

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1106 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon.

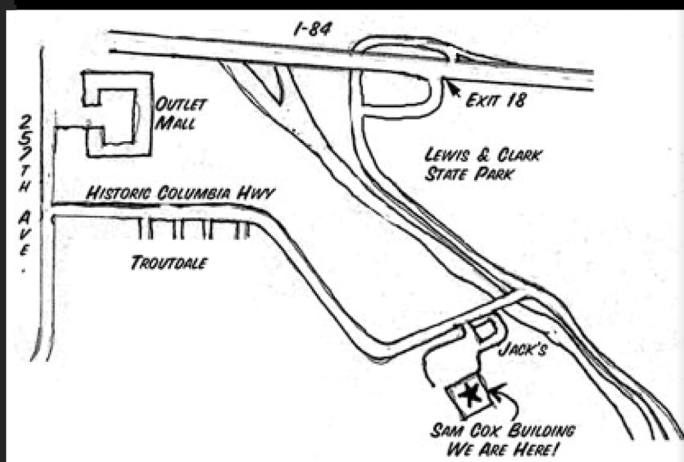
No charge to visitors! Bring your kids too! We welcome you to come by for one of our informative monthly meetings. Learn more about fishing! Get involved with conservation projects in the Sandy River.

Special “catch a COHO from the shore” clinic– Sat. August 29th Glenn Otto Park , Troutdale, 10 AM– 2 PM.

Admission is FREE ! Come on down and learn “How” and “Where”

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of September. That's the 2nd !

Meeting Map



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jay Burris- 360 798-9000

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Mike Myrick - **Classroom fish tanks**

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Presidents Message

My message this month is about membership and getting new members. The following was sent out to the chapter presidents and I thought it should be shared with everyone. It was written by our Executive Director Paul Cathcart.

1. **Membership Drive Incentive Campaign** - This program continues with the second drawing for members who have recruited new members is scheduled at the upcoming quarterly Board meeting in August. It will be the second of four quarterly drawings where valuable prizes will be awarded to those members who help the Association achieve the goal of increasing our membership by 50 percent via the recruiting of 750 new members prior to February 2010. In a nutshell, prizes will be awarded at each quarterly Board of Directors' meeting for members who have written their name on the back of the membership application of the new member they have recruited or have provided a list of the new members recruited during the preceding quarter. Every new membership signed up and received at the Association office is good for one chance in quarterly drawings that began in May.

Improve your chances of winning by recruiting a new Business or Life membership which are good for ten chances, or recruit 10 additional members and receive an additional 10 chances as a bonus. Top recruiters will also be recognized for their efforts. Incentive prizes that will be awarded to the winner of each drawing include guided fishing trips with overnight lodging, rods, reels, tackle and other fishing gear generously donated to those of you who will help our organization grow. Please remind your members of this recruitment drive.

2. **Membership tools** - Various print materials are available for your use in recruiting new members. Some of the tools include magazines, business cards with information about the Association, glossy brochures, and an introductory \$10 membership offer that makes recruiting new members easier. Let us know what you need and we'll send it to your chapter.

3. **Membership Profile** (current)

- There are 1352 members in the Association as of July 1, 2009.
- 1057 members belong to a chapter.
- 295 are at large ANWS members (212 are in Oregon; Washington is next at 57; California is next at 16).
- 51 percent of members in Oregon have an email address (North Coast Chapter has the highest percentage at 79, Sandy River is next at 69, and Tom McCall is next at 57 percent). Please ask your members to help us update our records and send us their email address if they are not getting my monthly Executive Director email blast.
- Membership expirations that did not renew in 2008 totaled 362 (in 2007, 451 did not renew).
- The chapters with 100 or more members include Sandy River with 179, Tualatin Valley next with 175, Emerald Empire with 163 and McLoughlin with 147 and Albany with 112.

Website Redesign

The redesign of the new Northwest Steelheader website home page is nearly completed (see attached copy). With an "activation date" of mid-August, members will be able to renew their membership online and member prospects surfing the net can register to be a new member. We intend to heavily promote the new site soon and are hopeful that this new communication tool will become a powerful attraction to visitors and

Presidents Message (cont.)

for members in our organization The cost of the project: is \$1,750 (once this fee is exhausted, we have the flexibility to pay the consultant \$75 an hour capped at 10 hours). This is funded by a grant from the Saling Foundation.

Kids camp volunteers get everything shipshape-

The 2009 Camp Angelos Rod and Reel Repair group cleaned up and organized the Fishing Shack and refurbished all the fishing gear on July 18th. The fish tank was cleaned out and is awaiting a new pump which should be ready by camp time. The lake level is down from past years and we will work on that next week. Rod Brobeck provided the snacks and souvenir coffee cups for the group. The following Sandy River chapter members volunteered their time for the project: Hal Blenn, Mike Myrick, Rod Brobeck, Russ Nishitani, Colin Nishitani, Howard Anderson and Jeff Brandon (non member). **Howard Berg**

Sturgeon trip a success

On Wednesday June 10 Sandy River Chapter Bill Beth, Howard Berg and Larry Beaver fished with chapter member and at the former "Joes" in Gresham at the fishing and hunting section. We launched at Hammond about 6:00 AM and by Noon had five limits of very nice size sturgeon. We boated and netted several shakers all of which were close to being keepers. It was surprising that there were not more really short fish but Brandon with his secret weapon (a side scanner) put us right on the big fish. **THATS THE WAY TO GO BRANDON.** No guide could have done better that day for his clients. In the photo from our left to right are Howard Berg, Larry Beaver, Bill Beith, Brandon Eckert, and Brandon Glass. Get on the phone everyone and schedule a trip with Brandon and have him take you to the Hot Spot. **Larry Beaver**

Condolences- The chapter wishes to express condolences for Jack Glass's father who passed away on July 5th.

Chapter Picnic News #1

The Chapter "**BBQ and Potluck Picnic**", in Larry and Sharon Beaver's backyard was delightful.

Once again, a special thanks to Larry and Sharon Beaver for offering us the opportunity to once more enjoy the hospitality found in their shaded backyard. Did you know they provide '66 bird families' with homes?

Sharon Schaub and Joe Domenico arranged for the children's games -- that is children: young and old. Lots of water activity. When is the last time you tossed a water filled balloon at someone? Have faith...we did not all participate.

Thanks to everyone who brought salads, side dishes and yummy desserts. And what about those pickled beets/egg/onions? Nobody went home hungry! If you weren't there, you missed Larry's new hotdog cooker! Hope to see you all next year!

Kids Camp News

This summer our chapter will again help the kids at Camp Angelos with their fishing program. While several members signed the sign-up sheets at last month's meeting, we could always use more. The Greek Camp especially, could use a few more volunteers.

I have a correction to the Kids Fishing camp. The schedule has been moved one hour later. See the changes in bold type.

In other words the camp will start at 9 am instead of 8 am and end at 5 pm instead of 4 pm. Only the Kids Fishing Camp was changed!

Kids Fishing Camp

July 27th Monday **9am-1 & 2-5pm**

July 28th Tuesday **9am-1 & 2-5pm**

July 30th Thursday **9am-1pm**

Greek Kids camp

August 10th Monday 4pm-6pm

August 11th Tuesday 4pm-6pm

August 12th Wednesday 4pm-6pm

Camp Angelos Kids with Cancer Camp (Agape Camp)

August 1st Saturday 4pm-8pm

August 2nd Sunday 4pm-8pm

August 3rd Monday 4pm-8pm

August 4th Tuesday 4pm-8pm

August 5th Wednesday 4pm-5pm

Howard Berg 503-665-8008, bergate@verizon.net

SHARE YOUR FISHING SKILLS WITH A KID, MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIFE.

Sandy Chapter Picnic News #2- "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PICNIC NO-SHOWS?"

Dear Friends and Fellow Chapter Members,

The Sandy River Chapter has seemed to have developed an etiquette problem. There were sign-ups for the July 25th, 'BBQ and potluck' picnic that showed there would be 79 people in attendance with 11 of the attendees being children. The picnic was actually attended by 40 adults and 3 children.

We all have things happen in our lives that cause us to change our mind about an event. All it takes is a telephone call to a committee member or host, of an event, to say you are sorry but you and your family are unable to attend or that the number of attendees has changed. Food, beverages and prizes for the children are purchased for the amount of people who sign up. The committee purchases the salmon fillets, hamburger patties, hotdogs, buns, condiments and beverages.

The committee is then 'holding the bag' for the cost of the food and prizes not used, due to no-shows. We can't/don't expect the Chapter to pay for items not used. Chairs and tables were gathered up and moved to the picnic location so there would be a place for everyone to sit.

It was felt (by your Hospitality Committee!!) that it was time to bring up this matter. Hopefully we can all be a little more thoughtful if we sign up for an event and then can't attend.

For those of you who were unable to attend the event...you missed a great time!

Thank you! **The Sandy River Chapter, Hospitality Committee.**

An apology mixed with an explanation-

Recently I composed a fundraising letter which was mailed out to about 50 chapter members. The goal was simple– to raise some funds to assist the Association through some hard times. A request was made for \$100, and anyone donating this amount would receive a complimentary fine art fish print from the Associations inventory. The first mailing was *supposed* to contain a page which had small images of the prints used for this effort. Due to a misunderstanding in the initial effort, the page with images was left out of the mailing. I asked that the mailing be re-done with the image page included, in order to give everyone a better mental picture of those prints. Although I didn't know it, the second mailing went out with the note **“Second Request”** at it's head. It was not intended to offend anyone, simply to identify it as an improved effort (containing the page with fish images..) but some have taken offense. I'm sorry for that, it was not my intent to do so. **Larry Palmer**

How to submit your articles to this publication-

- All entries must be in a file readable by Microsoft “WORD 2007”. Spell check your work! It will be run under YOUR name as you submitted it.
- Email all files to **palmerlarryd@yahoo.com** include **“newsletter story”** and a **descriptive phrase about it in the subject line**. Example “newsletter story - Buck Creek STEP”
- Due date = No later than two weeks after the general meeting.
- Photos = jpeg format. Minimum file size is 100 K each, Maximum 3 Meg. Total of 4 photos MAX. All submissions will run as space allows. Some may run in later issues.

Volunteers needed-

We are having a big COHO CLINIC on Saturday August 29th, from 10 AM-2 PM at Glenn Otto Park.

The goal is to help our members learn more about fishing *and* attract some new members. I need volunteers to sit at a table and demonstrate tackle oriented things to the public. I'll need some volunteers for set up and take down too.

“Tackle presentations” will cover– Spinner making, Spinner fishing, Bobbers and jigs, Knot tying, Choosing a rod and reel, Where to go (maps), Regulations and how to tell a native from a hatchery fish, The Gillnet issue and SAFE for Salmon, Cooking and smoking fish, and more! **Want to volunteer? Email me at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or call 503-286-2093**

You can help spread the word by taking page 8 from this newsletter and making copies that you hand out to anyone you know who fishes ! Please do so !!

STEP Conference “Spawning Solutions through Creative Ideas”

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River cleanup news

The semi annual **Sandy River Clean-up** is scheduled for **Saturday September 19th, 2009**. Volunteers will meet in the Glenn Otto Park parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and complete the clean-up at noon. We will clean-up Glenn Otto, Lewis and Clark and Dabney State Parks as well as along the Sandy River and the Columbia River Gorge highway between the parks in public areas. The chapter provides SOLV plastic bags, gloves and pick-up tools. Chapter members can volunteer at our September meeting or in the meantime, for those that would like to plan ahead, please contact **Tom Gemelli 503 667-4197** or e-mail tjgemini@aol.com with your name and telephone number and e-mail address. The chapter appreciates your time and effort for participating in this worthy event for our local community. **Tom Gemelli**

I must apologize to Mr. Robins, one of our most loyal advertisers...somehow in the process of taking over as newsletter editor, I did not get his ad in the last edition...OOPS! Darn amateurs anyway...!

Speaking of that..several years ago I found out for certain that when it comes to matters of money and taxes, you really need a pro. Give Bill a call and save yourself both trouble and money!

Help us track your hours.

Each year our members Give up thousands of hours of their time to volunteer for chapter events.

Those hours are used by State and Federal agencies To calculate our “Sweat Equity” on many projects. A value per hour is assigned to our work.

Track your hours and miles driven, and turn them in please !!

Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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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.



Free Coho Fishing Clinic

Want to catch a fish like this ?

Well, come on down to our
FREE "How To" Coho clinic!



- **Where**— Glen Otto Park
Troutdale, Oregon

- **When** - Saturday August 29

- **Time** - 10 AM - 2 PM

- **Topics Covered** -

- * Where to go
- *Tying knots
- *Spinner fishing
- *Bobber and jig fishing
- *Selecting the right rod and reel
- *Making your own spinners
- *The Gillnet Issue— "Safe For Salmon"
- *Hatchery and Native fish identification and regulations

Admission is Free! Free door prize ticket for all attendees !

*Special offer— Join the Sandy River Chapter at this event
(special \$10 introductory membership rate), and you can attend
a Members-Only fishing outing on Saturday, September 26th.*

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Eric is one of our volunteers who helps out in many ways. He is retired from “METRO” where he established the paint recycling program so that all those nasty paints don’t get dumped down the drain or put in a landfill. Instead METRO blends them into about a dozen new colors. We got a donation of 10 gallons of those paints for the chapter auction last year. Nice colors!

Propane for chapter events
Like the cookouts at STEP parties comes from Eric too. Thanks Eric!

Grants for Chapter Projects

Even though there is definitely a measurable reduction in recent grant making by foundations, there are still groups willing to provide financial support for very specific purposes. Association Chapters should review the following examples to see *if they have a specific project in mind* and contact our Executive Director, Paul Cathcart immediately for assistance in writing the grant. Some potential examples:

STAC Mini-Grant Program - June 17 and September 16 Deadlines

The STEP Advisory Committee (STAC) Mini-Grant Program provides up to \$2,000 for projects that further the goals and objectives of

National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) - August 1 Deadline The RTCA provides help in building partnerships to achieve community defined goals, assessing resources, developing concept plans, engaging public participation and identifying potential sources of funding for conservation and outdoor recreation projects.



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