

July 2016, Sandy River Chapter Newsletter
NO CHAPTER MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

Enjoy your summer with family and friends.

Note.....

Sandy River Chapter Board Meeting will be
held on Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 PM, Izzy’s Pizza Parlor,
Gateway Shopping Center

SANDY RIVER CHAPTER: UPCOMING EVENTS.....

JULY, 2016

- 6 No Chapter Meeting in July
- 9 Community Summerfest
 Beavercreek, Oregon
- 13 Chapter Board Meeting
- 23 August newsletter deadline
- 23 ODFW / Sandy River Chapter,
 ***Workshop** on Float Fishing
 Methods. Oxbow Park
- 30 Annual Family Picnic plus
 Sandy River Chapter will
 Host the NWSH Association
 Annual Meeting, Glenn
 Otto Park

AUGUST, 2016

- 3 No Chapter Meeting in Aug.
- 10 Chapter Board Meeting
- 20 September newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER, 2016

- 7 Chapter Meeting
- 14 Chapter Board Meeting
- 17 Tillamook Fish-Along /
 Crab-Along Weekend.
 Watch for more details!
 Fri. pm, Sat., Sun.
- 24 October newsletter deadline

***PLEASE NOTE, OUR ODFW EVENTS WILL NOW BE CALLED WORKSHOPS** (Not Clinics)

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

June 5, 2016 Steve Rothenbucher and I headed out to take a group of kids out to fish for probably their first time ever, in conjunction with "I am Hooked" a positive youth development group.

Henry Hagg lake at 5:30 AM fit that description very well. Steve and I took a quick trip out in the lake as soon as we could after launching. We needed to learn the lake, try out the tackle that we had put together on May 30 and find some fish. We had to be back to the beach by 7 AM to pick up our first group.

That group consisted of two adults each with their own child of approximately 6 or 7 years old. We had picked up 3 fish from 4 hook-ups earlier and headed out to the same location. We had also marked a number of fish on the fish finder in the same area.

We had a great time, I was driving and Steve was busy tending the rods. The kids were well behaved and the parents were very supportive. They stayed out of Steve's way, helped their kids when needed and listened to our fish stories. Hardware malfunctions (tangles) were minimal.

We hooked 14 and landed 7, for the two kids to share. The parents were pleased to have such a successful outing, a fun boat ride in a beautiful lake.

The second group consisted of one dad and three kids, two young girls and one younger boy. Dad seemed more interested in talking about fishing in the Northern Midwest States and the kids were either bored or getting into the equipment. Steve was handling it well but I could tell that the steam was rising.

There was one memorable event when the older of the two girls got a hookup and obeyed Steve and left the rod in the rod holder and reeled the fish in. The tackle got to the end of the rod Steve said, "pick up the rod." She did but the rod pivoted in the rod holder going vertical but not coming out of the rod holder. The fish followed swinging over the middle of the boat. Steve was trying to get control of the situation as the young boy swung into action with the net. Together the three were able to net the fish four feet in the air in the middle of the boat. We were all happy with the outcome, well most of us.

There were a few more hardware malfunctions (tangles) but we ended up with about 5 fish for this group and Steve was in much need of a break (it is so much easier just to run the boat and watch the fun).

After lunch we headed out with three young adults, two young ladies and a young gentleman. They were a relief; Steve could dance around in the back of the boat, talking about fishing. Explaining when you could catch and release and when you shouldn't release. Even without the flying fish he was still able to bring in several more to the thrill of all.

The last group was a Grandfather and Grandson (young adult). The Grandfather had had a number of fishing experiences and was looking for the same for his grandson, he was also happy to tell us about them (typical fisherman). The grandson was a man of few words and they pretty much stayed in their seats and out of Steve's way. We got a good hookup on one of the rods and the grandson got up and reeled in the fish. He got to feel the vibration and thrill of landing a fish and was very pleased. That made Steve and my day.

All in all it was a great day, there was a nice breeze on the lake and the 100 degree heat didn't feel that hot. Everyone caught some fish and proved that fisher people come in all sizes, shapes and temperaments and we need them all to keep this the sport we all love.

Ronald L. Creswick
Captain

27th Annual, "I'm Hooked on Fishing" Event – Henry Hagg Lake, June 4 – 5

As told by Steve Rothenbucher

Sunday morning brought Sandy River Chapter members to Henry Hagg Lake to fish with kids! (Children). 5:30 was breakfast for Volunteers and we were there...

RON CRESWICK and BUZZ WILCOX with their boats, DOUG MILLER with his boat and 4 legged fishing buddy, "Shadow", ROBERT WISHER and STEVE ROTHENBUCHER. "I'm Hooked on Fishing" hosted breakfast and lunch for volunteers.

Our new fishing buddies began fishing at 7:30 and fished in 1 ½ hour sessions. ODFW Angler Ed provided their well stocked 'fishing trailer' with rods, and plenty of tackle and bait for all participants. Coast Guard Auxillary, State Police and staff from Cabela's were on hand to fit everyone with a PFD (personal floatation device). It was a warm day with temperatures over 100 degrees. We fished wedding rings with night crawlers and scents. Trout were in the 12" to 16" range and a real thrill for catching.

"I'm Hooked on Fishing" began 27 years ago with a group of 15 children from a local church. Paul Johnson, NWSH TV-Chapter has been involved with the program for 25 years, Doug Miller for 11 or 12 years and Steve Rothenbucher for 8 or 9 years. The Sandy River Chapter began helping in 2013. Saturday there was a total of 25 boats and Sunday 14 boats to make this event memorable for all. I don't think anyone went home without a 'fish-on' experience. Thanks to all who participated! Hope to see more members next year.



**Photograph by
Robert Wisner**

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic Will Host
Association's Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 30th at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale

Everyone can expect a great time with a barbecue and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family. This year the Sandy Chapter will also host the Association's Annual Meeting at Glenn Otto before the picnic. The Annual Meeting brings together all the Chapter Presidents and their delegates together to make major policy decisions, bylaw updates, vote on Hall of Fame Award recipients, and elect officers and executive committee members. Almost all Association board meetings are held elsewhere in the state, hosted by other chapters. This will be the first time Sandy Chapter will have had the opportunity to show the Association Board how we can be great hosts as well. This meeting will start early with the hope of completing all business before our lunch. So, all chapter members at the picnic will also have the opportunity to meet the board and delegates from across the state. Of course there will still be bingo, so bring three one dollar bills for the bingo games. Winners take all!

The location is a place we all know well. We have Site A straight down the trail from the Sandy Chapter meeting hall (where the Annual Meeting will also take place).

We will be providing the traditional salmon, burgers, and hot dogs, but what made the meal a real success last year was the potluck for side dishes, salads, and desserts. Robert Wisher will be making Funnel Cakes and Elephant Ears! Of course we also provide various sodas, water, and coffee.

People should arrive starting about 11:30 am, but be sure to be there before we start serving from the barbecue which starts at 12:30 pm.



We need an accurate headcount to know how much food to purchase, so if you were not able to sign up at the chapter meeting, please call before Monday, July 25th.

To sign up or if you have any questions or suggestions call Joli Ritchie at 503-970-5620 or email neritchie1@gmail.com . We will want to know your preference of salmon, hamburger, or hot dog and what you intend to bring as a potluck item.

Tillamook Fish-Along/Crab-Along, Weekend of Sept. 17, 2016

The Sandy River Chapter's Fall Chinook fish-along and the McLoughlin Chapter's Crab-along will join forces this year to enjoy the best of two worlds! These two events have been conducted separately in Tillamook in September for about two decades. The McLoughlin Chapter has a biggest crab contest with close to limits per crabber over several days and the Sandy Chapter has achieved up to a fish per angler in two days of fishing.



Carol Clark's Granddaughter with a really big crab and the McLoughlin Trophy.

Show up Friday evening at the Tillamook County Fairground for a pizza dinner and a fishing report and fishing and crabbing 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. 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. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast and lunch bar. People can stay in the bunk rooms at the fairground Dormitory or use the fairgrounds RV sites for a few dollars more. All this (including two nights stay at the Tillamook Fairground dormitory) for just \$80!

Got a boat? Bring it! Those volunteering their boats for this event will get a \$20 discount on their event registration. 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. Riders are expected to cover boat fuel, launch fees, and bait (which are only a portion of the boat owner's cost).



Happy Sandy Chapter members showing their catch.

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional details. Or email neritchie1@gmail.com with the following information: 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 and crabbing?

SUCCESSFUL MT. HOOD COMMUNITY FISHING POND EVENT

By Robert Wisher

‘Thank You ODFW’ for a great fishing event on Saturday, May 4th. They not only asked for great weather..they got it. ODFW produced the fish, provided lunch for volunteers such as Laurie Beadell, Steve Rothenbucher, Robert Wisher, students from Mt. Hood Community College and several other Certified ODFW volunteers. Best yet to come - did I mention approximately 80 fishing rods were rigged and mostly ready to go for close to 600 willing fishing enthusiasts there to fish?

Fish were being caught, lines being tangled, reels backlashing, tree limbs being snagged – in other words, fun was being had by all. As you can imagine, Jeff Fullop, ODFW was overwhelmed and having fun beyond his wildest imagination. Steve was busy helping kids at his station catch over a hundred fish - some were ‘lunkers’. Laurie was rushing back and forth, up and down along the edges of the pond, helping as she could along with gathering rods that were either all tangled or not being used and taking them to the registration table. I was picking up trash and untangling lines so rods could be used by those kids who may have been standing in line for a couple hours, waiting for their opportunity to fish.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT WISHER





Steelhead Fishing Workshop

Sat. July 23rd 9-5 PM, Oxbow Park

Presented by the Sandy River Chapter, NW Steelheaders
and the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Preregistration is required. Class fee \$52
To register contact Darlene Sprecher at ODFW: 503-947-6025



Learn hands-on from experienced anglers !

The workshop will include -

- Selection of the right types of rods and reels for steelhead fishing
- Personalized knot tying instruction
- Everything you need to rig up and follow along in class
- Step by step instruction on how to rig up for the most popular methods, float fishing, spinners and spoons and more!
- A loaner rod for the day to practice your skills in class!
- Fishing a great piece of steelhead water as part of the class
- A picnic style lunch is included in the class fee
- A detailed, illustrated 26 page manual to take home with knot and rigging illustrations and river maps.
- A NW Steelheaders one year membership and tee shirt

Mosier Railroad Oil Car Crash/Fire/Spill

By Norm Ritchie

The NW Steelheaders have been saying for the past year it is not a matter of 'if' but 'when' (and how often).

First off, why do we care? We care because there WILL be more events like this. Oil WILL end up in the river and WILL poison habitat, reducing fish survival and our fisheries. Anyone who tells you differently is wrong.

Mosier officials say they dodged a bullet thanks to conditions at the time. Conditions and location could have been much worse for people and for fish.



There are three levels of oil car design safety. These cars were the middle level. Most of the cars in the nation are an older design more susceptible to crash damage and leaks. The railroads have a two-tiered 3yr/5yr phase in period to replace the older oil cars, but it only apply to trains with more than 20 oil cars at a time. Notice how there's a lot of mixed freight trains with 19 oil cars these days? The newest standards were just forced by legislation last year, so I doubt we will see many of these any time soon.

The worse for fish is oil saturating the soil and seeping into the river. Oil got to the river quickly this time because the crash damaged Mosier water works piping, giving it an express way to the Columbia. Much of what young salmon and steelhead feed on is aquatic insects and other invertebrates which spend part of their lives in the submerged and riparian soils. Poison the soils and eliminate the food base as well as the direct effects of oil leaching into the water. In the Mosier case the rails were far enough from the river that it will allow the soils to be excavated and cleaned or moved off site. Not so for much of the track which is in spitting distance of the river.

If the oil industry has its way the answer to the question "how often?" will be "more frequently". The oil in Mosier was destined for a refinery in Washington State for domestic consumption. We are fighting attempts to make the Columbia River corridor the path for crude oil (and the refinery jobs) to be exported to foreign countries. The current threat is a very small fraction of what it will be if the oil trains are allowed down the Columbia corridor to shipping ports.

The NW Steelheaders is part of a very large coalition working to prevent this from happening.

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

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VOLUNTEER HOURS DEADLINE IS / WAS JUNE 30TH

By Robert Wisher

Your Volunteer time in hours are very important considering they are valued at \$21.36 per hour. When collected and submitted to the Northwest Steelheader Association, they certify and pass on to the Federal Government to be funded back to the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Bottom line, our efforts help support the hatcheries that keep fish in the rivers. Please submit before June 30th (if possible) your hours spent on any Steelheader projects and mileage when it was a **ODFW project**. For example: ODFW Carcass Toss, Kid's Fishing Pond, Clinics / Workshops, Stream Projects. Remember time starts when you leave your home until you return. Only if it is ODFW sponsored does mileage become a factor. Again, mileage starts from home until your return. Any questions, please call me or E-Mail: Robert 503-780-8212, rjwisherstix@gmail.com. For what it's worth, our fiscal year starts July 1, 2015 and ends June 30th, 2016. Only activity during this period are accountable. Thank you for your efforts.

THE JULY 23RD STEELHEAD WORKSHOP*/CLINIC NEEDS YOUR HELP.....

By Larry Palmer

I am still looking for general volunteers for the Steelhead Workshop. You'll receive our great 26 page Steelhead Manual, a free lunch, Oxbow parking pass for the day, and entry into a drawing for a hosted fishing trip. And you'll probably learn something too! **Please contact me to get on the list at:** palmerlarryd@yahoo.com. ***Workshop is the new ODFW name for our Clinics!!!**

FAMILY FUN DAY – SUMMERFEST 2016

Saturday, July 9 . 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM . ADMISION FREE

15223 S. Henrici Road, Oregon City, Oregon

From Rick Pare'

Sandy River Chapter has been invited to participate in Summerfest 2016 by having a booth in the BCT (Beaver Creek Telephone) event. Activities for the entire family! Classic Car Show 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Trout Pond, Artisan Row with a variety of local talent, Live Entertainment, Food Court, Craft Beer/Wine, Bingo, Trout Pond, Pie Eating Contest, Air Brush Tattoos and more. All proceeds help to fund a NEW Community park in Beavercreek, Oregon.

You will find the Sandy River Chapter in Booth #22 which is located by the Trout Pond. We will feature pictures of our activities, membership information and information 'about us'. Our participation has been arranged by Rick Pare', Sandy Chapter Membership Director. Booth will be staffed by Robert Wisher, Laurie Beadell, Art and Kathryn Israelson.

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EARTH DAY CLEANUP

By Don Voeks

Saturday April 23rd, twenty seven Steelheaders met at Glenn Otto City Park for the Spring River Clean-up, our semi-annual river cleanup. We clean up Glenn Otto, Dabney and Lewis & Clark Parks and the adjoining river frontage twice a year. Technically only Glenn Otto a City park, the others do, however, reflect on the City.

At Glenn Otto we cut down a significant amount of Scotch Broom, blackberries and branches overhanging the trails within the park. The cuttings were tossed along the trail to bio-degrade. The cleanup effort netted a significant amount of trash, 23 bags full and two bags full of recyclable cans and bottles. How much soil and fir needles were raked, dug and scattered over the bank? Our wheelbarrows were different sizes and we did not count the number but our guess is 10 yards of debris.

We put a crew on the removal of the soil and debris accumulating along the south and east sides of the Sam Cox building. The contact of this material with the siding along the perimeter caused much of the siding to degrade and allow insects easy access to the building interior. The siding on these two sides of the building is rotten. This rot will cause the exterior sheathing and studs to decay, as well. Left untreated this rot will compromise the structural framing, cause the building to settle and allow the waterproofing system to fail.

We encourage the City to take immediate steps to remove this rotted material, replace any damaged sheathing and/or structure and treat for insects, termites, carpenter ants, etc. as soon as possible. The Sandy River Chapter of the Steelheaders is willing to help provide some of the labor to help the City address this problem as soon as possible. We are **VERY** concerned about this.

WE HAVE A NEW (to us) AUDIO SYSTEM!

By Kathryn Israelson

Thank you to Rick Pare' for making it possible for us to receive the donation of the 'new to us' audio system from Beaver Creek Telephone. A plaque of thanks and appreciation has been given to Rick and to Beaver Creek Telephone (BCT).

We are also appreciative of the ability to be part of the July 9th, BCT Summerfest 2016, by having booth #22 by the children's fish pond. Bring the family and come out and enjoy the fun!