

Annual Tillamook Fish-Along

The Fish-Along is slated for the first week end in October, of course with the blessing of Mother Nature!

Event Coordinator Norm Ritchie will be discussing techniques for Tillamook Bay trolling at the October membership meeting in conjunction with this event.

As many of you know, Norm is no stranger to the Tillamook area and what techniques will prove successful for the area.



Oregon Representative Bill Kennemer with Norm Ritchie at Buoy 10

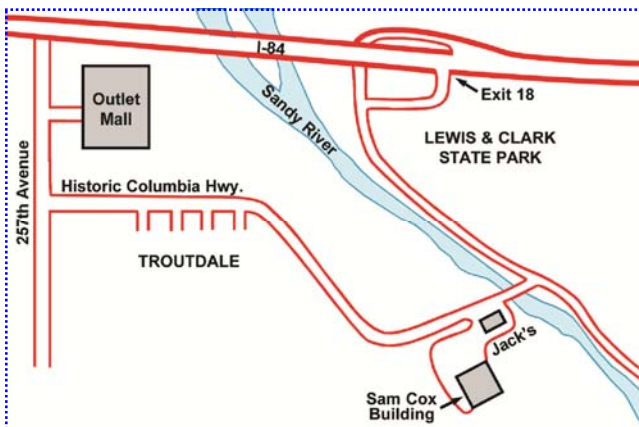
A Secret Technology for Catching a Sandy Winter Steelhead

By: Ching Wu – Sandy Chapter of Northwest Steelheaders

In the last six years I have been trying to catch a Sandy winter steelhead without success. I tried many gadgets and techniques and fished by the side of old timers to no avail. A couple days ago I met a guy by the name of Matt who has been fishing for Sandy, Clackamas, and Eagle Creek winter steelheads for over 30 years. Matt is a compassionate fisherman who has an amazing intensity for catching steelheads and grace for sharing his secret of successful steelhead fishing. I told him I have been frustrated and humbled by my dismal experience fishing for Sandy steelhead in the last six years, and I am eager and willing to learn any secret weapon that might knock out the elusive fish. He was happy to show me how he caught 20 steelheads since last November.



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Membership Meetings

When: First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 P.M. Sharp

Where: Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park
1102 E Columbia River Highway
Troutdale, OR

President's Message



Why sell Raffle Tickets?

Sales of Raffle tickets for a new Clackacraft GulfStream Drift Boat, a trip for two to Yakutat Lodge in AK and sundry other prizes represent the number one fund raising activity in the Steelheaders.

We collectively have the opportunity to raise between \$30,000 and \$40,000, but we have to make the effort, i.e. we have to sell the raffle tickets.

Last year's raffle ticket sales were weak, poor, uneventful; you pick the term, it is still a dismal showing. We sold 7% of the boat tickets and 31% of the AK trip tickets.

This year there are incentives for the best chapter and for the top three sellers.

The most startling statistic is that if every Steelheader bought 25 AK tickets for \$20 we would be sold out.

On the boat tickets it is the same; each member buy 2 tickets for \$10 & we are sold out - **SOLD OUT**, can you imagine?!

It is time to step up to the plate, sell 100 AK tickets or buy your \$20 worth or buy 2 boat tickets for \$10.

The choice is yours buy \$10, \$20 or \$30 worth & we'll have a sell-out!!

Doug Briggs, President

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He tied a hook on a leader for me, made a pencil lead with a special plier, hooked the pencil lead to the snap of a barrel swivel and tied the leader to the ring on top of the snap, and then tied the top ring of the barrel swivel to the main line. At the other end of the leader he hooked through a red colored 3/8 inch diameter fish pill.

Then, he waded into the water casting to the running current and intensely watching the drifting line and ticking rod tip.

He said today is a little late and you may want to try this tomorrow morning. The next morning I went to Dodge Park and tried what **Matt** showed me yesterday. Voila! In 30 minutes I had a fish on and had had a fight of my life for 20 minutes before I landed a 9.5 pounds beautiful shiny slippery winter steelhead.

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I would like to thank Jeff Stroeger, Jack Glass, Ed Fast, Jeff Kirkman, Norm Ritchie, many Sandy Northwest Steelheaders, and especially Matt for helping me finally find a supposedly secret "technology" to catch a Sandy winter steelhead. I believe the technology will serve me well from here on.

Do you want to know what the secret technology is? Do you?? Then go to Page 7!!

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River Clean Up

Even with heavy rain predicted for the Saturday September 21, 2013 river clean up, Joe Blum, Andrew and Jason Brown, Dave Harding, and Robert Wisher volunteered some of their weekend hours to help out the Sandy Chapter clean some trash from the parks and river bank. Even with a small crew, we collected 10 bags of garbage.

Due to lack of participants, other areas had to be passed over. Oh, the rain held off until we were almost finished. Thanks again guys!

Russ Sumida, Director
River Clean Up

October Newsletter Submission Deadline
Saturday October 12th - 6:00 P.M.

Send your stories, pictures, tips to:
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Events Calendar

When	What	Where	Who to Contact
10/2/13	Membership Meeting	Glenn Otto Park Sam Cox Building	Doug Briggs 503-729-2023 doug@leewens.com
10/05/13 - 10/07/13	NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along	Tillamook, OR	Norm Ritchie 503-807-7729 neritchie1@gmail.com
10/12/13	Newsletter submission deadline		Nona Bowling 503-253-6606 fishwackers@gmail.com
10/17/13 - 10/19/13	SHOT Salmon Hawg Open Tournament	Tillamook, OR	Norm Ritchie 503-807-7729 neritchie1@gmail.com
11/06/13	Membership Meeting	Glenn Otto Park Sam Cox Building	Doug Briggs 503-729-2023 doug@leewens.com
11/16/13	25th Annual Association Hall of Fame Banquet Auction 2013	TBD	Doug Briggs 503-729-2023 doug@leewens.com Russell Bassett 503-653-4176 Leslie Hina 503-653-4176

NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 5, 2013

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 dungeness 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.

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.)

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Education Director Mike Myrick (L) and Government Affairs Director Norm Ritchie (R)

NW Steelheader Tillamook Fish-Along, Weekend of Oct. 5, 2013*(Continued from Page 4)* **Event Schedule****Friday, Oct. 4, 2013**

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

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013

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

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013

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.

Cost – Fees are due no later than Friday, Sep. 20, 2013:*(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: \$30
(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 10/4/12 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. Or email neritchie1@gmail.com with the following information: 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?

Although it is well past the deadline to sign up for the lodging and food, you can still enter the tournament - 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.



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Sandy River Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday - September 11, 2013

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 p.m. By: Doug Briggs

In Attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nona Bowling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rothenbucher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Bowling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Myrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Russ Sumida
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Briggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Palmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Wisher

Old Business:

1. August meeting minutes – approved as published, if corrections necessary – publish in newsletter.
2. Volunteer Hours – Robert asked about getting hours turned in for Fish clinic – it was cancelled. Doug let him know that hours to record for the board meeting should be 2.5 hours for each person.
3. Chapter Picnic – Joli Ritchie & Katherine Israelson are looking for a place to hold the 2014 picnic. Robert suggested Dodge Park. No date has been set yet.
4. Discussion about Summer Fest and the following clinic, timing is key for future planning.
5. Larry attending TV Chapter meeting to hear speaker Bill Luch author of Steelhead Driftfishing for Bank Fishermen.

New Business:

6. Doug discussed the 9/4 membership meeting interruptions: off agenda, ignoring time allotment and talking over speaker. If anyone would like some time, they should let Doug know so he can see if there is time on the agenda. There is a problem with being able to hear when you are near the back of the room. Should help in reminding members to keep talking, phone calls and other disruptions to a minimum to respect who has the floor.
7. Eric Koellner has resigned from the board and has left the chapter. Eric has done a great job with the clothing sales and the chapter. The clothing sales is a lot of work and need someone to tackle this job. Discussion on the benefits of having stock of clothing.
8. Need someone to take over membership.
9. The Association did a blind mailing and it is report that our chapter got 10 new members from this.
10. Update on lawsuit. Russell Bassett is seeking a videographer to create a spot on the lawsuit and the board was asked if we would contribute \$1,000 toward the making of this video. The board would like more information before committing to this project. Doug will get more information.
11. Doug proposed renting a storage unit for the Chapter's event and miscellaneous items that are currently stored in various members garages. Doug will get information on locations, size & price.
12. Announced that there are new contacts for the Sam Cox building.
13. Larry presented the idea of formulating a preliminary year forecast calendar for speakers and events that will help select speakers that correspond with events. Larry will create and get out to the board.
14. Russ has 10 signed up for the River Cleanup scheduled for 9/21.
15. Norm wanted to ask the Board's opinion of allowing other chapters to participate in chapter events – such as the Fall Fish Along. Doug made motion and Board passed motion.
16. Treasurer's report - \$3,534 in checking and \$9,506 in savings.

Meeting adjourned – 8:15 p.m.

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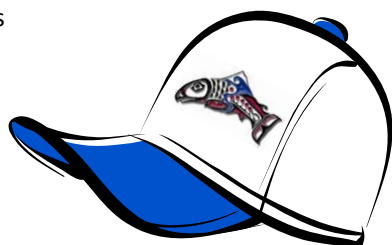
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The secret technology is summarized as follows:

- A #5 hook with 26 to 28 inch Vanish 8 pound leader.
- A 3/8 inch diameter red color fish pill at the top of the hook.
- A #5 barrel swivel with interlock snap.
- A one inch to one and 1/2 inch long 3/16 size pencil lead (need a special plier to make a nice ear).
- A spool of 14-pound Fireline main line.
- A 9.5 foot good steelhead rod.
- A good bait casting reel.
- In season and the fish is in the river.
- A setup of gears that will not hang up easily and be kinky and tangled after each casting.
- Hunting (just fishing is not enough) and stalking the fish (visualizing where the holding fish is; sometimes you can see the fish; most of time cannot).
- Casting to the running current and letting it drift naturally straight down the current (minimizing crossing motion across the current and dragging).
- Intensely focusing on the line and rod and watching for unusual motion of the line and rod.
- Setting the hook as often as you wish while enjoying the motion of the ticking and tacking gear.
- Having a good luck.

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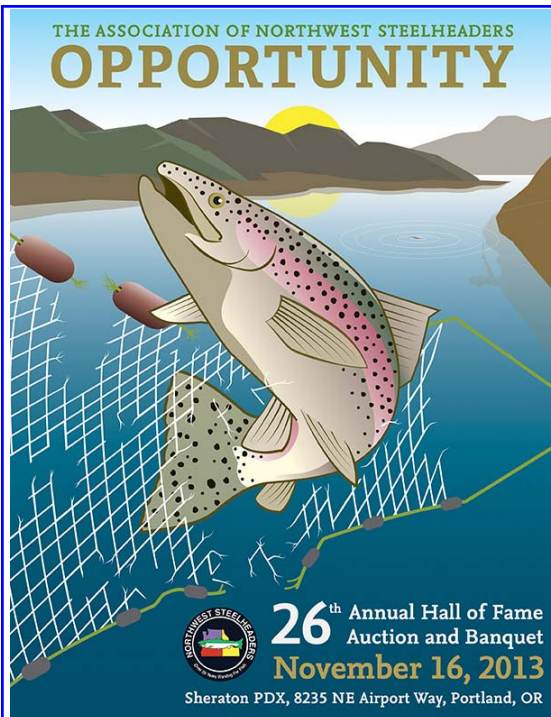
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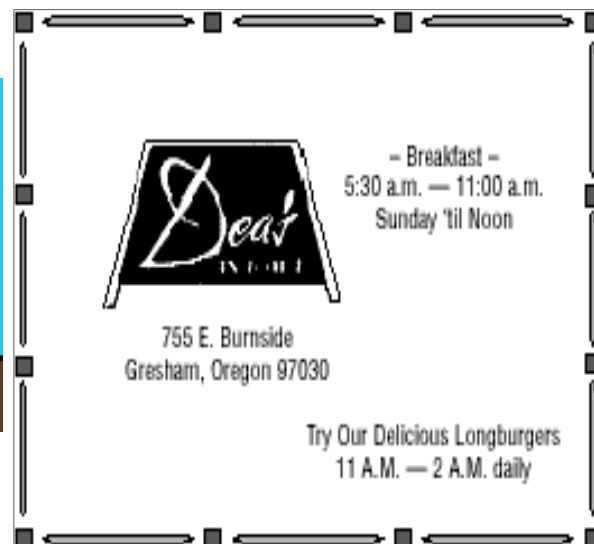
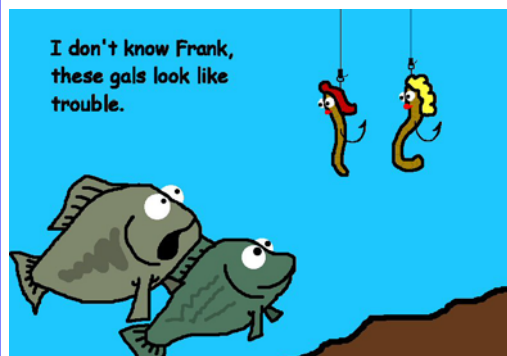
The Association of Northwest Steelheaders' 26th Annual Hall of Fame Auction and Banquet will be held on Saturday - November 16, 2013. Please join us to celebrate achieving the opportunity to recover listed fish, the opportunity to have full consistent sport fishing season, and the opportunity to maximize the benefits of our fisheries for all. This year's Hall of Fame promises to be the biggest and best ever, with a new venue that we are very excited about, an incredible array of fantastic experiences and items to bid on, fun games to participate in, videos, and scrumptious food and drinks.

Opportunity will be held at the Sheraton PDX, 8235 NE Airport Way, in Portland, OR.

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One of the many things that will make this event a memorable, must-see experience is our diverse array of incredible items. We work hard to secure items that most of us would buy during the year. Whether it's a fishing adventure to Alaska, fishing trips with the best local guides, rods and reels, cooking equipment, romantic getaways, or hunting and golfing trips; we have something for everyone, including several one-of-kind experiences designed to bring your more opportunity.

Please be sure to register early. Price for early registration before Oct. 1 is \$60 per seat, \$550 per table, or \$650 per premium table. Price for late registration after Oct. 15 is \$70 per seat, \$600 per table, or \$700 for premium table. A table seats 10. Premium tables include up front seating and courtesy bottles of wine at your table. We expect to sell out, so be sure to register early! We have raised the price slightly this year to cover the cost of the new venue. Sheraton PDX is a premier location for this event, and we think the great parking, amazing audio/visual, great food, and very cool space makes the price increase well worth it. Also, please compare our event's price to comparable events. We're still the best value around!



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Fill this form out and return it at a general meeting.

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