. In fact, some fish were hooked, but as normal the number and size of the fish caught has increased with time passage. It probably is not true that several 20 pound plus fish were hooked.
7. Our chapter meeting dates/times and potential May auction date at Glen Otto have been confirmed with the proper Troutdale city hall.
8. Due to clean-up concerns and lack of payment per usage, the availability of cookies at the meetings will be stopped. Again we discussed cleaning the hall after each meeting. While this concern was voiced by a city hall employee, we have been doing our part to keep things clean but will try to continue and increase our efforts.

II. New Business

1. CCA is going ahead with its petition effort to put a "no gill netting" on the ballot. Petitions are available for those supporting this effort. Contact Mike M if you want to pick up a petition.
 2. There was much discussion over the social media policy, and ultimately it was decided that we need to put in place a two person team addressing concerns for our chapter. However, any changes must come through the association. This two person team will be appointed/selected at a later date. It was also decided that we would provide any information for the Oregonian with ifish.net.
 3. Doug B is going to work with our chapter guides to see if we can get "guide tips" that might be related to an upcoming fishery. These might be in the form of an article for the newsletter or a personal presentation at a chapter meeting. Doug is still working on this idea though at this time we are probably talking about an article, which hopefully can be included in the newsletter previous to the related fishery.
 4. Jeff K is in charge of speakers and was not available for a report. If you know of a potential speaker or would like to see someone special, contact Jeff.
 5. Colonel has contacted Dave Kaffke about donating spinner components, which will be wrapped and made available to chapter members at greatly reduced prices.
 6. Nona and Marjorie Bowling are taking over the newsletter - it was refreshing to see their new enthusiasm for a new venture.
 7. Because of their past extensive contributions, the board discussed the continued support for comping them with ads in our newsletter. Mike is confirming the prices for ads.
 8. We need to come up with and define a better, read that as more accurate, means of tracking and recording volunteer hours. We are continuing to work on a better more efficient system.
 9. There was discussion about the potential for reintroducing a Sandy River Rendezvous, but this is on hold for a future discussion.
- If you have any related/supportive thoughts, contact a board member..

III Officer Reports

1. Until such time as the association gains better financial footing, we will continue sending our raffle earnings back to the association.
2. Current membership is 165.
3. Both accounts hold approximately \$11,215.
4. Joe is contacting various individual regarding various STEP potential projects.

Ended: 8:42



NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 6, 2012

Show up Friday evening for dinner and a fishing report and fishing clinic. There will be breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and a "build your own" lunch bar with lunch meat selections for sandwiches, fruit, a snack, and a beverage. With breakfast in your belly and a lunch bag in your hand, you are ready to head out with your fishing buddies. There will be a BBQ dinner Saturday night followed by tales of the day's exploits and setting up teams for those who want to fish the next day. Tournament winners will also be announced. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast and lunch bar. Everyone will need to pack out before leaving for fishing Sunday morning. (The dorm will be cleaned and locked up when everyone leaves. The gate will be left unlocked until late afternoon for the RVs.)

Boat captains are able to pick their own passengers, but we will help coordinate other boaters and riders to balance local knowledge and expertise to insure this is a learning experience for everyone who needs it as well as being a great weekend of fishing. This will be done well in advance to allow participants to coordinate their fishing. Riders are expected to cover boat fuel, launch fees, and bait (which are only a portion of the boat owner's cost).

There may be fresh dungenous crab for Dinner – assuming we can catch some on Friday, prior to the event. Interested in doing some crabbing? One boat with three crabbers can get a limit of 36 crabs which would provide everyone with half a crab appetizer for the dinner. Let us know if you are interested, particularly if you have a boat and some traps.

Feeling Lucky? We are going to have a tournament that will win half the total tournament entry purse for three participants. Enter the tournament for \$20 and have a chance to win a percentage of the total pot. Entrants will also get a donation receipt for \$10 of the entry fee. 30% of all entry fees go to the angler with the largest fish by weight after gutting and gilling. (This allows anglers to take good care of their catch for optimum food quality.) 10% to the second largest fish. 10% to the smallest salmon by length (smallest being the closest to but not under the minimum legal harvest adult size). Entries must be at the Tillamook Fairground Dorm weigh-in no later than 5:00pm. Please include the entry fee with your registration fee, but we will accept entries up to 8:30 on Friday 10/5/12 at the fair ground dorm.

Event Schedule

Friday, Oct. 5, 2012

3:00 PM Dorm Opens
6:00 PM dinner and a fishing report and fishing clinic.
8:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012

6:00 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 7:22am.)
9:00 AM Everything must be out of the dorm.
5:00 PM All Vehicles, trailers, and RVs must be out of the fairground so the gate can be locked.

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Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012

6:00 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 7:21am.)
4:00 to 5:00 PM Tournament Fish Measured
5:30 PM Dinner & Prizes
8:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar



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Education Director Mike Myrick and Government Affairs Director Norm Ritchie with typical Tillamook Bay Fall Chinook.

NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 6, 2012

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Location

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is an ideal location for this event. It is located between the most popular Tillamook Bay boat ramps and is between the Wilson and Trask Rivers. There are also bank fishing opportunities just as close. There is water and 15 amp electrical service for RVs and plenty of parking for boats and other vehicles.

The dorm has a large kitchen and dining/meeting room on the main floor and two bunk rooms with bathroom & showers up stairs. Bring your sleeping bag, towel, and other shower supplies. A hot shower really feels good after a day on the bay! (Ear plugs can be helpful if there are attendees that snore.)

Directions

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is easy to get to. It is just south of Highway 6 on Third Street, just off the Wilson River Loop Road. (Turn south off Highway 6 at the yellow flashing light. This road dead ends into the Fairground and the dorm is the 2 story building on your right.)

Cost – Fees are due no later than Friday, Sep. 23, 2012:

(This is not a fund raiser. These fees just cover all the costs.)

Per individual staying at the dorm: \$75

(no reduction for staying only one of the two nights – we still need to make accommodations)

Per additional family members staying at the dorm: \$60

Per individual or family member not staying at the dorm but participating in evening meals and activities: \$3
(does not include breakfast or lunch)

Not staying at dorm but participating in all meals: \$50

There are a limited number of RV sites with water & 15 amp electrical.

RV spots are an additional \$10 per night

Don't forget the tournament entry fee!

Weather Cancellation can take place the morning of 10/5/12 due to extreme conditions making boating unsafe (eg. Gale force winds). All participants will be called if this happens. The registration fee will be returned less \$10. A donation receipt will be provided for the \$10 and the funds will defray the costs of food purchased for the event that will need to be donated to the local food bank. This has happened only once in the twelve years of this event, so the risk is low and made lower by scheduling earlier in the month.

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional details. E-mail normritchie@q.com with name, phone number; will you be staying at the dorm, bringing an RV or staying elsewhere?; Will you be fishing the bank or do you want a ride on someone else's boat or will you be bringing a boat ; If you are bringing a boat, how many people can you take on your boat and do you have anyone already set up to go on your boat (must be a NW Steelheaders member); What is your knowledge of Tillamook fall chinook fishing?

Payment must be received no later than September 25th in order for us to know how much food to purchase. Please make checks out to the "Sandy River Chapter, ANWS" and mail to Norm Ritchie, 2834 SE 166th Ave., Portland, OR 97236-1861.

Summer Break!

There are no meetings during the summer break - July & August, but as we get in the "fun in the sun" mode when the sun comes up earlier and goes down later—please remember Safety First **before** launching your boat.

When you are plotting, arranging and re-arranging your gear for your adventure (come on - we all do it), take the time to check your PFD's.

Inspect them for rips, holes and tears - make sure the straps and hardware are in place and secure.

And most importantly - speak up when you see someone who clearly should be wearing their PFD.

Enjoy your summer!



Upcoming Events

Ducky Derby

Saturday July 21st

Glen Otto Park - Troutdale, OR

Sandy River Bridge

Contact: Art Israelson - 503-666-2599

Volunteers needed

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Saturday - July 28th

Contact: Norm & Joli Ritchie - 503-760-5551

Camp Angelos - Kids N Cancer Fish Camp

Saturday July 28th - Wednesday August 1st

Contact: Scott Bowling - 503-253-6606

Volunteers needed

Camp Angelos - Greek Fish Camp

Monday August 6th - Wednesday August 8th

Contact: Scott Bowling - 503-253-6606

Volunteers needed

Volunteers.....

You are all very important to the success of the Chapter and Association events. Please make sure to log the events you volunteer for and *turn in your volunteer forms*.

Coordinators.....

Thank you to all the coordinators for their dedication and generous donation of your time and energy. This function is a near full time job and can be compared to "herding cats", and although we may not say it often enough - we do appreciate you and thank you.

During any event, if you snap any pictures, send them to us with a summary of your experience so we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter!

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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

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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.

A Diamond Lake Adventure

Until this June, I had never been to Diamond Lake when a long time friend had changes in her life that led to an invitation from a new friend in her life that loves to fish the lake. So off we went on a new high elevation adventure.

My wife and I left with wild anticipation with our RV on a 4 ½ hour trip to the lake early Friday morning of June 8th. We arrived at the RV Park at about 1:00 pm and began to set up while it was snowing on us. We went for a bite to eat at the local lodge restaurant and found Hawg Quest there. It was still snowing and it was going to be the free fishing weekend the next day. We went to bed that night hoping for better weather.

We woke early the next morning to a blanket of snow...yikes!! But that doesn't keep avid fishermen away from wetting a line. First we went about getting all our gear onboard the boat and as our new friend began brushing the snow from the top of the boat. THUMP!!! I looked around to find he had slipped off after stepping on a cleat. After 4 Aleve...we were off for the boat launch.

I manned the lines as the boat was launched. As soon as the boat entered the water the bilge pump began to pump water. I thought to myself, "Wow, must be a lot of rain accumulation." But, it was still pumping when he arrived after parking his rig and the boat was getting lower in the water. Bottom line...someone had stole his plug. After we found his spare plug, drained the boat, dried out the motor and got it to start, we again launched the boat.

The weather was changing from cold to warmer the next day...meaning winds arrived. Have you ever tried to lift an anchor that has accumulated a ton of weeds after the boat had drifted halfway across the lake...it took two old men pulling with all our might to bring that mess up from the bottom. Worst of all, the fish were not liking any of the Powerbait that we were offering. Time to troll for a while...wow, that's better!! The "catching" then began.

We had a good time fishing and catching for the next few days. By the time we left, we had begun to enjoy some warmer weather and "experience" the legendary bugs and mosquitoes that the lake is known for. In all, the four of us brought home about 40 rainbow trout ranging from 1 to 4 pounders. A good time was had by all and we vowed to do it again.

John Hydorn



*Leslie Hydorn
with her trophies*

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Dave "Spinner Dave" Kaffke of SDC Custom Designs has made a generous donation of spinner components to the Chapter. A variety of salmon spinners will be available at reduced costs at upcoming meetings. Since we do not meet again until September, if you would like some awesome salmon spinners at a great price, contact Colonel to make arrangements to visit him and get some custom "Colonel" salmon spinners!
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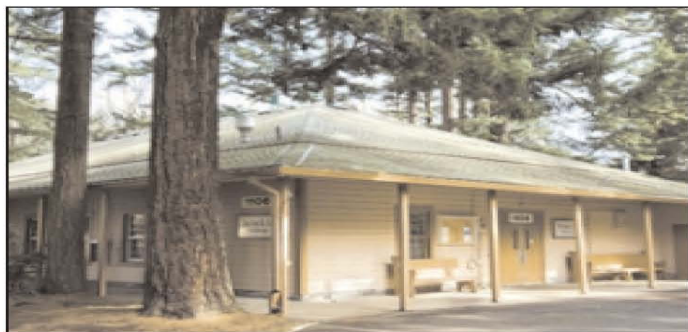
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Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park

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:

☐ This is a gift—Please send certificate to:

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A message from the editors: This is our first official appointment with the Chapter and we are truly excited to be bestowed this honor. Our vision for the newsletter is to be informative, fun and a great way for all members to get to know each other. We would love to have pictures, anecdotes, tips, and recipes to share. We would also appreciate your input for your reading pleasure. So send them in! Nona & Marjorie Bowling

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