

It's meeting time again!

Wednesday - September 5th
7:00 PM

September's Guest Speaker:
Dave Calhoun of Edge Rods will be our guest speaker. He will discuss how to choose the perfect fishing rod for your skill level and type of fishing.

I hope everyone had a great summer! It is meeting time again - YAY! After the summer hiatus, I am sure there is much to be discussed at this first meeting after our break. We have a great guest speaker and I would like to remind everyone that when a speaker has the floor, please be courteous. Please turn your cell phones down so when our guest, President or anyone has the floor - we don't have to hear your Born to Be Wild ringtone! Although it is a great ringtone, it is distracting to all and try to keep the chatter amongst each other to a minimum until the break or after the meeting.

If you have been reading the past couple months newsletters, there have been some changes - cookies will no longer be served and there will no longer be a raffle.



Please turn in your volunteer hours from over the summer when you sign in.

Welcome back!



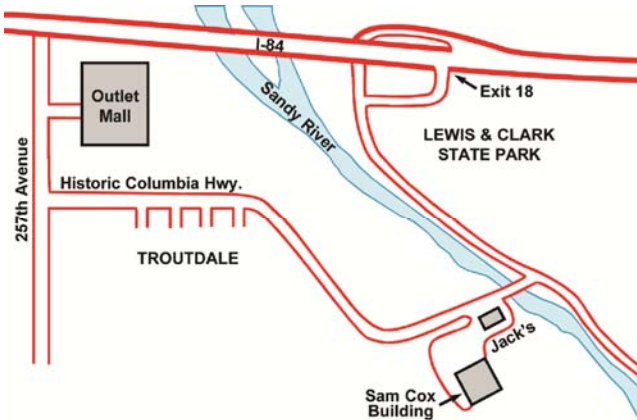
Norm Ritchie showing Scott Bowling the proper picture taking display technique! Buoy 10 - August 15, 2012



Ben Light, Jay Burris & Scott Bowling (Thanks Norm!) Buoy 10 - August 15, 2012

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!



President's Message

It is time for you to order your Hall of Fame Banquet/auction tickets. If you have never attended this event, I encourage you to do so. It will be my first time and we have two chapter members nominated for this year's Hall of Fame award. The November 10th banquet/auction will be held this year in the Red Lion Inn, 1021 NE Grand Ave. Premium tables are in preferred locations at \$55 a seat. However, you can buy a preferred table seat at a regular price of \$45 and the chapter will pick up the difference, but you have to act soon. The early reservations get the most preferred seats. Contact Mike Myrick to get your tickets.

Have you made your plans for the annual Fish-in in Tillamook coming in October? This is an event that you will want to participate in.

Be sure and visit the Colonel's display of spinners at our September 5th 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.

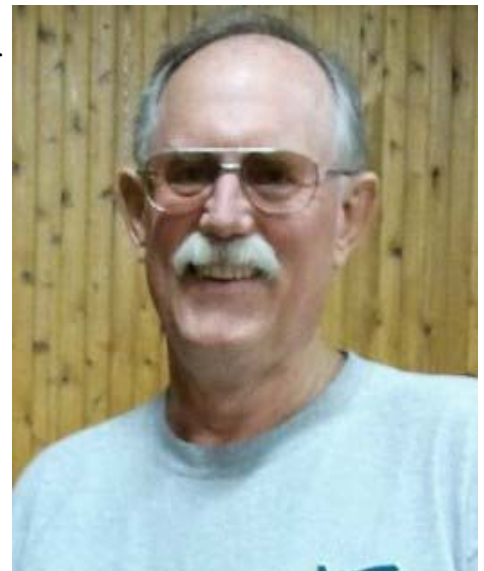
A recent new member asked of us, "Do you guys ever do anything on the bank. Not everyone has a boat." To that end, we will have something for bank fishermen at our September 5th meeting. See article below.

I encourage all to read the entire board meeting minutes. There is a lot being talked about and activities in the works. We are working on a new web page and we are working on a new stream project that will enhance fishing habitat.

As noted before, if you have any related/supportive thoughts, contact a board member.

Tight lines,

John Hydorn



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Board Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2012

Present: Colonel Thomas, John Hydorn, Mike Myrick, Doug Briggs, Eric Koellner & Leslie Hinea

Began: 6:30 PM

I. Old Business

1. Regarding the gum issue at our meeting hall, it was determined that while we do a good job of cleaning/ sweeping the hall after our meetings, Doug or Howard will contact the city to gain clarification as to the problem. Subsequently, it was found that the concern from the city was more general and not directed at the chapter. We need to re-inform the membership that gum is not allowed in the hall.
2. Colonel reported that 25 spinners remain from the component donation received from Dave Kaffke. These will be available for sale at Colonel's home and at the meeting. Once this initial group is sold, Dave will be contacted to see if he is still interested in making another donation.
3. Jeff S, Larry P and Joe B visited Buck Creek regarding the potential for a STEP project. When a final determination for a project and the required volunteers needed is clarified, information will be given to the chapter with the requisite call for help.
4. Doug and John are continuing their work on a new web page. They will eventually meet with Victor for this update, in the hope it will make our web page's access easier.

II. New Business

1. Jeff S & Jeff K are working on our retail store clinics. Current plans are for November and December clinics with a focus on winter steelheading. When the clinic dates are more concrete, a call will go out for volunteers. These events are popular and can be a good community recognition and potential recruiting tools for our membership.
2. Our September speaker will be Dave Calhoun representing Edge Rods. Dave has outstanding speaking and presentation skills as he was taught by a nearly voted Teacher of the Year and member of Who's Who in American Teachers. Additionally, CCA has asked for some time at the meeting but will most likely attend the October meeting.
3. Much time was spent on discussing if the chapter should add color to our newsletter, but due to the prohibitive cost of color over our current black and white scheme, it was decided to put off the color idea. Doug will contact Joyce Sherman regarding our developing a small color brochure explaining and defining the chapter.
4. We are also working on a plan to assist bank fishermen as there many members who do not have boat access.
5. It was mentioned that other chapters assisted in the recent Ducky Derby, and while exact figures are still be tabulated, it is thought that the association grossed somewhere in the low \$3,000's. As to the future of this event, it was decided that the Sandy Chapter is not interested in picking up this activity.
6. Doug is continuing to look for a speaker on drift boating.

III. Officer Reports

1. We have approximately \$11,300 in our two bank accounts.

Ended: 8:03 PM



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: Sweet & Smoky Salmon Kabobs

12 metal or bamboo skewers	2 Tbls dark brown sugar	1 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp chili powder	1/2 tsp ground red pepper	Salt & Pepper (to taste)
2 1/4 lbs skinless salmon filet cut into 11 2 inch chunks 2 medium zucchini, cut in 1/4 inch slices		

If using bamboo skewers, soak in hot water 30 minutes. In large bowl combine dry ingredients, make sure to break up brown sugar lumps until well mixed. Add salmon and zucchini and toss to coat evenly. Thread zucchini 2 at a time alternating with salmon chunks. Cook 9-11 minutes turning occasionally until salmon turns opaque throughout. YUM!

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.

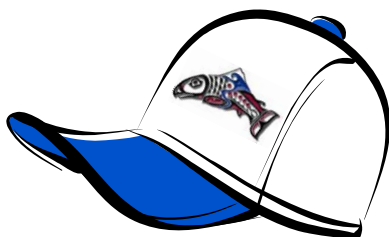
Your participation is an easy way to help the Sandy River and benefit our Chapter in the continued use of the
meeting hall at Glenn Otto.

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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

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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.

Upcoming Events

Fall River Clean Up
Saturday, September 22nd 9AM
Glenn Otto Park
Volunteers needed
 Contact: Russ Sumida
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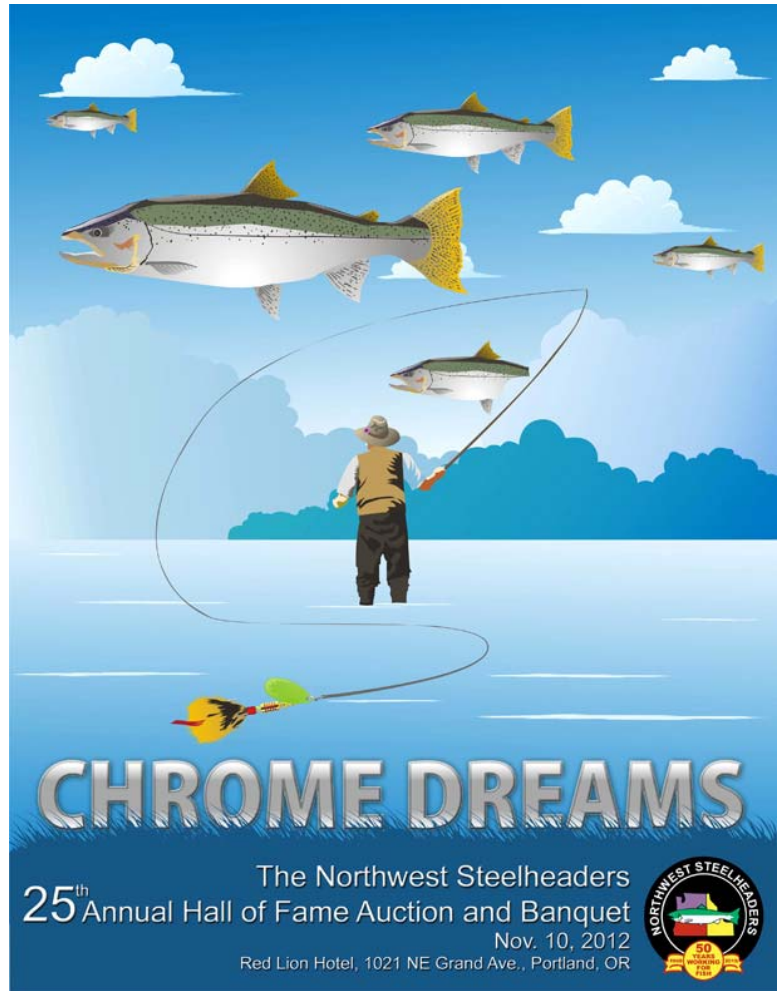
Tillamook Fish-Along
Friday, October 5th - Sunday, October 7th
 Contact: Norm Ritchie
 503-807-7729 e-mail: normritchie@q.com

Chrome Dreams
25th Annual Hall of Fame Auction & Banquet
Saturday, November 10th
 Red Lion Hotel
 Contact: Mike Myrick for tickets
 503-281-6438

Classifieds:

Former member Bill Cluney's collection of salmon & steelhead reels, rods, lures, weights, and misc items every fisherman loves to stock his tackle box with, is available for sale - thanks to his wife Judy. If interested, please call Larry Beaver at 503-669-0358 to arrange to view and purchase.

Colonel has 25 spinners available, various Wiggle Warts and Hot Shots, a pair of Hodgman wading shoes - size 13 (used), and a pair of Korkers with 3 replaceable soles - size 13 (in new condition). He will bring these items to the September meeting for purchase (if you don't make the meeting and are interested give the Col a call at 503-666-5035)



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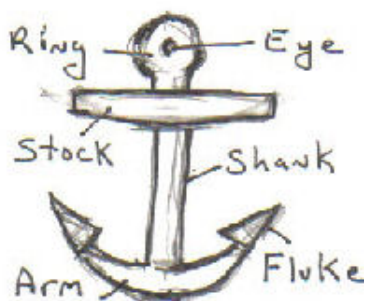
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Anchor Safety Tips

Recommendations

- Choose the right anchor for the type of water and bottom conditions
- If in doubt, ask a marine outlet or look at other boaters anchor systems
- Anchor rope should be 4-7 times water depth (6x typical)
- Secure anchor with a bungee cord during travel
- A loose anchor will put a dent in your boat or break the nest
- Keep anchor rope in a bucket, milk crate or dedicated box
- Feed rope into the container starting at the tag end
- A chain is recommended to make the anchor dig properly
- 6" to 12" of chain per foot of boat is recommended
- Use a shackle to easily connect the rope to the anchor
- River anchors often connect at the arm/shank and have a breakway connection at the ring which "sometimes" allows a fouled anchor to be retrieved
- Never anchor in water moving faster than you can row (drift boat) or motor
- DO NOT tie knots in the end of your anchor rope
- A jam cleat is easier to release than a standard boat cleat
- A folding shank on a river anchor is a great way for storing the anchor
- Keep a knife close to the anchor rope for emergencies, a serrated edge is best. A utility knife with a new blade is also good.



Anchoring

- Make certain the anchor rope is ready, without tangles, & able to deploy smoothly
- **Never** anchor in shipping lanes
- Head into the current or wind, whichever is stronger
- Allow for the current when you drop anchor, as it will land downstream due to current
- Make certain your anchor is set and not dragging (slipping downstream)
- A sea anchor or drift sock will help keep your boat from swinging in the current
- Keep your rope clear for an emergency break-away for shipping traffic, logs, etc.

Retrieving

- Pay attention to the anchor rope, **if it fouls the prop your boat can swing downstream and sink**
- The anchor float & retrieval system is worth every penny for safely pulling anchor
- Do not attach the anchor rope to the rear cleat and swing wide of the float. If the anchor is stuck hard on the bottom, it can pull the stern into the water and you sink
- Make certain your anchor is not catching other anchors as you pull away
- Swing away from other boats so you can drift down stream as you retrieve the rope & anchor
- If you foul your anchor, cut the rope at the water line, don't sink your boat over a \$100 anchor



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One Last Cast

I had a great experience a while back that reinforced the notion that our enjoyment of fishing starts with the kid within us. By kid, I mean a childlike enthusiasm of the sport that is everlasting. Last July, I volunteered for a day at the Fish Camp and was assigned to the fly-fishing station because I confidently stated I knew how to tie flies. And I do; but little did I know that I was paired up with fly fishing legend Jim Teeny. GULP! Jim is as natural and genuine as the come. An icon since he invented the Teeny Nymph as a teenager in the late 60's, Jim has fly-fished the world over for just about every species imaginable (next on his list are squaretails in Newfoundland). Yet, here he was on the banks of the Sandy River at Camp Angelos just outside of Springdale, Oregon sharing his enthusiasm for fly tying and fly fishing with middle schoolers from all around the state. He allowed the campers to be as creative as their imagination allowed; yet he stuck to demonstrating the fundamentals of how to properly tie a Teeny Nymph. He darted between his attention to the campers to sharing stories of fishing glory to fellow fishing instructors. His time was short as he had a fly fishing show to head for in Spokane, Washington - but every minute was genuine.

My point is not that volunteering will give you a chance to meet someone famous. My point is the exact opposite. Should you run into a fishing icon, you will find out they are no different than you in their enthusiasm to share the sport with a newbie; or in giving back through a project.

That is the value of volunteering and being a member of clubs like the Steelheaders. You just do not know who you are going to get paired up with. Also, sharing your enthusiasm for the sport or giving back through a conservation project or clean-up—is a great way to renew. We are fortunate to have members step up and provide energy and leadership in setting up volunteer events. Members like Art Israelson (River Access, Duck Derby, Glenn Otto Facilities), Scott, Nona and Marjorie Bowling (Camp Agape, Newsletter), Joe Blum and Larry Palmer (STEP Projects), Ian Fergusson (Salmonberry River Surveys), Norm Ritchie (fish-a-longs, just about everything dealing with policy and government affairs), Russ Sumida (fish clean-ups); the list goes on and on. The best way to thank them and honor their efforts is by signing up (and showing up) for an event. The next opportunity will be the morning of September 22nd for the fall Sandy River Clean-Up beginning at 9:00 am at Glenn Otto Park. You will be thanked and appreciated.



~Navigator

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