

**Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon. Bring your kids too!**

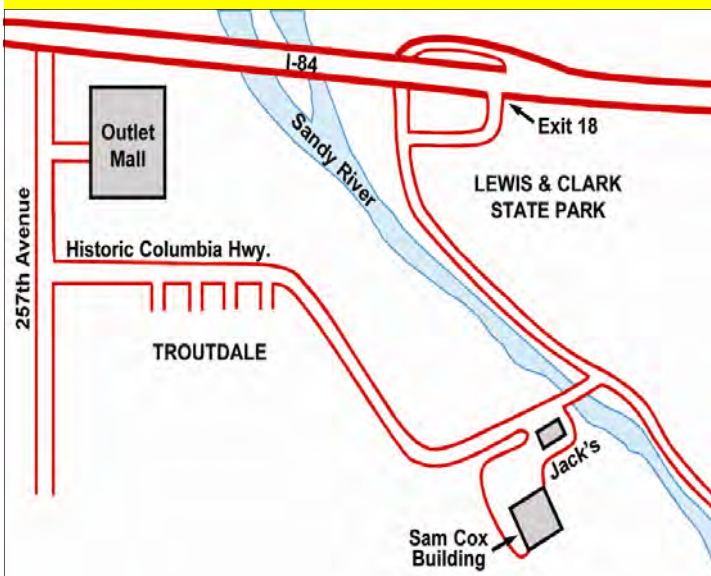
**No charge to visitors!**

There's no meeting this month, so I strongly advise you to post your lawnmower and other tools of distraction on the Craigslist "FREE" section and get out there and fish! There are salmon and steelhead in the Columbia, and in the local rivers that will take a wide variety of lures. There are no secret ones, just ones that suit the sort of water you are fishing. Summer steelhead and spring Chinook are in the Sandy, so throw those big house painting brushes in the trash and get to work!

*Larry Palmer*

No monthly meetings are held in July and August, but be on the lookout for summer projects in upcoming newsletter editions. See you in September !

**Next Meeting- First Wednesday of September. That's the 1st !**



### Our Chapter Officers-

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**Presidents Note**

Greetings everyone. I hope that your summer is going well. I hope to see you all at the chapter picnic which is being held at Larry and Sharon Beavers house which is on July 31st. Come with a big appetite for there will be some great food to be had.

We held our general board meeting on July 22nd and a couple of things were brought up at the meeting and were voted on. The chapter has decided to give all the money we receive from the Association for new members which is five dollars per new member back to the association. The chapter fills that we have enough money to support our activities and functions that we currently put on. We also voted to give all the money from the association ticket sales back to the association and that we wouldn't keep our half of the sales. It was also mentioned that there will be a new policy for ticket sales this year. The tickets will cost you a dollar a ticket. The only break will be if you buy twenty dollars worth of tickets you will receive 25 tickets. This will help immensely in tracking tickets and for record keeping as well. If we could get everyone to buy one book of tickets for twenty dollars, we could sell out the tickets with out having to sell them at stores or at the shows. So my challenge is see how many members of our chapter is willing to buy a book of tickets. Joe, Neal and Alan I haven't forgot about you. I still owe you guys a trip because we couldn't get together yet. I have something that I would like to throw your way later.

The chapter is started to plan for our Annual Banquet and Auction which will be held on December 1st at Glen Otto Park. There will be a dinner before the auction and the price of the dinner will be coming soon as soon as the menu is put together. The chapter is taking donation for the auction portion as well. If you have something new or like new items that you would like to donate for this event and receive a tax credit, please contact us. There will be a contact list at a later date. So if you have some new fishing tackle that you haven't used or tools or you would like to just offer a day worth of service of some sort, we sure could use it as well. PS We need more ideas for the ladies. So if you have any ideas please send it our way.

If you have some free time on your hand and would like to help a great cause. I have something maybe up your alley. The association office is in need of some help in its daily operation. They sure could use some help if you have the time. If its just a couple of hours you have to offer. The association wont turn you down. You can make a big difference with your time and talent. If you are interested give the office a call at 503-653-4176

Tight Lines and good luck fishing

**President; Jeff Stoeger**

**Pix from Jeffs river trip , page 5**

## RIVER CLEANUP

**The Sandy River Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 25.**

This year the Chapter's clean-up is being coordinated with SOLV'S state-wide event: Beach & River Clean-up. Our joint objective is to help clean up trash and improve water quality upstream before it reaches the Columbia River, the ocean and the beaches.

The plan is to meet at Dee's Restaurant in Gresham for a 7:30 a.m., no host breakfast before meeting at Glenn Otto's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to start the clean-up. Breakfast at Dee's is optional.

Our goal is to clean-up, Glenn Otto Park, Dabney Park, Lewis and Clark Park, the river banks and along the Gorge Highway. Tools, trash bags and sanitary gloves will be provided. We should complete this activity before noon on Saturday.

I will be passing around a volunteer sheet at the regular Steelheader's meeting in September. This event allows for volunteer hours being credited to the Chapter.

**For additional information call:**

**Tom Gemelli  
503 667 4197**

## FISH CAMP— Gus's Fish Camp 2010 report

The Fish Camp went much better than last year's. When we needed anything Rod Brobeck, manager of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation, got it right a way. We had enough help, with several Steelheaders adding more days to their schedule and the help from volunteers that Rod brought in. Rod also had some great gifts for the volunteers this year.

Sandy River members helping out this year were: Joe Blum, Tom Gemelli, Howard Anderson, Harold Blenn, Scott, Nona and Marjorie Bowling, Bob Gentry, Art Israelson, Norm Ritchie Jack Morby and Howard Berg

This year the counselors were more involved with helping the kids' fish. They were primarily involved with putting on hooks and bait for the kids. Next year the counselors will be more involved with our help.

We are looking forward to working with the Kids' N 'Cancer Camp starting July 31<sup>st</sup> and going until August 4th. The Greek Kids camp will run August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 11th. **If any one wants to help on these camps contact me at 503-665-8008.**

Great job by all volunteers !

**Howard Berg**

## Eagle and cat

On about June 28 Bill Beith, Eric Koellner, Bryan Lutz and Larry Beaver were fishing on the Sandy River with Sandy River Guide Jack Glass when below the Gauge Hole we spotted an eagle on the bank consuming a salmon carcass. The scene became really interesting when a local property dog and cat came down to the rivers edge to check out the bird and it's meal. They both took turns approaching the eagle until the cat got within a few inches. Larry Beaver was busy taking a series of photos with his camera's telephoto capability. Fortunately the camera was in a fairly high resolution because the closeups came out really well. As the photos show the cat got within a few inches of the eagle before the eagle decided the salmon was a better meal than the cat and it took off with the salmon head leaving the cat behind with what remains of it's nine lives. We were really privileged to not only have witnessed this rare event but to have the photographic evidence. Enjoy the photos!

### Larry Beaver



**Win a Steelhead or Salmon Trip” raffle ticket sales incentive program pays off for some-**

Back in February of this year the board discussed ways to help boost association raffle ticket sales through our chapter. An idea came to be to offer an incentive to those who sold a large amount of tickets. At the March meeting the “Win a Steelhead or Salmon Trip” incentive program was announced to the chapter where those who sold over \$200 worth of raffle tickets would win a fishing trip for two down the Sandy River with shore side lunch. If a person sold over \$100 worth of raffle tickets they would win a fishing trip for one with shore side lunch. These trips would be with our own board members Jeff Stoeger, Jeff Kirkman, and others.

Well, on June 13<sup>th</sup> we honored those individuals that reached these incentive goals by floating the Sandy River in search of summer steelhead and spring Chinook. We had so many people that we had to gladly arrange for three boats for the day to accommodate everyone. Jeff Stoeger was in his boat with Rhodes and Shelley Gustafson, Jeff Kirkman was in his boat with Larry Beaver and Howard Berg, and Tim Maples agreed to run Jeff’s other boat with Leo Morris.

Our trip that day would take us from Oxbow Park down to Dabney Park with a layover for lunch somewhere half way. The day started off encouraging since I was the first boat in I anchored up just below the Oxbow boat ramp to wait for the others to get underway. As we started to make our pass backtrolling diver/bait rigs we had our first take down within the first drift of the day. Unfortunately the take down didn’t stick and we missed the fish. As we made our way down river drifting bobber/jig set-ups in between the deeper holes where we would run the diver/bait rigs we had another take down a couple hours later. Once again, the take down didn’t stick and we missed that fish as well. We were making pretty good time floating and backtrolling our way down river and actually got a ways ahead of everyone else so we anchored up in one of the drift to wait for the other. While there we happened to look up steam from us to see something making its way across the river, it was a cow elk swimming to the other side. We also had an osprey catch a large fish right above us, so large in fact that it had to flap its wings in the water to get itself and the fish to shore. As I rowed the boat back upstream to get some photos of the osprey there was a calf elk that tried to swim across but the water was too swift and he was swept downstream and had to get out on the bank just above us. It was quite a site to see all of the nature within a short time while we waited for the others to catch up to us. Once we all got together again we fished and floated on down to a point where we pulled over for lunch. The shore side lunch was fantastic with bbq’d brats, macaroni salad, chips, a good assortment of micro beers, and some nice wine. Unfortunately, desert would have to wait until we reached the take out as it was left behind in one of the cars. After lunch we again made our way down hitting all of the popular holes and by the time we reached the take out at Dabney Park the only boat that got any action the second half of the day was Tim’s boat. He and Leo managed to hook and land two springers of which one was hatchery and the other was wild and released. Oh, I almost forgot, Jeff S’s boat did land a nice 5 lber that come to find out later was of the crab bait species.

We couldn’t have asked for a better day with very nice weather, very nice people, good food and conversation, and a couple fish. Everyone had a great time and Jeff, Tim, and I were honored to take these individuals that went above and beyond with trying to raise money for our organization on their fishing trip.

I’m sure we will be offering these incentives again for future events through the association and our chapter. So next time you see them offered do yourself a favor and participate and win one of wonderful days fishing.

Thanks, **Jeff Kirkman**



www.fishwithruss.com **Russ Morrow**  
 fishwithruss@yahoo.com Cell **503.310.9733**

**A word from the wise...**

I just had a new top put on my SeaSwirl boat by a local boat shop here in Gresham and the price and quality were better than any shop that I have used previously in the upper Willamette valley area. Tony Fisher's shop is on 181st between Division and Powell, it's called West Coast Trim Works.

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**Really swell prizes to be awarded to volunteers**

In an ongoing effort to get more members involved and achieve better reporting of volunteer hours, I will be holding prize drawings at all regular chapter meetings for those members who volunteer for *any* chapter project outside of our regular meeting. It could be a river cleanup, a clinic, planning a stream project, helping out at the Kids Camp whatever... just volunteer. **Fill out the Volunteers hours form below at the bottom of the page** (also available on line or at chapter meetings) **and drop it in the bucket.**

I'll draw names from that bucket , and you may win things like a folding knife, a Leatherman tool, yarn flies...a 120' yacht...OK, maybe actually just a picture of the yacht. Take one of the other prizes, they'll be more useful, and less upkeep.

Get your name in the hat- or bucket!...**VOLUNTEER !**

**Use the form below to report your volunteer hours and win cool prizes. Drop the form in a bucket by Bill Beith. He'll keep the forms. I'll draw from them and you may win! But to win...ya gotta volunteer!**

**Volunteer of the Month  
Jeff Stoeger**

Even though I am always very hard on him, I must admit from past experience being chapter president is a lot of work and about as much fun as an impacted molar.

People pester you with phone calls constantly, and somehow forget your number when it comes time to fish...what's up with that?

Jeff is a busy professional guy who travels a lot, has a family and all sorts of responsibilities but carries out his job for the chapter with good humor and an honest sense of fairness to all.

Good job dude!

**Sandy River Chapter  
Volunteer Hours Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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.



### **The desserts are pretty good too!**

#### **Hello To All:**

I have talked with the our board and I also talked with Joli Ritchie, and as a collective group we decided that we will still charge for the picnic. \$5.00 for Adults and kids 13 and older. \$2.00 for kids 12 and younger. Here is the big catch. [If you show up to the picnic we will refunded your money.](#) If you don't show up we will keep your payment to pay for the cost of the food. If you haven't paid yet. You still can. [The last day to sign up for the picnic is July 15.](#) Also if you could pay by check it would simplify the process. When you show up to the picnic we will hand you back your check. If you paid by cash, we will give you your cash back. Here is the mailing address. Please indicate how many will attend and ages. If you have any questions please call Joli at 503-760-5551. **Jeff Stoeger, Chapter president**

### **Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic**

#### **Saturday, July 31st at Larry and Sharon Beaver's Back Yard**

Mark your calendar now for our Sandy Chapter Family picnic. Larry and Sharon Beaver will host the event again this year! Everyone had a great time at their spacious and tree shaded back yard with barbecues on the patio and plenty of relaxation and fellowship with good friends and family.

The chapter will provide salmon, hot dogs, and hamburgers as well as soft drinks and coffee, plates and utensils. Bring your family and a salad, side dish, or desert to share. Do not forget your appetite for food and fun. We will have everything set up for people to arrive at 1:00 PM. Kid's games with prizes starting at 1:30. **The Beaver's home is close by for most members at 1130 SE 9th St., Gresham, OR 97080**

Your kids or grand kids (nephews, nieces etc.) will have a great time. **We will start the meal at around 2:00 PM.**



## Upcoming Events July 2010

### **Volunteer Events**

#### **Camp Angelo's Kids Camp Schedule**

Rod and reel repair

Saturday July 10, 2010

1 to 3 P.M. Barbecue to follow (further details see text)

Oregon Wildlife Heritage Fish Camp

Mon. July 12th– Fri July 16 2010

Two sessions daily 9A.M.– 12P.M. & 2– 5 P.M.

Volunteers needed all sessions (see text)

Camp Agape “Children’s Cancer Camp”

Sat July 31st– Wed. Aug 4th

Two sessions daily 4-5 P.M. & 7-8 P.M.

Volunteers needed all sessions (see text)

Greek Kids Camp

Sat Aug 7th– Fri Aug 13th 2010

Volunteers needed from 4-6 P.M. Aug 9th– 11th

These are all very worthwhile events for the children so if you have the time please volunteer.

To sign up please contact Howard Berg at [bergate@verizon.com](mailto:bergate@verizon.com) or call him at 503 665-8008

### **Chapter events**

No chapter meeting in July

Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic

Sat. July 31st

Larry and Sharon Beaver’s home

1 P.M. to whenever

For further details please see newsletter article, page 8

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