

SANDY RIVER CHAPTER Newsletter

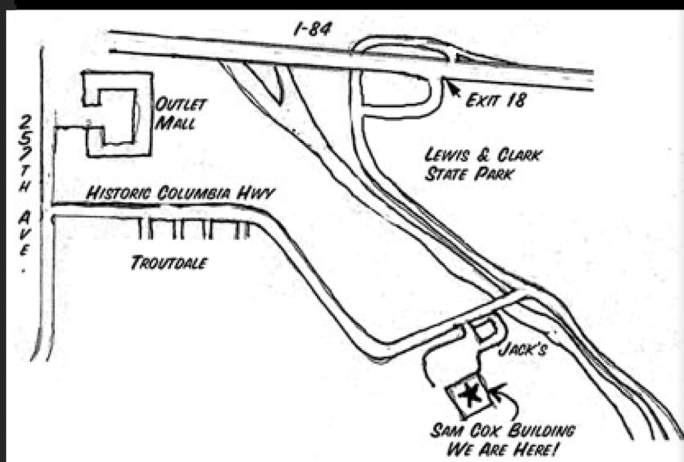
*A Member Chapter of the
Association of Northwest Steelheaders*

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, 1106 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon. **No charge to visitors!** Bring your kids too! We welcome you to come by for one of our informative monthly meetings. Learn more about fishing! Get involved with conservation projects in the Sandy River.

This months program - Tillamook Bay! Guest speaker Norm Ritchie on fishing Tillamook Bay. From intercepting fish in the ocean "bubble" to following them up the bay into tidewater, Norm is a master of technique and strategy. Find out how to rig your herring, spinner or bobber fishing set up. Tides, tactics, and techniques galore!

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

Meeting Map



Our Chapter Officers-

President: Jay Burris- 360 798-9000

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Twelfth Annual Banquet Auction***The buffet is back!******Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM in Glen Otto Park, Troutdale***

Our December meeting is on the first Wednesday evening as usual. The December program will again feature a buffet style banquet catered by our own Kathryn Israelson & Joli Ritchie. This will be followed by our auction and Door prize "raffle". Dinner this year will be barbecued flank steak barbecue and Salmon. The entrée's will be complimented with baked beans, potatoes, rolls, green salad, and desert. ***The price is still just \$15*** and we expect everyone to come dressed the way they normally come to our meetings.

You will want to bring your family and check book to this one. You should be able to do a lot of Christmas shopping at this auction. Each dinner ticket includes one raffle ticket. So bring the whole family for a great dinner with your fishing friends before the auction.

If you have any items to donate to the auction or know someone who does, please call Mike Myrick (in the Portland Core area) at (503) 281-6438 or Colonel Thomas (East Metro) at 503 666-5035 or Leslie Hinea (Vancouver area) (360) 892-0473. The donated value of any item is tax deductible and we will provide a receipt.

Please use the following form to order your banquet tickets. Our hall will only seat 80 people for dinner so we will need to limit attendance at the banquet to this number. Please place your order soon to insure you will have seats and to allow us to give the caterer an accurate head count. ***Last day to purchase dinner tickets is November 20th.***

You do not need to participate in the banquet to attend the auction, which takes place after the meal. Dinner will be at 6:00 with the auction starting at 7:15.

**Sandy River Chapter, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Annual Auction / Banquet dinner ticket order form**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of dinners: _____

Cost (total number of dinners at \$15.00 each): _____

Make checks payable to the Sandy Chapter, ANWS

Send to: Joli Ritchie

2834 SE 166th Ave.
Portland, OR 97236

Call Joli @ 503-760-5551



River Cleanup News

Saturday September 19th, members of the Sandy River Chapter collected approximately 40 full bags of trash in bags provided by SOLV, from the chapters assigned area on the lower Sandy River. Members below are shown holding a small sample of the bags. **Tom Gemelli**



E-Mail Commentary

When answering an e-mail, please take the time to be sure to whom you are replying. If you intend to reply to the sender only, please click on "REPLY". If you intend to reply to the entire group listed in the heading of the e-mail, click on "REPLY ALL".

Too often we click on "REPLY ALL" and send our personal comments to the entire group when we really intended them to go only to the original sender. Choosing the correct reply selection can often avoid confusion and misunderstandings.

Think...then click

Upcoming Sandy River Chapter clinics, meetings and fish alongs

- Regular meeting- Wednesday October 7th, 7 PM, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, free. Open to the public. Subject- Tillamook Bay Chinook salmon fishing.
- Chapter members only fish along, Tillamook Bay, October 24th and 25th. Contact Norm Ritchie to register. \$35 Fee.
- November regular meeting- Wednesday Nov. 4th, 7 PM, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, Free. Open to the public. Subject- to be announced.
- December regular meeting- Wednesday Dec. 2nd, 6 PM, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, . Auction is open to the public. Annual fundraising auction and banquet. Lots of fishing items!

See page 2 of this newsletter for full details. Dinner reservation required.

- Saturday December 12th-
Free Steelhead "How To Clinic". Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, from 10 AM-2 PM. Free and open to the public. Learn from professional guides and expert chapter members how to choose the right tackle, lures and methods to catch these highly prized fish.
- January regular meeting- Wednesday 6th, 7 PM, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale, Free. Open to the public. Subject- Steelhead!
- Sunday, January 10 – members only steelhead fish along. Meet at Glenn Otto Park at 7:30 AM. Free to members.

.Tillamook Fish-Along Set for Oct. 24th Weekend

This is one of the Chapter's most anticipated events. The Coho season in the bay this year adds to the excitement. Tillamook and Nehalem bays are among the few places you can expect Coho to actually bite after leaving the ocean.

We have reserved the Tillamook Fairground Dorm for the weekend. The 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. It is also 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.) 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 down stairs and two bunk rooms with showers up stairs. One can be for the guys and one for the gals but that decision will be made later depending on who signs up. Bring your sleeping bag, towel, and other shower supplies. A hot shower really feels good after a day on the bay!

You are welcome to show up Friday evening (after 4:00 PM) for dinner (starts at 6:00) and a fishing report and fishing clinic. There will be breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and a "build your own" lunch bar. 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. 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 RVs.)

We will coordinate 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.

Cost will be \$35 per person to cover the Dorm and meals. RVs are an additional \$10 per night. If you are riding in someone else's boat, remember to help with launch fee and gas! (These are only a part of the cost of boat operation.)

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional detail. **Or email to norman.ritchie@comcast.net** 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; What is your knowledge of Tillamook fall Chinook fishing?

Payment must be received no later than October 16th 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.

Chapter and Association meetings and contact info -

- Chapter board meetings now occur two weeks after the regular monthly Meeting date. 6 PM Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd Ave Portland
- All members are welcome to attend !
- Association Executive Board meetings are held at the Association office, 6641 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, on the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.
- Need help from the Association to answer a question? Call the office at 503-653-4176. Fax 503 653-8769. Ask for Sharon Schaub, Business Manager. E-mail there is <sschaub@anws.org>

Thank you for all the hard work you have done!

The Association of Northwest Steelheaders relies on dedicated volunteers. Sometimes we forget to say thanks to all the people that do so much to make this organization work. These folks are the ones that day after day donate their time and energy to help accomplish the goal of the organization. They don't do it for pats on the back or because it makes them feel important. They do it because they believe in what the Association stands for. Thank You! Thank you for your service and donations.

Sincerely,

Jay Burris

President

Association of Northwest Steelheaders



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Signature _____

Chapter newsletter assistant wanted-

OK, I've been doing the newsletter for a few months now, and have learned the basics of the program we use **MS Publisher**. It's part of the MS Office Suite. If you have an interest, I can use some help, and can show you the basics. I promise not to overwhelm you with work...you can start by doing a page or two, and I have templates to use.

Send me a message at palmerlarryd@yahoo.com or a call at 503-286-2093.

Thanks ! **Larry Palmer**

Win a special fishing prize-

The first individuals to call me (if you get print version of this newsletter) or e-mail me (if you get it online) will receive 12 pre-tied yarn fly leaders, suitable for Coho or steelhead.

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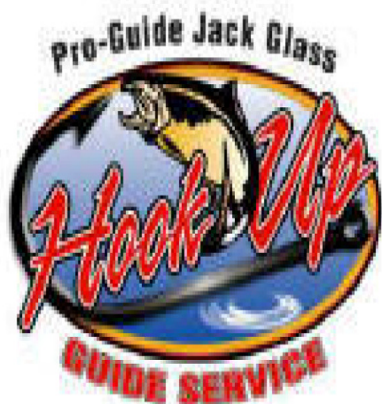
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Guides input needed

I am seeking to develop a series of short profiles about the fishing guides that are chapter members or were recently.

Please get in touch with me so I can find out more about your guided trips - type, location and so forth, and other details of your trips.

Guide profiles will be featured in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

Thanks, **Larry Palmer**
palmerlarryd@yahoo.com

PSST...Hey buddy – wanna good rod blank for cheap?

One piece, Lamiglas, most are 7'2" with a couple a few inches shorter, single piece, 8-17# line, three power, similar to the Lamiglas 701 rod (in the Lamiglas catalog - which to me means it would be like a 703 if there is such a thing).

\$12 each, \$10 each if buying more than one.

See Colonel Thomas, next meeting. Or call him at 503 666-5035

Coho clinic a success– Steelhead one to come in December

The recent Coho clinic attracted over 100 guests, and saw 20-plus new members as a result! It featured a bank fishing follow up trip that proved to be just as popular.

Not one to let a good thing get away...we are doing a clinic for Steelhead, Saturday December 12th from 10 AM-2 PM, again at Glenn Otto Park. We need **you** experienced chapter members, to volunteer! The on-stream fish along for that clinic is January 10th. Meet at Glenn Otto at 7:30 AM. You have to be a member to go.

Tell your friends and get them to come...because just like last time– the Clinic is FREE!

Volunteer of the Month

This month we don't have a Volunteer of the Month...we have two !

Art and Kathryn Israelson

Are our lucky winners and much honored members.

It's hard to list all that they do... They remind me of a description I once heard of a famous basketball center "he's everywhere all the time!"

Art and Kathryn put in many hours on the Coho clinic and fishalong insuring it's success.

Thanks you two!

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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Date _____ Hours _____

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.

Fish camp Update

Our volunteer efforts at Camp Angelos faced many challenges this year. Not having Sandy Chapter member Gus around really made a difference, his presence was sorely missed. The Sandy river chapter volunteers did a great job and really rose to the occasion, the volunteers years of experience carried the program forward.

The Fish Camp this year was run by Sandy River Chapter member Rod Brobeck and his Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. The weather this year was a real problem. Afternoon temperatures were over 100' and the fishing ran an hour later this year. The water in the fishing pond was over 70' and so after the first day our catch rate went way down and the volunteers had to work very hard using every trick they could come up with to catch the few fish that were caught. Several Sandy River Chapter members also worked as instructors and river guides. 14 members volunteered for this camp.

The week long Kids 'N' Cancer camp Agape camp was a real success in spite of the poor fishing. Our goal was to have each child who wanted to fish catch at least one fish and in that I feel we were successful. Colonel and Judy Thomas took the lead on this camp. The food at this camp was great as usual. With out Gus to coordinate some activities, there were a few glitches, but nothing we couldn't handle. 12 members volunteered for this camp.

The Greek Kids camp had the same problem as the previous camps with the warm water and we had the added problem of a bad algae growth over the whole fish pond which really made fishing difficult. The volunteers and the kids persevered and every camper who wanted to fish caught at least one fish. 8 members volunteered for this camp.

We noticed that the camp was badly in need of repairs and some of the equipment must be replaced before next year. I talked to John Melonas, the president of the camp organization and he assures me that they will get the camp repaired by next year

I just want to thank the following volunteers who did such a terrific job this year under rather trying circumstances. Hal Blenn, Mike Myrick, Howard Anderson, Roger Beal, Tom Gemelli, Art Noyes, Colonel and Judy Thomas, Joe Blum, Larry Beaver, David White, Joy Gannett, Jim Cathcart, Scott and Marjorie Bowling, Art Israelson, Rod Brobeck, Jack Morby and Jeff Stoeger. Four non- members also volunteered.

Thanks: **Howard Berg**



Tech tip o' the month

If you catch a fish you want to keep, conk it and bleed it right away. Cut the gills and place the fish in water. Removing the blood from the fishes body makes for a cleaner fish inside that freezes better, and getting the blood out makes for cleaner, brighter-looking bait eggs.

More about Ol' Gus...

Sandy River Chapter members, I just received a thank you card from the Gus's wife Sophie for the card and flowers that we sent to Gus's funeral. She says that, "I wanted to thank you for the beautiful Red and White Carnation arrangement that you sent in Gus's memory. I also wanted to thank you for all the kindness and help you gave him at Camp Angelos. I know from the little notes I received from the children saying, they enjoyed the fishing the best at camp. Thanks again"

I have received thank you notes for the work that the chapter did this summer at the Kids-N-Cancer camp and the Greek children's camp. All these notes express the gratitude that these people feel for the important work that we do at the camp. This is just another reason that the Sandy River Chapter is one of the top organizations in the state. It's a privilege to work with such a fine team.

Howard Berg

Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

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Check out Dea's

For years now many of our chapter outings have started with breakfast at Dea's...and with good reason!

There is room to park your rig and drift boat there while you enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausage, omelets, or waffles... hey maybe ALL of them!

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- Breakfast -
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