



July 2022 *The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers is dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.*



July 10, 2022, Sunday – 8am, Bank methods for Summer Steelhead (See Article page 5 for details and contacts) . Meet at Barton Park Store and gas station. 24802 SE Bakers Ferry Road, Boring, Oregon on Highway 224.



August 20, 2022, Saturday - 11:30am, Annual Sandy River Chapter picnic - Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park area B, Troutdale, OR



September 8, 2022, Thursday Sandy River Chapter monthly meeting at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm – Event may be modified or postponed pending on Health regulations. Location: Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR

NOTE: Starting September 8, 2022 our Chapter meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month.

Sandy River Chapter Websites

We invite you to visit the Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group at “**Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders**” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/451895135882897> . Or the Chapter Website at: <http://www.sandysteelheaders.org/>

Note: There will be redundancies between the Chapter Newsletter and our Facebook Group page in our attempt to share items to followers of both. Due to limited space in our Newsletter, there may also be more posts on the Facebook group page than in the Newsletter.



“TAKE A SOLDIER FISHING/VETERANS/ACTIVE DUTY” FISHING

2022 events in Oregon:

Take a Soldier Fishing (TASF), Portland Chapter, is proud to announce our next upcoming 2022 event to take veterans and active-duty military out fishing for the day.

TASF’s goal is to provide low cost or free fishing events honoring our active-duty military and veterans from any branch of the service. We serve veterans with various disabilities, veterans supported by the VA Housing Programs, and many others from all walks of life.

For some veterans, our event is the only outdoor recreational activity that they will receive the entire year!

All veterans and active-duty military are welcome to participate in our events. We do our best to provide accommodations for those who need them. **We are seeking Volunteers with boats** who have fishing gear to take veterans fishing.

- Volunteers are needed to help with check-in of boaters and participants and issue fishing licenses for those who need them
 - Volunteers are needed for setup and take down and help with serving AM refreshments
- Lunch and AM refreshments are provided for all participants and volunteers**

TASF has no paid employees. Everyone is a volunteer, including board members. 100% of contributions to TASF, Portland or Eugene Chapters are used to support day fishing events in Oregon.

Participation is open to all veterans and active-duty military from any branch of the armed services. Volunteers are not required to have a military background. All TASF events are alcohol and drug free. Participants and **volunteers/boaters must pre-register for these events.** Go to <https://www.takeasoldierfishing.org/> and complete the appropriate registration form.

Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing Event - Odell Lake

July 8 (Check-in) and 9 (event), 2022

Take A Veteran Fishing at Odell Lake is located on Willamette Pass highway east of Eugene Oregon. The event is co-sponsored by Shelter Cove Resort. This event is open to all veterans from any branch of service and typically includes an overnight camping Friday evening before the Saturday fishing day. Immediate family members are welcome to participate but fishing on boats is reserved to veterans only. Preregistration has begun for Veterans and Active-Duty participants and volunteers. Dinner is provided Friday evening, as well as a modest breakfast Saturday AM and lunch Saturday afternoon. A group camping area is available for Friday evening campers.

Volunteer and boater signup form for a Take A Soldier/Veteran/Active-Duty Fishing Event at - <https://form.jotform.com/10141923362>

If you wish to contribute or help sponsor any of our events, please contact Jack Morby via email at morby517@aol.com.

From the Chapter President

Rob Bitney

Finally, after 2 long years, we have things returning to "normal". The chapter is back with in person meetings, fish-alongs have been scheduled and gill nets are back in the mainstream Columbia, no wait, whaaat! That's correct, our politically appointed ODFW commissioners in their infinite wisdom authorized a 1 day season and rumor has it they are looking to add some days. So, what does that mean to you?

My first thought was ODFW must be flush with cash as that should be the end of the Columbia River Endorsement, that is a lot of money at \$9.75 per angler.

My next thought was I have to pay way more attention to my elected officials. I know the governor is going to change, and that is who makes the appointments, but the Senators have to approve the appointments, so in theory we have a "backstop".

That being said, we got extra motivation from our guest speaker at the April meeting. Along with the presentation on rigging Herring and targeting Kokanee, we were reminded to get involved. In his case, it was to attend commission meetings as your mere presence shows your concern. Don't want to get that involved? How about making sure to click on the action alerts we get in the in box of e-mail. An old school letter is very effective as well. Perhaps we should consider contacting the candidates outright and find out what their view is concerning sport fishing & hatchery issues. I see it as farming, planting seeds for the future, after all, they also make the budgets as well as confirm the appointees. Also, right now they should have time, later this fall not so much so.

On a lighter note, getting involved could also include your home chapter. We seem to always have open positions, what interests you? Everyone has unique skills, are you willing to share yours?

How do you know if you are close enough to the riverbed (bottom)?



Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic
Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale

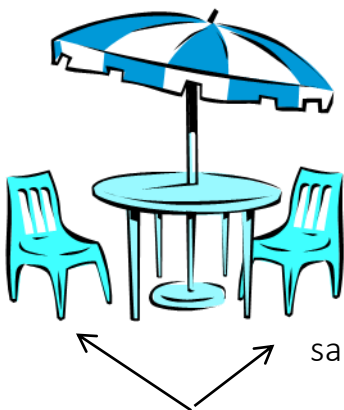
Everyone can expect a great time with a barbecue and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family. We have both the picnic site and the meeting hall, so everything can happen rain or shine. You will need to bring your own lawn chairs for outside picnic seating. A couple of participants will win gift cards just for showing up! We will have door prizes and there will be bingo after the meal. So, bring three one-dollar bills for the bingo games. Winners take all!

The location is a place we all know well. We have a site straight down the trail, area B, from the Sandy Chapter meeting hall. The chapter will provide all the food to include the main dish, Side dishes, Salads and, Deserts. Volunteers will grill the traditional burgers, and hot dogs, The Chapter will also provide various sodas, water, and coffee.



People should arrive with their chairs 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 be sure to sign up/register by contacting Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 or email neritchie1@gmail.com before Friday, August 12, 2022.



To sign up or if you have any questions or suggestions call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 or email neritchie1@gmail.com letting us know how many are coming, what each person wants off the grill (salmon, hot dog, or burger), and if you will be bringing a salad, side dish, or desert. We will want to know your preference of salmon, hamburger, or hot dog.

See these chairs? We can't provide so remember to bring your

The Next Fish-Along-

Bank methods for summer steelhead.

Sunday July 10th at 8 AM,

Barton Park Store and gas station.

24802 SE Bakers Ferry Road, Boring, Oregon on Highway 224.



This will be a shore trip covering bank methods for summer steelhead. Methods covered include bobber fishing with Yarnies, pink worms, jigs, and old school drift fishing.

As an added plus- I'll bring yarn to show you how to tie the simple but effective Yarnie in three styles.

But wait – There's more!! All attendees will receive a free Yarnie with one lucky angler winning the Grand Prize of five Yarnies. That's five fish, if you cast in the right spot...

For varieties sake, I'll be showing you a new spot on the Clackamas River. No access fee there, but in nearby parks there is a day use fee if you want to try one of those later.

Where and when to meet- Sunday July 10th at 8 AM, Barton Park Store and gas station. 24802 SE Bakers Ferry Road, Boring Oregon on Highway 224.

I hope to see you all there. Be sure to contact me (palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or by text at 971-295-6235) and let me know you are coming. ¹ Thanks

Larry Palmer

¹ Interested parties must register by calling or signing up for trips, so we know how many are coming, or whether it's going to take place at all. If no sign ups by the Wednesday night before the trip means that the trip will be cancelled.

Fish-Along Update

The Shad-Along

Only a couple attendees came to the outing for shad at Clackamette Park in early June. Rob Bitney caught a Smallmouth Bass. Folks on either side of us caught two Sturgeon, about 40 and 48 inches long. Sturgeon retention was closed at that time, so they were released unharmed.

The clam-along

Surprisingly no callers on the June 19th trip. Too bad because clamming was excellent. Hank Hyde and I along with two friends all got limits of nice fat razor clams in short order, Weather was great too!



A new policy- From here on out we want interested parties to register by calling or signing up for trips, so we know how many are coming, or whether it's going to take place at all. Because of Hanks work schedule (and a bit of mine ...) trips will all be held on Sundays. If there are no sign ups by the Wednesday night before the trip it means that the trip will be cancelled. I can be reached to confirm your spot at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or by text at 971-295-6235

How not to fish

In late April 2022 a friend invited me to fish Detroit Lake with him. We planned to stay at the lake a few nights and fish while there.

The *Tuesday* before leaving we met to go over equipment in advance. We went through our gear and over our packing list. Then to the driveway where we ran his main outboard for few minutes, and it seemed to operate fine. I asked if we shouldn't run his trolling motor and he responded, "No, it's all okay."

That *Thursday* I met him at his house and loaded my items in his boat and Camper. He had recently purchased a nice used camper and was looking forward to a first fishing trip with it. Backing his Truck/Camper to the trailer we found the two safety chains from the boat trailer to hitch 6" too short. We then found the cord to the Camper was too short and could not plug into the outlets on the hitch. Both corrected there and we were off to the lake.

Once at the lake we launched the boat mooring it at the campground (which was usable this year). After parking the trailer, we unloaded the camper and called it a night.

Friday morning, after heavy rain all night, woke to nice dry day. And off to fish we went. Upon reaching a promising spot on the lake, he lowered his remote-controlled Minn kota Ulterra bow mount and found the hand control would not operate the motor. After checking closely, it was determined you should not leave the batteries in the controller over winter, the panel within same had corrosion on it. After the trip he had to purchase a new hand control. But, for this trip we would use the outboard trolling motor.

So, we begin fishing setting and lowering the electric downriggers. In doing so, we found neither of them would retract the line and weights. And we then found the Bilge pump was not operating. So, we manually retracted the downriggers and off to the boat ramp we went. Once there, we got the truck, put the trailer on same and pulled the boat out of the water. About 100+ gallons of rainwater drained from the bilge, and we reconnected the wiring behind the downrigger outlets (they tend to come loose at times) so that they then worked.

The deck dry so I crawled under the dash to the bilge pump fuse box. We replaced a burnt-out fuse and it worked. Back on the water 6 Kokanee caught and 2 losses at the boat for 3 hours of fishing and back to shore.

Saturday, the next morning after heavy rain all through the previous evening and night, down to the boat we go. At the boat and found it had power to the outboards and Downriggers. But no other power (lights, wipers, bilge, GPS)

After noting a small amount of water on the deck, believed to be rainwater, we found when all 400 lbs. of us were at the back of the boat the deck water increased.... Off we went to pull the boat out of the water.

Again, too the ramp, truck, get trailer, pull boat out, and drained more water from bilge than the previous day.

Then back to fishing “blind” following the crowd and landed a Kokanee. After catching a Kokanee and resetting gear, to continue fishing, at the back of the boat I noticed – no water cooling on the Kicker (aka: motor not “peeing”). So, the trolling motor was out of service.

Wanting to continue fishing we attempted to use the main motor trolling into the wind. And, 45 minutes later while adjusting gear at the back of the boat there was hardly any water cooling on the Main with only a slight dribble. Therefore, back to the ramp, camp and, off the water end of fishing / boating.

Some lessons here... stick to a maintenance schedule with all your equipment. Winterizing your outfit is more than just the motors. Always run all your gear to test it at the beginning of a new season. And, when going with another boater see that they have done the same.

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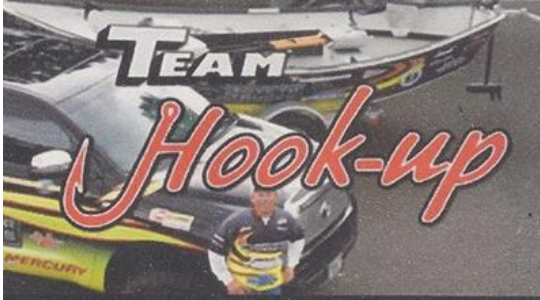
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