

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

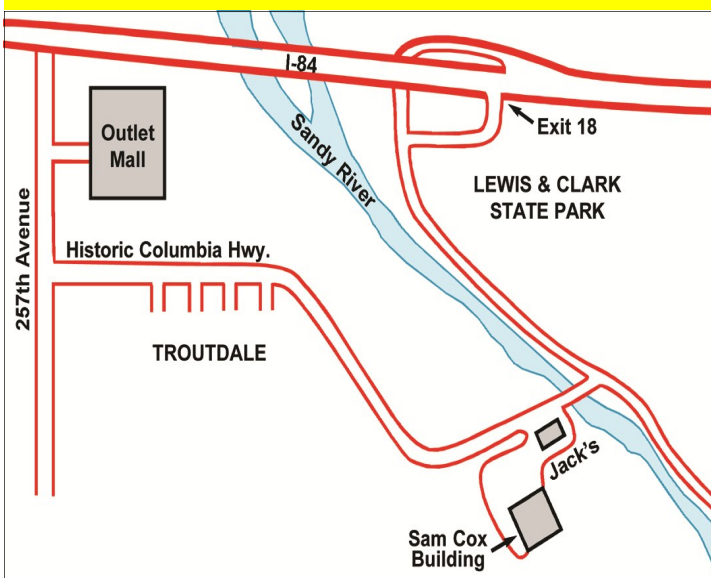
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This months' program

Our Guest Speaker will Victor and Kerin Laurence. Many of you don't know who Victor and Kerin are, so come to September meeting. This meeting is going to be exciting for the Sandy River Steelheaders will have a new look. I hope to see you all at the September meeting

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Next Meeting- First Wednesday of September. That's the 7th !



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President's Note

I would like to thank everyone who helped in tying up the yarnies. The ducky derby could've used better weather. We sold about 485 ducks and we raised about \$2500.00 after all the expenses. It was disappointing that we only gave out about 30 fliers of 1200 we had printed with the yarnie and membership application. We hope to give them out during are up coming clinics in November and December. I want to thank those from our chapter for helping out at this event.

I want to thank Larry and Sharon Beaver for the use of there home for our Chapters picnic. They have a beautiful yard and lots of room for all us. The picnic went well as usual with the guidance of Joli and Norm Ritchi and all there hard work. We'll have to find a new location for next years picnic. So if any one has any ideas or suggestion of a place to hold our chapter picnic, let any of the current board member or director know.

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Thanks, Jeff Stoeger President.

Please insert a short note from me by that pic if space allows- as follows

Normally I try and release fish in the water without ever taking them into the boat, but in this case the hook point of at least one hook went right through the nets mesh and in the swift current I could not manage it. The fish was calm, and so I lifted it into the boat and got the hook out of the fish in a jiffy once it was on the deck. While Bill made a nice revival of the steelhead in the water, I got the hooks worked out the the mesh. Sharp hooks stick in everything, including me!

Larry Palmer

Greek Kids camp: August 8th to 10th

This is an 3 days of fishing camp for Greek boys and Girls. Camp Angelos is owned by and financially supported by the Greek community, they have very generously let some groups use it for free including the Sandy Steelheaders for our Frost bite Follies. The camp needs our help at the fishing pond to show the kids how to catch and net the fish safely and how to use the fishing gear. Dinner is provided each night.

The camp needs at least 5 volunteers for the **4pm to 6pm August 8th, 9th and 10th.**

Contact Howard Berg at bergate@frontier.com 503-665-8008

Sandy Chapter members have a great gift; the gift of fishing knowledge for these kids.

Howard Berg

I hope that everyone is enjoying there summer. Were finally getting the warm weather everyone was hoping for, I prefer the cooler weather. I'm looking forward to some buoy 10 fishing in the next couple of weeks. I have seen quite a few fish being caught on the Columbia. The steelhead counts have been off the charts. I've gotten out for some sturgeon fishing a couple of times and we were able to hook up with a couple of over sized sturgeon. My first trip was Jeff Kirkman and Leo Morris and myself. We were invited by Leo who is a member of the chapter, and Leo had us hooked into fish right away. I told Jeff that he could fight all the over sized fish he wanted, for I had that experience already and he hadn't. We hooked the first fish and it took off and we were on the chase. This was a big fish and we were chasing it down river as it was heading down stream. In a matter of seconds we were already down river about quarter mile. Then all of a sudden the 80 lbs line broke like a piano wire and all you could hear was the twang of the line. We were all disappointed. Moments later we hooked into the second fish and the battle was on again. Jeff put the hammer to this fish and about 30 minutes later we had the fish to the boat. We guessed that the fish was about 7 foot long or longer and weighed about 250 lbs. After that fish we decided to call it a night.

My next trip was with Dean Pierce who is a member of the chapter and who is a guide. We started early that morning in hope of catching a steelhead or two and then we would go after legal size sturgeon. We had no luck with the steelhead and I said lets hit the sturgeon. Dean has a couple of really good places to fish for sturgeon. The first place we anchored in we some had bites but no takers. Dean wanted to use sand shrimp for bait, but we couldn't find any, so we had to use shad. Dean says that when the shad are running in the Columbia you need to use different baits other than shad, for they will get tired of eating shad. The other baits Dean likes to use are eel, sardines, shrimp, herring and even squid. Dean uses small pieces of bait and it seemed to be the ticket. We had a few takers and we lost a few because of the small hooks that we were using. Dean likes to use a 5/0 hook when he uses shrimp and that was what we were hooking these fish on. It was late in the afternoon when we hooked the fish. I had just mentioned to Dean that it would be our luck that we would hook a big one as we started to fix lunch. I had just tried setting the hook on a fish, only to have the drag set to loose and whiffed on a strike three call. We checked the bait and then we casted it back into the same place. As I was cooking the brats, we had another take down and Dean put the hurt on this fish. He hooked up big time. I jump to the front of the boat and thru all the rope and float over board so we could chase this fish. Dean was putting hammer down on the fish only to hear him yell Oh Shit how could we have lost it. Dean was reeling in only to have the line swim across the back of the boat and tangled up our other line. Then the fish decided to swim back to the other side of the boat. What had happened was the fish started to swim upstream and that when Dean thought he had lost the fish. The fish came out of the water only a couple of feet away from a boat that was passing by and the lady on the boat gave out a loud scream for she had never seen anything like it. The boat came to a stop and watched us as we were battling this fish. I untangle the fishing lines and I took over fighting the fish. It was a tag team fight, which was in our favor. I fought the fish for about 15 minutes and we got it up alongside Dean's boat and guessed it to be over 10' long and well over 400 lbs. We fished for a couple more hours and called it a day.

If you are looking for some quality fishing experiences, give any of the guides in our chapter a call. Jack and Brandon Glass, Dean Pierce, Trevor Storlie and Russ Morrow. These guys know how to fish and they will share their knowledge with you. Tight lines and good luck fishing.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes July19,2011

present: Eric K, Colonel, Joe B, Tom (release 'em) G, Mike M, Bea Hoove, Howard B

began: 6:45

I General

1. The popular chapter picnic is scheduled at Larry Beaver's 7/23.

Arrive around 12:30, kids' events at 1:00, eating starts around 1:30. Keep in mind that this will be the last year the picnic will be held at the Beavers. With this in mind, we are actively looking for a new site for next year. Glen Otto is out due to the vast number of people using the park in July. Rooster Rock Park and Oxbow Park were suggested. If you think of a location that would serve our purpose, please contact a board member. Tom suggested Roslyn Lake.

2. Larry Beaver is stepping down from his membership post. If volunteering for this position is of interest, again, please contact a board member. It was discussed that this position will be partnered with Howard, who guaranteed the work load is reduced and would not involve that much time.

3. The Ducky Derby is concluded - much to Art's glee. Results are still being tabulated, but the association earned some \$2000+, and issues that were barriers are being addressed. A big thank you to all that contributed to this event. There is a large number of yarnies remaining, and it was thought to save them for future clinics, whose dates are still to be determined.

4. The future outlook of our newsletter is still being considered, and no decision has been made at this time. Jeff and other board members are on top of this matter.

5. The cancer camp runs 7/30-8/3, and volunteers are still needed. This is really a rewarding experience - plus a free meal is served between groups. Sessions run 4:00-5:00 and 7:00-8:00. If you are able to help, contact Rhodes Gustafson at 503-665-1963 or rhogus@gmail.com.

II Officer reports

1. We have approximately \$8200 in our checking/savings
2. Our current membership is 154 making us the largest chapter by a few members.

Colonel Thomas



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Joe:

I was a lucky winner of Larry Palmer's yarnie drawing and won a fishing trip with Larry.

I was also a lucky fisherman, catching a nice Columbia River steelhead (see picture attached).

Just for the record, this fish was out of the water for a very short time, just in the net, quick picture, back in the water.

I want to thank Larry for his generosity, not only for offering the trip, but also for his generous sharing of fishing information.

Thanks
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Sponsor Acknowledgement

As I am again running short of copy for this newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to thank Larry and Sharon Beaver for offering such a beautiful place for our chapter picnic, lots of food, fish stories and a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank the people that volunteered and helped make the Ducky Derby a success, too bad we did not give out more flyers with the yarnies tied up by our members.

I would also like to again thank our generous sponsors who not only advertise in our newsletter but put on some of our chapter meetings and donate time and gear to our chapter. Thanks guys you rock

Joe Blum



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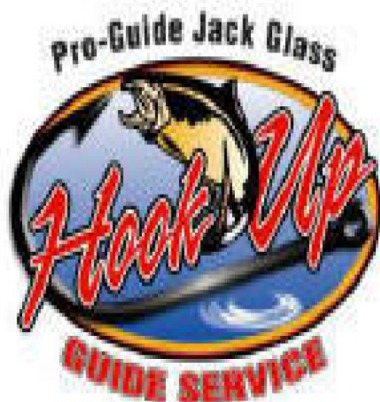
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Really swell prizes to be awarded to volunteers

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!

Volunteers of the Month

.This month I would like to acknowledge several volunteers Larry Beaver, Art Israelson and all who helped make the Ducky Derby a success. Also I would like to recognize Norm and Joli Ritchie and their helpers for making the chapter picnic a success. Thank you all

Joe Blum

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

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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.

Foam it up!

Many of you learned to make a useful drift fishing lure by tying Yarnies over the past couple of months. Here is another one - one I invented myself.

It all starts with some of those colored foam “pool snakes” kids play with in your backyard pool. These colored foam items are about 4 feet long by 3 inches thick and come in a variety of colors like red, pink, orange, lime green...hey, those are steelhead colors! The 4 foot “snake” will set you back about a dollar, and make a couple hundred “Foamies” easily.

Basically I am out to make a buoyant drift bobber, similar to a Corky in function (if not as many cool colors as they make...) out of this closed cell foam. After fooling around with various methods of shaping the foam to useful sizes I came up with the following method. Take an old pencil and straighten out a paper clip, then tape about an inch of it to the pencil. Bend the wire into a loop that would make the size of your drift bobber, then draw the extra wire down onto the pencil and tape it down also. Straighten out another old paper clip and tape it to the other end of the pencil with about 1 ½ inches sticking straight out. You may want to make a couple of these tools, with different size loops for different size bobbers.

OK, now the sneaky part. Light a small candle and heat the wire loop in it. Use the hot wire to cut out chunks of foam and set them aside. Once you have a couple dozen, turn the tool around and heat up the straight wire. Use it to burn a hole right through the center of your little foam chunks. That hole is where you'll run your leader. Don't worry if they are not uniform or perfectly round. The fish don't have templates or calipers, and a little asymmetry makes for a bit of wobble.

To use these lures, simply slide one down your leader above the hook and put on some of your favorite fishing scent. I like to use something with shrimp in it. A little yarn in the egg loop is always good. Scent that too.

Unlike “Yarnies” that are not buoyant, these little “Foamies” will help float up a small bait chunk if you wish, but will catch fish with just the yarn and scent too.

So make some and “foam it up”!



Larry Palmer

ODFW Creel Program

Hi guys,

If you don't know, we have an ongoing creel program in place on the Sandy River. We're trying to capture any effort and catch of spring chinook and summer steelhead. As is often the case these days with ODFW programs we expect to be short on staff for the month of July and could use some back-up help. I'm hoping that a few Sandy Chapter members could volunteer some time to keep the creel program going at a level we would like. We would most likely run through the month of July unless we see angler effort extending into August.

What we need is for folks to spend about four hours at a stretch sitting at boat ramps and interviewing anglers as they come in. We're likely talking Dabney or Lewis and Clark ramps. They will need to drive their own vehicles but once they get to the ramp they will spend the four hours there. It's an opportunity to catch up on some reading, rig some gear perhaps. We will provide training by having them go out with our staff a couple of times. There's basic paper-work involved in the angler interview process but it's very simple.

Please pass the word around the chapter and get back to me. Thanks.

Jeff

[Jeff Fulop](#)

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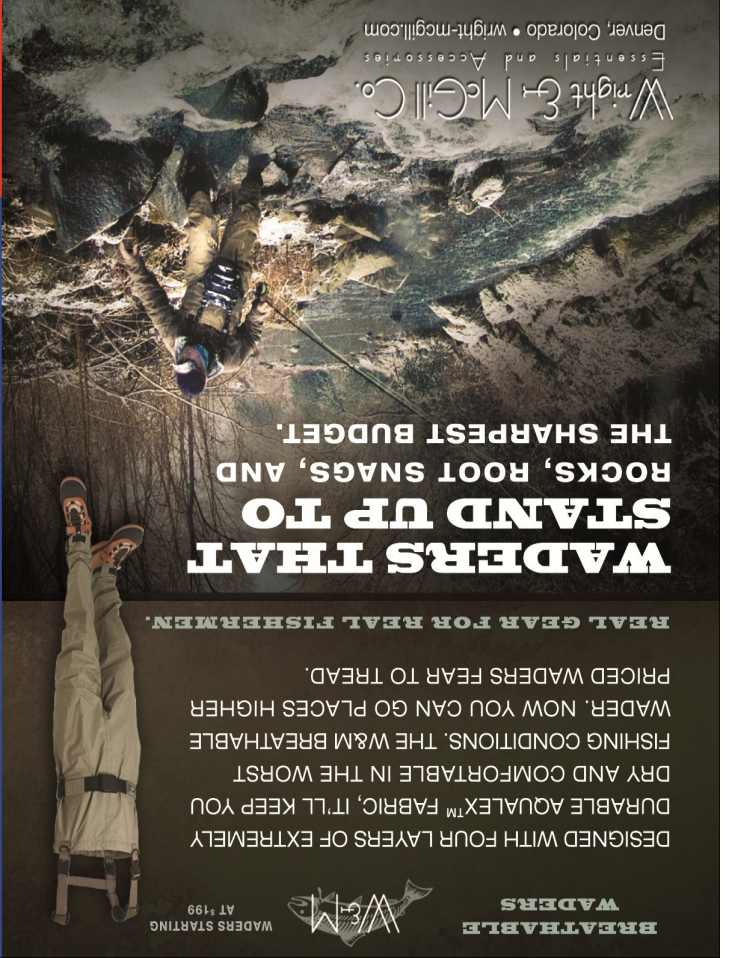
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