

Sandy Chapter Annual Picnic was cancelled due to unfortunate events.

Our condolences go out to Joli & Norm Ritchie and their families during this difficult time.

At the recent chapter banquet, I was the lucky winner of a guided sturgeon fishing trip with Dean Pierce. My younger son Christian (8), daughter Ava (5), and I joined Jeff Stoeger

and Dean on the Columbia River Saturday, June 16th, which was one of the few sunny days we have had this Spring. Initially, the bite was a little slow, so the kids focused their energy on the donuts and beautiful scenery. After a change in location, however, it was game on. Dean located a school of fish, skillfully anchored above them, and cast our baits right in the middle of them. For the next hour or so, we had back to back bites with about a dozen fish landed and released. Our biggest fish was just shy of keeper length, which is about Ava's height. So, to get a rough measurement, Christian says, "Hey Ava, go lay next to the fish." To which, of course, she simply giggles and replies "OK". Fortunately, before she hit the deck along side the fish, she was distracted by something – probably another donut. All in all, it was a great day on the water and fantastic fishing trip. Thanks again Dean for donating the trip and providing a fun adventure!

Dan Drazan

Note:

Dan won this trip in the Dutch Auction at our annual banquet in early May.

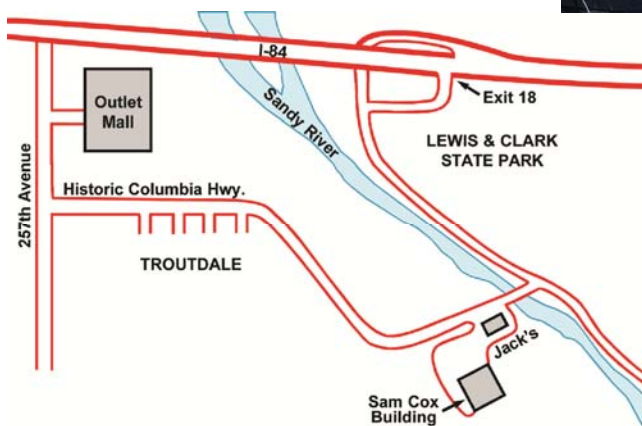


Ava, Dan & Christian Drazan

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building at Glenn Otto Park. 1102 E Columbia River Highway in Troutdale, Oregon.

All guests are welcome!

No meetings during July and August



President's Message

Greetings everyone, I hope your summer is going well.

It was announced at our Chapter board meeting that Joli Ritchie's mother had passed away and that they would be heading out to Texas. Our condolences go to Joli, Norm and her family.

Please note that the annual Chapter picnic was cancelled due to Norm & Joli's unexpected circumstances.

Measure 21 has made it and will be in your ballot this year. I encourage all to not only vote for it, but talk it up with as many people you can and get them to vote for it as well. If we can just get the gill nets off the river it will be better for all fish and sports fishermen. It's time that the gill nets are removed from our major river.

Norm offered up seats on his boat again this year for ocean Coho in July. However, it has been a poor year for Coho. Be sure to watch for articles and/or e-mails about his plans for the Buoy 10 fishery. These all lead up to the annual Fish-in in Tillamook coming in October.

Be sure to visit the Colonel's display of spinners at our next meeting. He has a very special deal for anyone who can use a good spinner. The Colonel has been making up some great spinners from new components donated to our Chapter.

In fact, read the entire board meeting minutes. There is a lot being talked about and activities in the works. As Colonel aptly put it "if you have any related/supportive thoughts, contact a board member". That would apply to anything with regards to your Chapter.

Tight lines,

John Hydorn
President



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Board Meeting Minutes - July 18, 2012

Present: Larry P, John H, Mike M, Eric K, Russ S, Howard B, Scott & Nona B

Began: 6:30 PM

I. Old Business

1. Due to the death of Joli Ritchie's mother, the picnic has been temporarily postponed or at least until another suitable location is determined. No viable options were presented
2. Colonel reported on the spinner donation by Dave Kaffke and displayed salmon spinners wrapped from Dave's donation. Approximately 20 spinners have been sold with the remaining available to members at the next chapter meeting.
3. Under Art's tutelage, the Ducky Derby is set for this coming Saturday in Troutdale.
4. Larry mentioned that he is working on various STEP opportunities, but as of meeting time, nothing in concrete has been established.

II. New Business

1. Eric volunteered to take on the membership duties in addition to his other responsibilities. We are exploring ideas to make guests/new members feel more welcome at chapter meetings. It was also decided that no longer will tickets for a prize drawing be dispensed at meetings—simply too many problems.
2. John Hydorn and Kathryn Israelson will represent the chapter at the upcoming association meeting, but one more participant is needed.
3. John shared that any social media info must be approved by the board.
4. Doug and John are working on our web page content and presented an outline of relevant ideas to the board.
5. Jeff Stoeger and Jeff Kirkland are working on future clinics with nothing determined at this time.
6. Additionally, Jeff Kirkland is actively looking for chapter meeting speakers.
7. There will be a river clean-up on 9/22/12, meet at Glenn Otto around 9:00 am with an optional no host breakfast at Dea's.
8. Russ would like to see us do more relating to fishing opportunities for new members keeping in mind that many do not have boats and would welcome some bank fishing tips/locations.

III. Officer Reports

1. We have approximately \$11,100 in our two bank accounts.

Ended: 8:01 PM

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NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 6, 2012

Show up Friday evening for dinner and a fishing report and fishing 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. With breakfast in your belly and a lunch bag in your hand, you are ready to head out with your fishing buddies. 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. Tournament winners will also be announced. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast and lunch bar. Everyone will need to pack out before leaving for fishing Sunday morning. (The dorm will be cleaned and locked up when everyone leaves. The gate will be left unlocked until late afternoon for the RVs.)

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. This will be done well in advance to allow participants to coordinate their fishing. Riders are expected to cover boat fuel, launch fees, and bait (which are only a portion of the boat owner's cost).

There may be fresh dungenous crab for Dinner – assuming we can catch some on Friday, prior to the event. Interested in doing some crabbing? One boat with three crabbers can get a limit of 36 crabs which would provide everyone with half a crab appetizer for the dinner. Let us know if you are interested, particularly if you have a boat and some traps.

Feeling Lucky? We are going to have a tournament that will win half the total tournament entry purse for three participants. Enter the tournament for \$20 and have a chance to win a percentage of the total pot. Entrants will also get a donation receipt for \$10 of the entry fee. 30% of all entry fees go to the angler with the largest fish by weight after gutting and gilling. (This allows anglers to take good care of their catch for optimum food quality.) 10% to the second largest fish. 10% to the smallest salmon by length (smallest being the closest to but not under the minimum legal harvest adult size). Entries must be at the Tillamook Fairground Dorm weigh-in no later than 5:00pm. Please include the entry fee with your registration fee, but we will accept entries up to 8:30 on Friday 10/5/12 at the fair ground dorm.

Event Schedule

Friday, Oct. 5, 2012

3:00 PM Dorm Opens
6:00 PM dinner and a fishing report and fishing clinic.
8:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012

6:00 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 7:22am.)
9:00 AM Everything must be out of the dorm.
5:00 PM All Vehicles, trailers, and RVs must be out of the fairground so the gate can be locked.

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Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012

6:00 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 7:21am.)
4:00 to 5:00 PM Tournament Fish Measured
5:30 PM Dinner & Prizes
8:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar



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Education Director Mike Myrick and Government Affairs Director Norm Ritchie with typical Tillamook Bay Fall Chinook.

NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 6, 2012

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Location

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is an ideal location for this event. It is located between the most popular Tillamook Bay boat ramps and is between the Wilson and Trask Rivers. There are also bank fishing opportunities just as close. There is water and 15 amp electrical service for RVs and plenty of parking for boats and other vehicles.

The dorm has a large kitchen and dining/meeting room on the main floor and two bunk rooms with bathroom & showers up stairs. Bring your sleeping bag, towel, and other shower supplies. A hot shower really feels good after a day on the bay! (Ear plugs can be helpful if there are attendees that snore.)

Directions

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is easy to get to. It is just south of Highway 6 on Third Street, just off the Wilson River Loop Road. (Turn south off Highway 6 at the yellow flashing light. This road dead ends into the Fairground and the dorm is the 2 story building on your right.)

Cost – Fees are due no later than Friday, Sep. 23, 2012:

(This is not a fund raiser. These fees just cover all the costs.)

Per individual staying at the dorm: \$75

(no reduction for staying only one of the two nights – we still need to make accommodations)

Per additional family members staying at the dorm: \$60

Per individual or family member not staying at the dorm but participating in evening meals and activities: \$3

(does not include breakfast or lunch)

Not staying at dorm but participating in all meals: \$50

There are a limited number of RV sites with water & 15 amp electrical.

RV spots are an additional \$10 per night

Don't forget the tournament entry fee!

Weather Cancellation can take place the morning of 10/5/12 due to extreme conditions making boating unsafe (eg. Gale force winds). All participants will be called if this happens. The registration fee will be returned less \$10. A donation receipt will be provided for the \$10 and the funds will defray the costs of food purchased for the event that will need to be donated to the local food bank. This has happened only once in the twelve years of this event, so the risk is low and made lower by scheduling earlier in the month.

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional details. E-mail normritchie@q.com with 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?

Payment must be received no later than September 25th in order for us to know how much food to purchase. Please make checks out to the "Sandy River Chapter, ANWS" and mail to Norm Ritchie, 2834 SE 166th Ave., Portland, OR 97236-1861.

Nona's Recipe Box: How I BBQ fish

When I cook fish, I don't do fancy or add much. My seasoning of choice (that I use on EVERYTHING) is...SPIKE. It is kind of like Lawry's - but BETTER. I buy it at Freddy's in the bulk spice section. We have a little round Weber, used ONLY for cooking fish. Scott fires it up (NO starter fluid, we have electric starter), I put my fish on foil and juice some fresh lemon on it, then a light layer of Spike and light layer of lemon pepper. When the coals are ready - Scott spreads a light layer of cedar smoking chips around and then I cook to my preference. We BBQ fish all year around, I may be out there in my hat and gloves in the winter but it is the ONLY way I will eat fish!

Hi Sandy Chapter Members,

It is time for our fall river clean up.
It is scheduled for Saturday - September 22, 2012
from 9:00 AM to Noon or sooner depending on the
amount of trash we pick up.

Volunteers will meet in the Glenn Otto parking lot
at 9 AM. We will clean up Glenn Otto, Lewis,
Clark & Dabney Parks as well as along the banks
of the Sandy River and the river road between
the parks.

The Chapter will provide SOLV plastic bags,
gloves and pick up tools, but feel free to bring
your own pick up tool if you have one.

I will have a sign up sheet at the regular meeting
on September 5th or you can call or e-mail me and I will add your name and number to the list.

There will also be a no host breakfast at longtime newsletter sponsor Dee's in Gresham starting at 7AM
and meet at 9AM at Glenn Otto at 9AM.

Your participation is an easy way to help the Sandy River and benefit our Chapter in the continued use
of the meeting hall at Glenn Otto.

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Scott Bowling during his annual July
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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.

Safety Tip for August

By Doug Briggs

While bank fishing a favorite hole at Oxbow Park, I was hailed by a fly fishermen with a pontoon boat wanting to borrow my Leatherman to remove a fly embedded in his buddy's head just above the ear. Yes, it was in past the barb and nobody wanted to admit to the fine hook set.

They systematically removed the fly feathers, pushed the hook thru past the barb, bent the barb down & backed the hook out. There was no whining, but a lot of grimacing and possibly wet pants.

I remembered, after I got home, an article I read a few years ago to use a piece of fishing line, a quick jerk and presto the hook is semi-painlessly removed. I found it on the internet with the search 'How to remove a barbed fishing hook from your skin'.

Here is a paraphrase of the articles:

Use a cloth and disinfectant to clean the area around the hook. Since this is probably not with you now, clean & disinfect it when you get home.

Loop a piece of strong fishing line around the curve of the hook and tighten it against the curve.

Holding the eye of the hook push the eye toward the wound and twist out on the point.

This places the barb in the shadow of the hook point and it is less likely to dig in.

Tell your buddy to get ready 'on the count of three', but yank on 'two'. (LOVE this one!)

The hook will come free, the barb won't bite and your buddy will thank you.

Don't forget to clean & disinfect the wound and get that long overdue tetanus booster.

They returned my Leatherman (actually my Gerber), continued down the river and started rehearsing what to tell the wives.

Upcoming Events**Camp Angelos - Greek Fish Camp**

Monday, August 6th - Wednesday, August 8th

Contact: Scott Bowling - 503-253-6606

Sandy Chapter monthly meetings resume

Wednesday - September 5th 7PM

Fall River Clean Up

Saturday, September 22nd 9AM

Glenn Otto Park

Volunteers needed

Contact: Russ Sumida

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Tillamook Fish-Along

Friday, October 5th - Sunday, October 7th

Contact: Norm Ritchie

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Dave "Spinner Dave" Kaffke of SDC Custom Designs has made a generous donation of spinner components to the Chapter. A variety of salmon spinners will be available at reduced costs at upcoming meetings. Since we do not meet again until September, if you would like some awesome salmon spinners at a great price, contact Colonel to make arrangements to visit him and get some custom "Colonel" salmon spinners! 503-666-0525

Thank you Colonel, I especially like the "watermelon" spinners! (Nona)

THIS is why we volunteer. This is a picture of a very happy boy at Camp Agape - Kids n Cancer camp on Saturday - July 28.

To see the smiles on these kids faces just about brings tears to my eyes. When I tell people about this camp, I always feel my throat tighten up and my voice cracks as I describe to them how our Chapter helps these kids, their siblings and parents experience the joy of fishing. Some have never fished before, can you imagine?

This is one of the main reasons I became a Steelheader, to be able to be part of these events are personally gratifying and makes my heart feel happy.




Nona



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A couple weeks ago I floated a section of the Clackamas River I have boated many times. At one point you go around a small island, thru a deep salmon hole and out a fast chute at the bottom. This chute has become more violent over the past couple of years, but I've never had any problems with it... until the other day.

Let me back up a minute and tell you of a rule I have been using my boats for the past couple of years- when under way, or in the process of anchoring, everyone has to have their PFD on. Simple as that, no exceptions.

OK, back to that chute...The river was a bit high so the waves were higher than usual. The bow dropped into a hole at the exact moment a wave splashed over the top of one of the big rocks. The result? About 20 gallons of water in the boat, something that in 30 years of drift boating has never happened to me. It was pretty embarrassing. We were nice and straight in the traveling lane, so no loss of control, just a surprise and wet feet.

Here's the real story though. Things happen fast...so very fast. If you think you could grab a PFD and get it on in that one second when something like this happens *forget it!* Put the PFD on and wear it in those higher risk times- when in motion or anchoring.

Larry Palmer



The 2012 Ducky Derby took place as part of Troutdale's Summerfest On Saturday on July 21.

All proceeds from the Derby go to help the Association of Northwest Steelheaders work to enhance fish and their habitats for today and the future.

Winning numbers: 1st Prize:\$300 cash - Duck 4565, 2nd Prize: Kodak Easy-Share Camera (value \$250) - Duck 4490, 3rd Prize: Salmon Fishing Trip - Tillamook Bay for 2 anglers, - Duck 4989

Big thanks to Art Israelson for putting this together again this year, it is more work than it looks and Art does a great job in coordinating the ducks, prizes and volunteers.

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A message from the editors: Thank you for the feedback from our first newsletter, it was very positive and encouraging and we look forward to getting a variety of pieces to pique your interest! We may not be able to get everything in that is submitted, but we will do our best to make sure what you submit does get featured. So keep sending in your stories, pictures, tips and suggestions!

Marjorie & Nona Bowling

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